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After reading the Departments Assessment I wish to discuss some of the following items.

### **Panel Upgrading**

If and when panel upgrades are to my made, plans are to be given to the Secretary. Will the Community/Neighbours to given copies of such plans or will they be put on public display?

### **Fencing**

How secure is the drop down fencing? Is there a model of how this works? Must it be manually released to drop down? Who does this? Floods are unpredictable and flood water can move very fast, what if access to the site is cut by flood water and the fence cannot be attended to?

### **Dust**

"The Applicant must minimise the dust generated by the development – "HOW" This is not stated.

### **Capacity**

The 48,000 homes to be powered by the electricity generated by this project, WHAT HOMES? Are they within our region, our community??

### **Vegetation Buffer**

"The Applicant must establish and maintain a MATURE vegetation buffer". What species and who determines they are going to facilitate the best outcome for visual screening? This will be no doubt be outlined in the Landscape Plan after consultation with Council and surrounding landowners, but what if what we think is adequate (which is nothing when elevated) to soften the visual impact of 460,000 solar panels differs from Council????

### **Environment Management Strategy**

This must be prepared to the satisfaction of the Secretary, will this be for public viewing? All information publically available is only available AFTER it has met the satisfaction of the Secretary?? Is this correct? So no consultation with the community??

### **Visual**

"The Applicant must minimise the off-site visual impacts, including the potential for any glare or reflection from the solar panels". How will this be done????? No details are given as to how this will be achieved.

### **6.3 Amenity – Visual**

I am the resident labelled on the map as VP9. Figure 8 is a photo/montage taken from our property. I believe this is not an accurate indication of distance as the camera is focused in on the plants in the lower portion of the picture therefore giving a distorted image of the solar panels in the far distance.

### Key Issues

Figure 3 on Page 13 of 41 lists all the following issues, Flooding, Land Use, Traffic, Visual, Land Values, Noise. All of these issues seem to be addressed to a degree EXCEPT Land Values. Why is that?

### Road Upgrading

“Prior to commencement of the project, a condition is the upgrade to the Old Blue Vale Road (amongst others) for a minimum of 100m from the intersection meeting Kelvin Road.....

This “upgrade” has clearly already commenced before a decision has been made. Why would such works start before a decision is made??????

Throughout the stipulated conditions, it is continually noted “The Applicant MUST” comply to the noted conditions. Who monitors that these conditions outlined are being met??? If they are not complied with what happens then???

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