

# Majura Valley Landcare Group

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Majura Valley Landcare Group was formed in 2011. The members are the Landholder's, and leaseholder's who live in the Majura Valley, ACT.

Majura Valley Landcare Group's vision for the Majura Valley is one which combines sustainable farming, local produce, the protection and further development of native woodlands and grasslands, a focus on eco tourism, while working in harmony with light industry such as the solar project. We, the group, understand SolarShare is committed to help to create a Majura Valley which reflects the bush capital values of Canberra

SolarShare has consulted with our organisation through one on one and public meetings since shortlisting the Majura Site in early 2015. Prior to this Solar Fields (the site developer), conducted public consultation with Majura residents.

Majura Valley Landcare Group notes the following concerns of its members.

- Light industry such as this project must tie in with the bush capital feel through finding a middle ground between agriculture, sustainable local farming and produce, and eco tourism
- To the extent possible the project needs to align with the 'eco-village' vision for the Valley's anticipated master plan. To contribute effectively toward efforts to secure long term leases for Majura Valley residents, and to ensure the future for tourism and sustainable farming in the Valley is not jeopardised by light industry, but work effectively together.

Majura Valley Landcare group is pleased to provide in principle support to the proposal subject to the understanding that:

- SolarShare will deliver their draft detailed landscape plan to the Majura Valley Landcare group for comment and input prior to finalisation
- SolarShare is committed to offering support to the Majura Valley local residents group's requirement for a master plan for the Valley. This would require long term leases and other facets which ensure tourism and sustainable farming working in harmony with light industry.
- As part of this support, SolarShare commits to establishing a Land Care Grant fund to continue to preserve the natural beauty of the

Majura Valley and in particular the Majura Valley tourism trail (As identified by the Majura Valley Landcare group). Planting selection will be determined through a decision making which include Molonglo Catchment Group and Majura Valley Landcare group.

We are pleased that SolarShare is creating opportunities for all of Canberra to be involved in the transition to a renewable energy future, through investing together in a community owned solar farm. We understand that SolarShare is applying to the ACT Government's community Solar Scheme and look forward to hearing the results of this process.

We, the Majura Valley Landcare Group understand SolarShare is focused on supporting community based projects, and on this basis, I am pleased to support their application.

With kind regards,

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**President:- Majura Valley Landcare Group**