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To Independent Planning Commission NSW

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Subject: Objection to Glanmire Solar Plant SSD-21208499

I am an impacted neighbour and I object to the proposed Glanmire Solar Plant, which directly adjoins our property on the southern boundary. Our property is highly dependent on the natural ecosystem and we believe that the current development plans pose significant threats to the well-being of our farm.

Our primary concern revolves around the substantial solar plant development comprising of 128,000 solar panels, the removal of dams, 10 mature native trees, and the construction of earth roads around the solar site. These activities have the potential to impact surface water flow through our property, leading to various detrimental effects, including but not limited to damage to our paddocks, roadways, dams, fences, and the nearby Saltwater Creek

Unfortunately, the information provided by Elgin Energy and the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) regarding the potential impacts on surface water and the proposed mitigation measures has been insufficient and lacks comprehensive detail. We firmly believe that these concerns need to be thoroughly addressed and adequately mitigated to protect the ecological balance and livelihood of our property.

Specifically, we request that Elgin Energy and the DPE provide more detailed information and reassurances regarding the following aspects:

1. Surface Water Impact Assessment: A comprehensive assessment detailing how the solar plant development and associated activities will affect surface water flow across our property.

2. Mitigation Measures: Clear and effective mitigation measures to minimize the potential damage to our paddocks, roadways, dams, fences, and Saltwater Creek.

Given the scale of the proposed project and its direct impact on our property, we ask the Independent Planning Commission, Elgin Energy and the DPE to address these concerns. We believe that a more thorough examination of the potential environmental impact is necessary to safeguard the long-term sustainability of our land and its ecosystem.

I have attached photos taken on 4th August 2022, 41.5 mls of rain fell over a 24-hour period. These pictures illustrate the natural water courses through the proposed solar plant site. While the rainfall itself may not be considered substantial for the given duration, the already saturated ground resulted in the water flowing from Woodside onto our property and that of our two

neighbours along the western boundary. This overflow caused some damage before eventually reaching Saltwater Creek. Conversations with other farmers neighbouring solar plants within the Orana Renewable Energy Zone (REZ) revealed a shared concern: the potential for flooding on their farms due to adjacent solar development. My deep concern stems from the realization that what is presented in the development plans EIS may not accurately reflect the impact on the actual site in many aspects of this proposal. This raises significant anxiety for me, as the lack of attention to detail during the planning phase could translate into problems we will have to deal with on our property into the future.

Throughout our engagements with Elgin Energy over the last three years, we have consistently encountered a trend of withholding information and presenting misleading details. The accumulation of discrepancies has instilled a sense of caution within us, causing doubt towards all information provided. The shift towards renewable energy requires transparent communication and truthfulness. Our involvement has been far from this. It is imperative for solar companies and developers to invest considerable effort in identifying communities receptive to solar plants before finalising land acquisitions. This proactive approach ultimately will avoid conflicts with neighbours and communities, eventually saving valuable time in the process.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my concerns.

Sincerely,

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