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## OBJECTIONS TO THE GLANMIRE INDUSTRIAL SOLAR PLANT

Reasons for this objection;

1. The amount of lies from Elgin Energy throughout the whole process has been disgusting, they can't even answer the question correctly on how high the solar panels will be.
2. We have asked several questions and Elgin can never give a straight answer, they always so we will have to get back to you, but never do.
3. This proposed Industrial Solar plant would be using prime agricultural land. Bathurst has very minimal intense farming land and the proposed site is some of it.
4. Where do they think food for the growing population is going to come from when the Government keeps allowing these Solar Plants to be built on our best country.
5. The proposed site has been sown to numerous crops for decades, including canola, wheat, oats and barley, yet the applicant is saying its only grazing land which is another lie. EVEN IF IT WAS ONLY GRAZING LAND; it's still producing large amount of fat lambs and cattle.
6. 133 of the 147 submissions responding to the EIS in 2022 have been Bathurst community objections
7. Where is the proposed energy going? They say it will power home...where? Or is it going to Mars (Uncle Bens) to make them look "GREEN". Again, no-one will answer this.
8. The Department of Planning is obviously in favour of the application. Elgin Energy had up to 2 years to produce an EIS and the community had only 28 days to reply, and when we asked for an extension it was rejected. How is that fair?
9. Devaluation of neighbour's properties. As an adjoining neighbour who will be drastically impacted by the unsightly visual impact of this proposed project, 128,000 x 3.5m solar panels, ?? (they can't answer how many there will be) x 5m battery storage and a 12m (3 storey high) substation. Yet the IPC said they aren't concerned about the de-valuation of properties because "people get used to it". What a poor excuse! We have evidence from Real Estate Agents in Dubbo and Wellington and letters from Bathurst & Oberon Real Estate Agents (some of which spoke at the Public Meeting with the IPC) that this will significantly DECREASE PROPERTY VALUES.
10. The proposed 20,000 l fire response water tank is completely inadequate, especially with the proposed battery system
11. The visual impact is not going to be mitigated by the tree planting, even if it was dual row planted. The photos that Elgin Energy submitted and again not obtainable, the pictures they submitted show the trees around the boundary to BLOCK THE VISUAL IMPACT appear bigger than the approx. 60-80-year-old gum tree that is on [REDACTED] property.
12. Huge lack of consultation throughout the entire process from both Elgin and the DPIE
13. Elgin Energy are saying they are going to use local contractors to build the proposed plant. Where do these people come from, Oberon or Bathurst? If from Bathurst the increased traffic at the intersection of the Great Western Highway and Brewongle Lane will be seriously impacted. If from Oberon, then the shortest route is O'Connell Road, Ridge Road, Tarana Road then Brewongle Lane. Brewongle Lane doesn't cope with the amount of traffic it has now, we have been complaining about this for years to Bathurst Regional Council. My latest correspondence from Bathurst Regional Council was that it WAS NOT in their next 4 year plan to upgrade it.

14. Tim from Elgin Energy stood up at the Public Meeting with the IPC and said they were going to tar seal Brewongle Lane from the Great Western Highway end for approximately 300m....it is already this, so just what do they plan to do?

15. Tim from Elgin Energy also said at the Public Meeting with the IPC that the soil on the proposed site would be given "A REST" ....REALLY!! This is farming country and the land is designed to be worked to produce meat, wheat, barley etc SO OUR COUNTRY TO EAT!!!

16. What happens to the solar panels and all the infrastructure at the end of the term....again no-one would answer that when we asked the question.

17. Who is responsible for the removal and disposal of the infrastructure

18. Where is the infrastructure disposed, our country will become a dumping ground for solar panels and wind turbines

19. When we had the site inspection Tim from Elgin Energy couldn't answer the question asked by the IPC of what width, the buffer zone around the proposed site would be. One minute it was 5m, then 10m, then 15m and even got up to 30m. So, what is their proposal buffer zone.

20. They proposed to fill in dams, again reducing water

21. They propose to remove several (but couldn't answer how many) beautiful very mature (many years old) trees from the site

22. Tim from Elgin Energy again stood up at the Public Meeting with the IPC and said "The site is 7.5km from Raglan)..another lie, I am sure the IPC would have driven this distance and are aware that's its actually only 4.2km (under 5km from a residential area)

23. Not only is it 4.2km from a residential area but also the Bathurst Airport.

24. Elgin Energy have not addressed the insurance issue with any EVIDENCE detailing now it will be managed.

25. Although we don't crop on our land at present (as we only have 72 acres), it certainly is an option for us to sow and crop approximately 35-40 acres of our land should be decide to do so. The insurance impact on neighbouring land is a major concern. Even though we only have 72 acres, we still operate as a small farm, e.g., chemical spraying, slashing, mulching, welding. The Planning Authority have been made aware of the insurance issues but have given us no answer or done anything to suggest they understand the impact.

26. The person (landowner) getting the financial gain should be the one who is burdened by the expense, devaluation of his/her property, unsightly visual impact, and profit loss, not the neighbours or the community.

Regards,

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