


The proposed Glenellan Solar Farm development

The Neighbourhood - I am aware that most of these neighbourhood agreements have broken down and I am also aware that this must be addressed. It appears that final approval cannot be granted without this.

Decommissioning - Some in the community think that an arrangement similar to the mining industry “bond” would be appropriate. I have differed on this as the current mining decommissioning seems to me to be highly inappropriate and the use of the word decommissioning with many mining activities are to put it mildly just a joke. There needs to be proper legislation passed that will fully account for decommissioning in the future. This must be stronger than that in the mining industry and as I see it must add an additional amount for “contingencies” not thought of at the start of the project. This must be set out in full with regard to the legislation not just by references.

Land, Aesthetics and Transport– I have seen various solar farms around Victoria and it seems to me that those on the side of highways that have minimum impact on the aesthetics of the land even if they take up agricultural areas is preferable to where the Glenellan project will be. In this case it will have a major impact on the agricultural land, the additional transport let alone the aesthetics of a nearly pristine and historic area. I would mention in this regard that Drumwood Road is a dirt road servicing the farming area and any impact of further traffic on that particular road does not seem to have been addressed – Drumwood Road should be explicitly ruled out for any current or future Solar Farm related transport.

Public Liability and Indemnity - This seems not to have been addressed adequately if at all and is one of the major concerns should this project go ahead. Without addressing this in full I can see farmers potentially being financially ruined and then of course there are the ensuing court costs about this. It must be addressed legally.


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