My Parents Phillip and Olivia Hanel have had their retirement disrupted in there peaceful country property, Since Johnno next Door informed them he was leasing his land to a Big solar corporation for the next 30 years. He and the other Farmers involved right from the start were pretty much adamant that this project would go ahead no matter what because of being of state significance. I have read some of the first report and it used rainfall data from Urana approx. 100km away, this is marginal country, great soil but doesn’t rain much. I know this because my Mother grew up there on a farm.

It is hard to believe this was a mistake as I am sure an expert put this report together, I cant help but wonder if right from day one this would have been viewed differently from politicians and the international solar corporations.

The Agricultural land involved is very productive, even in the worst droughts they still get crops, this is reflected in the land values in the area.

Seems to me that the biggest issues is Money and lifestyles, the farmers involved have been offered well above market value to lease their land (if these companies last the 30 years, 30 years is a hell of a long time in technology for eg. 30 years ago apple brought out first computer with colour, and the first cell phone came out that year, who pays to dismantle these plants if they fail I would assume it would be many millions of dollars). Their neighbours however may find it hard to sell, or have to sell at a reduced rate. I don’t know too many who would rather look of these solar plants or the beautiful country side.

Why aren’t these plants being built in marginal uninhabited land we sure have plenty of that around.

To the people that are making these discissions these are Average Australian people here, would you like to live next door to a solar plant and possibly lose 100, s of thousands of dollars. These people live here to be in the country not to be next to industrial developments. Construct them in large Marginal areas where they do not infringe or are welcomed from their neighbours.