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Dear Madam/Sir,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to make a further submission with regards to new information regarding the application by Elgin Energy to construct a solar farm at Glanmire.

Please find attached my submission in support of the Glanmire Solar Farm.



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Dear Madam/Sir,

I wish to reiterate my support for Elgin Energy's 60 megawatt solar farm on 158 hectares at Glanmire, east of Bathurst.

I am a resident of Bathurst. I am aware of neighbouring landowners concerns about the impact that a solar farm might have on the operation and value of their properties.

Having read the additional information provided by the applicant, I feel that the applicant has taken seriously the considerations of visual impact, insurance premiums, water usage and the taking up of agricultural land and has paid due diligence to these concerns, investigating best practice to come up with answers and finding solutions to mitigate issues.

Although currently the land in question is used for grazing, it has been identified as agricultural land. However, the applicant has demonstrated that there would be minimal long-term impact on the land and has agreed to rehabilitation at the close of the project. A green light to this project must be accompanied by insurance that the applicant is held responsible for full rehabilitation of the land.

From what I can see, Elgin Energy has a solid track record with 21 operational projects that produce clean energy. If the Glanmire Solar Farm project proceeds, it will supply the local population with renewable energy via the grid to assist with the transition away from coal generated electricity.

Globally and locally the climate is getting hotter but there is no decrease in the demand for energy. This energy must come from somewhere. The final text of the recent COP28 summit called on nations "to transition away from fossil fuels in energy systems in a just, orderly and equitable manner, accelerating action so as to achieve net zero by 2050 in keeping with the science". The Glanmire Solar Farm presents a genuine opportunity to meet our international obligations, to create a new source of clean energy to enable a transition from a reliance on carbon-emitting fossil fuels, to take a step towards avoiding a catastrophic rise in global temperatures in order to leave a liveable environment for our children and future generations. This project presents hope for the future, whilst carrying minimal risk.

In light of the information provided by the applicant and in view of the urgent need for the transition from fossil fuels to renewable energy, I urge that this project be allowed to proceed.

Sincerely

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