

VICKI WALSH. SPEECH.

Good afternoon My name is Vicki Walsh

How can you justify this Solar Farm when its going to effect the lifestyle in a beautiful area of Historic Value on arable,picturesque country so close to a town and large lot residential?

IT IS NOT ACCEPTABLE!

I think that First Solar was VERY DECEPTIVE in the way that they canvassed the immediate neighbours. I for one was not visited nor my tenant on land less than 400 metres with an overview of the north west Panels eg: PHOTO We are very rarely away from our homes as we have animals to tend.

I found out from a neighbour that my husband & myself were happy with the solar farm.We had not even laid eyes on a first solars representative.I was not happy with this comment as IT WAS NOT TRUE !!

I contacted first solar & an apology was forthcoming, that he must have mixed us up with someone else?

I've since found out I was not the only one that was told a neighbour was HAPPY with the solar farm

I asked first solar to come and see the view from our property and he agreed that it was going to impact the lovely view of the rolling hills on rural land:he even took photo's.Where are they?-NOT IN THEIR INTEREST TO SHOW!

It was suggested that we plant trees on our property as a screen so I pointed out some trees that I had been growing for 10 years THIS WAS NOT ACCEPTABLE

Having asked around I found out to my DISGUST that neighbours whom are gravely affected with both R5 lots and direct neighbours had not been personally contacted.

We have looked into the practises of 1st solar & the lack of consultation works in their favour as if they don't receive 25 objections then the project goes ahead so it's in 1st solars interest to FLY UNDER THE RADAR.

Having been told by 1st solars representative "WE DEFINITELY AREN'T BUYING ANY MORE LAND"

I was told by the owners of the land joining the eastern boundary of the Substation and joining the northern boundary of the solar site(Swans) that they were waiting for a call to tell her if they intended to buy her property which will be badly devalued & effected by the closeness & overview from her house and property.

One of the best Views of the countryside is from Mr Pinnocks property on R5 land & the Castlereagh highway, just outside our HISTORIC ! TOURIST! ATTRACTING TOWN will be destroyed to the East of the Solar Farm.

Why not on UNPRODUCTIVE LAND that is not going to impact so many people & their lifestyles & affecting their land values? And our Historic Gulgong Town.

It may cost his company more to put on other land eg:why not on land degraded by mining away from our homes .My understanding is that power can be transported by wires,well we have plenty of them!

What about FIRE ?

I was not present last time a large fire approached town but believe that the hospital had to be evacuated and it is less than 2 ½ kilometres from the south east side of the solar farm which is surrounded by a chain wire fence !!

I wont be around in thirty years but my grand childrens future is dependent on "GOOD SOUND DECISIONS."

WHAT? REALLY! Dismantle the panels containing Cadmium telluride CdTe . a known carcinogen

And what are you going to do with them then?

The remaining infrastructure ? only remove what's above 500 mm deep ?

It was stated in the Mudgee Guardian there would be "JOBS FOR LOCALS"

REALLY ? THREE JOBS! That is how many people it would take to care for the same property to be properly maintained plus animal husbandry

"AGAIN MISLEADING!"

If you look at the PLAN ! you will see that the Solar Farm is between Two major water systems

The Cudgegong River approximately 1 kilometre downwards & the Wyaldra Creek less than 200 metres DOWNSTREAM from the western end of the solar farm!

Because of the lay of the land & the roofing effect of the panels what about flooding?especially the property, where panoramic photo viewpont 17 fig 5 was taken(B & T Sbrana)

We need to look after our major waterways ,another reason that it is on the WRONG LAND

Thank you for your time & hope you can see how much our homes and lifestyle means to us!
Hardworking ,taxpaying land owners with a love for our beautiful country.

I hope you can take time to view the panoramic views and photo's of the area we wish to preserve

NOT the capulation view which were supplied by 1st Solar "AGAIN MISLEADING"

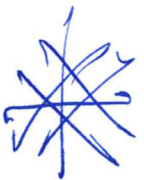
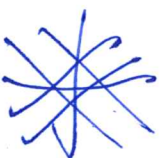
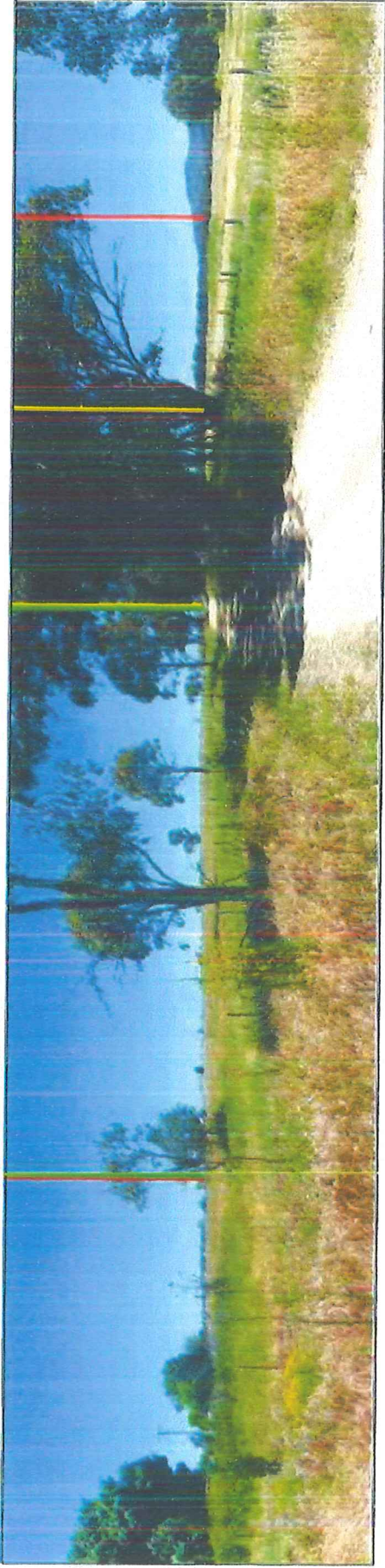


Figure 5: Panoramic photo looking towards the project site from viewpoint 17



Figure 6: Panoramic photo looking towards the project site from viewpoint 19

Mrs leading Photos



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**VIEW FROM WALSH PROPERTY
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