

Good afternoon members of the N.S.W planning assessment commission,

My name is Ruddle Malone and I as well as my partner and my daughter reside at [REDACTED] which is located 570 metres North of the proposed site.

The proposed imposing solar farm first came to my attention by word of mouth, not long after resulting in an unsatisfying, ambush, meeting with Tom Best who to the best of my knowledge has never set foot on my property, and has only meet with me on the one occasion.

Tom stated at this meeting that he has spoken to all the local businesses in the town, so I walked through town and asked around, none had been spoken to. Another statement was everyone was notified within 2 kms from the proposed site, so I took a drive and went door to door, to 28 homes in that radius. Residents had very little knowledge about this farm. I asked Tom about jobs that it would provide to locals, and if it was going out to tender to contractors. He assured me that the jobs would be local jobs, 180 for a short time with only 3 permanents.

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37 submissions, 27 objections just within 5 kms ,none of the government agencies objected to the project. I'm thinking none of them live in or around our tight knit community. It states that the solar development is low laying, and largely flat, with topography providing natural screening. That sounds contradictive to myself. When infrastructure will be at 2.9m, and 2.7m panels.

It states that the majority of the 31 residents within 1 km are at a similar elevation. How much is similar elevation? The house at Gulgong end of Beryl rd., on desk top studies shows 3m elevation, but the old school dumpy level shows 9m.

Some other information I would like to share is about the approximate 5kms from Gulgong. It is 4.5 kms to the centre of town, and 3.53 kms to the corner of Caledonian st and the Castlereagh Hwy as the crow flies.

Under the infrastructure SEPP only small-scale electricity generated work are permissible. (i.e. Less than 100 kilowatts.)

R5 zoning prohibits, and RU1 falls under "any other development" yet still will be permitted with consent.

#### N.S.W legislation R5 states

- To provide residential housing in a rural setting while preserving and minimising impacts on environmentally sensitive location and scenic quality.
- To ensure large residential lots do not hinder the proper and orderly development in urban areas in the future.
- To ensure that development in the area does not unreasonably increase the demand for public services or public facilities.
- To minimise conflict between land uses within this zone and land uses within adjoining zones.

I'm just left wondering. Why do we have legislation if it can be manipulating for commercial needs?

I do not believe that there was as satisfactory response to my submission, and feel that wording such as may, should, could, are vague and do not answer the vast majority of concerns raised.

I would like to add that I also have concerns about storm water runoff, and the effects on our insurance policies.

I don't know if it has been raised about the amount of glare being generated so close to a flight path.

There is just so much to lose and so little to gain.

I would like to thank you for your consideration and compassion.

Yours sincerely Ruddle Malone.

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