

I'm writing this because I'm afraid and I'm worried for those who live in your community. This proposal to install solar panels has already caused great division within families and the community in general.

I'm related to people who have been involved in farming here for generations. I've listened to those for whom farming is not just a job, it's a way of life that's been loved and passed down through the family for over a hundred years.

This is prime farming land, when it's gone it can't be replaced. As our country continues to grow in population we will need to produce more to provide what is needed. Where are farmers supposed to find land and a community to be able to do this. Because a community is important to farmers as well. We all are aware of the cycles of climate that affect the productivity of farmers, this is a very productive area because of the land and the love of those who work the land here.

Yes there are those here who would like to take the money, but without thought of how this will impact on those who remain here after they've gone. Solar panels don't need productive land, there is an abundance of land that is suitable for that purpose, in areas that don't cause problems for others who are trying their best to support the people of Australia.

I've listened to farmers talk as well as businesses that provide the services needed by the farmers. These businesses will also be affected by the loss of productive farms.

Please consider all of your fellow citizens and how their lives will ultimately be affected. Foreign companies will always find somewhere to make money, they are not concerned with the lives of your ratepayers or the fractured families they leave behind.

And when they ultimately leave, what good will the land be for, with so much left in the soil, it will take who knows how long to try and get it to be productive again. And forget the farmers children who would have continued this way of life, they will have been long gone.

Please let them find land elsewhere, somewhere they don't leave a community divided.