

## Yasmine Binnie

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**Sent:** Tuesday, 19 December 2023 1:07 pm  
**To:** Submissions  
**Subject:** Resource Consent Submission Form 13

### \*\* Your Details \*\*

\*Resource Consent Number : RC235464  
\*First Name : Donald  
\*Surname : Green  
\*Box/Road/Street Number and Name : 43 Dunsandel Brookside Road and 313 Branch Drain Road Suburb or RD : R D 2 Leeston \*Town/City : R D 2 Leeston Area Code : 7682 Email Address : [REDACTED] Organisation Name : Glenmore Farming Company Limited Contact Name : Donald Green Phone Number : [REDACTED]

### \*\* Submission \*\*

\*The type of consent is: : Land Use Consent The location of the consent is: : 115,150 & 187 Buckleys Road The proposed activity/change is: : Construct and operate a solar array \*The specific part(s) of the application that my submission relates to are: : Total application \*My submission is in: : Opposition \*My Submission is: : As attached \*I seek the following decision from the Selwyn District Council: : we require this consent to be refused Supporting Information: : No file uploaded

### \*\* Hearing \*\*

\*Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission? : I wish to be heard \*If others make a similar submission, I would consider presenting a joint case with them at the hearing. : No

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** Objection to Solar Farm No 2  
**Attachments:** Objection to Solar Farm No 2.docx

Please find enclosed supporting documentation for our application in regards to RC235464 (I'm not sure that you received this when we emailed Form13 earlier this afternoon

**Donald Green**

**GLENMORE FARMING CO LTD / BROOKTON LTD**  
Farming Our History. Our Future.

Phone: [REDACTED]

## **RESOURCE CONSENT RC235464**

### **Opposing the application**

#### **On behalf of Glenmore Farming Company Ltd**

We wish to oppose this application to erect Solar Panels on Farmland in the Brookside area.

We are concerned as to the way this application has been notified in the area.

We have been notified because we are deemed to be an affected party to this resource consent application.

There is concern and anger amongst residents who believe that in some way they will be affected if this proposal is approved.

We note that this consent is for an indefinite period /in perpetuity, which is of concern to us

The report prepared by Boffa Miskell with this application suggests several times that sheep could graze as an alternative to dairy animals under the panels to keep the pasture under control. The information provided is from Australia solar farms and I feel not relevant to this site. It is my belief that sheep grazing would not be a suitable option due to the heavy soils.

The presents of thistles and weeds would be a major concern to us as is the fire risk especially in the summer months. Our observation of other solar panels in the district proves that the under growth and weed control is difficult to manage.

We note that there is to be a Fire Emergencies Mitigation Plan to cover vegetation, panel and battery fires which is a major concern as I have already stated and look forward to reading this as a neighbour to this site.

We note that there are no planned audit reviews by authorities involved with this power generation proposal. As farmers we continually have checks and audits relating to our business operation.

Soil contamination from the wash of metals from the panels over time is a big issue especially in the winter months when the heavy soils become saturated and the local drains that flow on down to lake Ellesmere could become contaminated as well. Reports from Demark after a number of years have proved that the land is contaminated beneath the panels and is no longer suitable for agriculture production.

We are informed that if this consent is approved then it only a matter of time before the neighbouring high productive land as in a previous application will be taken up by solar panels.

The increase of traffic around the intersection where the Brookside Substation is located is a pickup and drop off point for school bus children. Over the years there has been numerous accidents at this intersection.

We can understand the proximity to the Brookside Substation would have its appeal for this solar array site and the distribution of the electricity generated. This we believe need not be the determining factor as there have been many proposed solar array sites throughout New Zealand without any substations close by to handle the transmission of the electricity.

We understand the Governments thinking to generate sustainable electricity to meet the requirements of our country and the need to generate it close to the demand so maybe a solar site nearer Selwyn's larger townships would be a better option.

We have seen major changes to the land use in the Brookside area. This proposal would have to be the biggest shift away from farming as we know it and as neighbours, we ask is that it is stopped.

Donald Green

Director

Glenmore Farming Company Limited