



Friends of Grasslands

supporting native grassy ecosystems

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To whom it may concern

Friends of Grasslands (FOG) is a community group dedicated to the conservation of natural temperate grassy ecosystems in south-eastern Australia. FOG advocates, educates and advises on matters to do with the conservation of grassy ecosystems, and carries out surveys and other on-ground work. FOG is based in Canberra and its members include professional scientists, landowners, land managers and interested members of the public.

We have been in discussion with Lawrence McIntosh about various options for development of a SolarShare solar panel operation in ACT. While we support wholeheartedly the concept of increasing renewable energy sources, we believe that this should not be at the expense of natural ecosystems.

Based on the reports provided to us by SolarShare, the option for solar panels to be erected on Majura B707 meets these requirements, as the site appears to be highly modified vegetation with no conservation values, and will effectively become an island with development of the new Majura Parkway. We do, however, believe that the use of rooftops to site solar panels is the best option.

As such we support the submission of SolarShare for development of a solar panel operation at Majura B707 or for a rooftop panel operation.

Yours sincerely

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President

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