I am a resident of Glenellen and am writing to strongly voice my opposition to the proposed Jindera Solar Plant (SSD 9549). I am absolutely astounded and sickened that this has got to this stage, given the previous overwhelming opposition to this project. It defies belief and logic that this industrial solar development has even been considered in this closely settled community where many homes and properties will be directly impacted.

My family and I selected the area for its tranquillity, productivity and the rural aspect of the land. Quality farming land which produces valuable commodities such as hay, livestock and grain – all sorely needed in our drought-stricken country. The NSW DPI Policy states *“Only 11% of NSW is used for higher productivity agricultural uses such as cropping” & that the NSW Government “is concerned about the potential loss or impaired use of agricultural land”.* It makes no sense to take away valuable and productive land to place solar panels on, when these would be better suited in more arid and unproductive areas. It is also highly unfair to allow a project which will substantially devalue the many surrounding properties in this closely settled area. It would be very difficult indeed to lure new buyers to purchase properties that directly onlook solar panels and unsightly industrial fences rather than crops and grazing animals. Nor should current property owners be expected to replace their scenery with hectares upon hectares of solar panels.

I encourage you to take the only logical measure in soundly rejecting the proposal and to do the responsible thing by continuing to encourage and develop rich farming practices in the local area.