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Dear Commissioners

Proposed Glanmire Solar Farm

I write to express my concerns with respect to the proposed Glanmire Solar Farm ("the project").

My concerns with the project are based around the issues set out below.

1. The project is situated on prime, class 2 and 3 high capability agricultural land and the project would therefore be best suited to another location.

It is noted with regret that successive NSW Governments have failed to introduce planning laws or regulations to provide for the protection of such land. The ability of our nation to feed itself and also continue to export agricultural produce is an important matter for our region and nation. Competing needs must be balanced. This ongoing governmental failure (on the part of all major political parties) does not however detract from the key point that the soil is prime, high quality and productive.

A project on this site would effectively take the land out of agricultural production. This is a serious issue. Besides the issue of production, wider concerns around the economic and social impacts of this cessation of production are also raised.

2. The risks of soil erosion for the project site and neighbouring land is very real and I do not believe that concerns in this regard have been adequately addressed.
3. Reduction in value of neighbouring properties.
4. High cost of adequate insurance for neighbouring properties.

The protection of our environment is vitally important and renewable energy has an important role to play. However, for the reasons outlined above, it is submitted that the project should not proceed on this particular site.


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