

CULCAIRN SOLAR FARM [SSD 10288]

Attn. Troy Deighton | Director, Communications & Engagement

I, as a resident of Culcairn, which is in close proximity to a proposed solar installation, wish to voice my disgust at the opposition's misinformation about the project.

The objections are; The panels contain Cadmium, the glare is blinding, the risk of fire is great and the ground is prime agricultural land as well as the dust produced by vehicles is excessive and will affect everyone's health, next is the ongoing noise problem. Tree removal seems to be a major issue with a large number of them sacrificed.

There is no Cadmium in the panels.

Glare is negligible, as evidenced by the many solar panels fitted to houses, businesses, farms, factories and airports where any glare would be unacceptable.

Fire is a hazard that has been addressed and is sufficient to cope with a fire started by surrounding farms possibly accidentally during harvest time.

The assertion that it is being built on prime agriculture land is debatable. The land will still be there for future generations and would benefit from being rested from intensive cropping.

Dust will be kept under control with constant watering when required. No one complains when farmers plough their paddocks, sow the seed, spray the upcoming crop, harvest the crop or cut and bale pasture then have trucks move in to store the produce. Dust raised during these operations would be comparable to the installation period only.

Noise is relative, the sound of a wedding reception can be very annoying to some people until you get used to it. People living with the main Sydney – Melbourne rail line running through their property seem to have adapted to the noise of trains at all hours of day and night.

The trees seem to be a necessary casualty in the need to provide completion of a project that will assist in meeting future generations low emission requirements. Farmers should appreciate the need to removal as they would not have a farm to generate energy in form of food.

It seems like an ideal position instead of building in the desert and having to construct transmission lines that with the resistance of the wires will reduce the amount of electricity received compared to that generated.

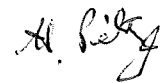
It would appear that the town's business people are being held to virtual ransom by some farmers, as most businesses do have solar, but will not openly support the solar installation because their business might suffer. The opponents seem intent on preventing the owner of the land and other people from any benefits that are available from this project.

I am also critical of local council that is consisted of mainly farmers that do not respond to modern ways to protect the planet. It was too hard to make a positive decision that didn't upset the farming community.

Even though I am in favour of the solar installation, I would not like see the opponents receive a reward for making it hard and causing more expense. All negative reasons presented by the objectors appear to be based on emotions and no real data that it would prevent an ecological benefit to everybody.

I trust that my support for the installation has, in some way, countered the emotions by a small group of people.

Yours Sincerely



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