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To: Submissions
Subject: Resource Consent Submission Form 13

**** Your Details ****

*Resource Consent Number : RC235464
*First Name : Simon
*Surname : Robinson
*Box/Road/Street Number and Name : 79 Buckleys Road Suburb or RD : Leeston, RD2 *Town/City : Christchurch Area
Code : 7682 Email Address: [REDACTED] Organisation Name :
Contact Name :
Phone Number [REDACTED]

**** Submission ****

*The type of consent is: : Land Use Consent The location of the consent is: : 115, 150 & 187 Buckleys Road, Brookside The proposed activity/change is: : To construct and operate a new solar array on approximately 111ha
*The specific part(s) of the application that my submission relates to are: : All appendixes, submissions and supplementary documents relating to the proposed consent *My submission is in: : Opposition *My Submission is: :
We are the current residents of 79 Buckleys Road and feel that we, along with many other surrounding properties, will be hugely negatively affected by this. Please see the points for concern below.
Firstly, we are aware that any heavy metals leeching into the soil, from the proposed solar farm machinery, panels or batteries surrounding our property, has the high potential to not only destroy the microorganisms in the soil but also affect our ability to grow vegetables, hay and grass for our livestock. We are also aware that this may mean all of the previously mentioned will be inedible for both the public and livestock. Any leeching also has the potential to drastically alter the chemical balance of said soil, resulting in our significant investment into testing and management fertilizer/spreading in order to remediate this or mitigate the long lasting effects.
We are concerned about contaminated run off water also spreading to our property, due to heavy rain or other such events. Our property sits in front of the fields proposed to be built on, however we are at a lower level and therefore this increases the risk of both contamination and flooding on our property. Our property already experiences flooding during heavy weather events and the increase of run-off will only further increase this and potentially carry contaminated water further from the farm, due to the many surrounding streams. We have sent photos of the flooding our property already experiences in a separate email, to highlight the potential for this.
We are also highly concerned about the negative effect of the solar waves on the insect life both on and surrounding our property and the impact this will have on the natural wildlife, birds and pollination process - we have become aware of many relevant studies supporting this.
We are also extremely concerned of the many negative health impacts this may have on our livelihood, including reduced sleep due to noise from motors/invertors which is above the WHO guidelines and whether chemical leeching will affect the water that we pump up from our well, rendering it undrinkable, and the many other possible airborne toxins.
We are also concerned about the decrease in our own rural amenity value, due to the change from rural to industrial land.
We are also aware of the strong ratepayer opposition towards this proposition, with 94% of ratepayers not supporting this build.
We are also extremely unhappy with the new proposed placement plan. Previously the panels and the inverters were further away from our boundary line and it has now encroached closer to this, as well as a second inverter now having been added. This is something we strongly oppose, due to the increased risk of all of the above concerns and

the fact that the solar farm would then be visible through the hedge at the back of our property. We have attached photos that show the area we are currently able to see, that would be affected.

*I seek the following decision from the Selwyn District Council: : We strongly hope that the Selwyn District Council chooses to support the Brookside community with it's decision on this, we ask that the council declines the request for land use consent completely. We are not interested in compromising or accepting any future amendments to KeaX Limited's proposal.

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. : Yes

Submissions

Planning Unit

Notice of Submission on an Application for Resource Consent

Application Reference:
RC235464

Resource Management Act 1991 - Form 13

Send or deliver your application to: Selwyn District Council, PO Box 90, Rolleston 7643

For enquiries phone: (03) 347-2868

For enquiries email: planninginfo@selwyn.govt.nz

1. Submitter Details

Name of Submitter(s) (state full name(s)): Simon Robinson

Physical Address: 79 Buckleys Road, Brookside 7682

Address for Service (if different):

Email:

Telephone (day):

Mobile:

2. Application Details

Application Reference Number (if not stated above):

Name of Applicant (state full name): Kea X Limited

Application Site Address: 115, 150 & 187 Buckleys Road, Brookside

Description of Proposed Activity: Construct and operate a new solar array on approximately 111ha

3. Submission Details

- I / We: ☐ Support all or part of the application
☒ Oppose all or part of the application
☐ Are neutral towards all or part of the application

The specific parts of the application that **my / our** submission relates to are: (give details, continue on a separate sheet)

All amendments, schedules and supporting documents submitted by KeaX Limited for the Land Use Consent.

The reasons for **my / our** submission are:

Please see the attached reasoning provided on a separate sheet, due to lack of space on this document.

The decision I / We would like the Council to make is: (give details including, if relevant, the parts of the application you wish to have amended and the general nature of any conditions sought.)

We would like the Selwyn District Council to reject the Land Use consent submitted by KeaX Limited, and all future submissions made.

4. Submission at the Hearing

- ☒ I / We wish to speak in support of my / our submission.
- ☐ I / We do not wish to speak in support of my / our submission.
- ☒ If others make a similar submission I / We will consider presenting a joint case with them at the hearing.
- ☐ Pursuant to section 100A of the Resource Management Act 1991 I / We request that the Council delegate its functions, powers, and duties required to hear and decide the application to one or more hearings commissioners who are not members of the Council. *(Please note that if you make such a request you may be liable to meet or contribute to the costs of the commissioner(s). Requests can also be made separately in writing no later than 5 working days after the close of submissions.)*

5. Signature

(Of submitter(s) or person authorised to sign on behalf of submitter(s))

Signature:  Date: 18/12/23

Signature: Date:

Note: A signature is not required if you make your submission by electronic means.

6. Privacy Information

The personal information requested in the form is being collected by Selwyn District Council so that we can process your application. This information is required by the Resource Management Act 1991. This information will be held by the Council. You may ask to check and correct any of this personal information if you wish. The personal information collected will not be shared with any departments of the Council not involved in processing your application. However under the Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 this information may be made available on request to parties within and outside the Council.

7. Important Information

1. The Council must receive this submission before the closing date and time for submissions on this application.
2. You must also send a copy of this submission to the applicant as soon as reasonably practicable, at the applicant's address for service.
3. All submitters will be advised of hearing details at least 10 working days before the hearing. If you change your mind about whether you wish to speak at the hearing, please contact the Council by telephone on 347-2868 or by email at planninginfo@selwyn.govt.nz
4. Only those submitters who indicate that they wish to speak at the hearing will be sent a copy of the planning report.

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