

Consideration of the Impact of High-Rise Developments on Existing Solar Power Installations?



- We object to the development of 6 story high rise flats on boundary lines in Newtown on the sunny side of existing household solar power installations.
- We are retired and our investment in the solar system which helps our budget greatly.
- In the summer we do not use all the power we generate and sell 25% of solar generated power back to the power company (for almost nothing). In the winter, we purchase 25% of our power and generate the rest. Neighbours are welcome to charge up devices on our system when there is a power outage.
- If anything above a 2 stories high rise development is built next door (Owen St Newtown) on the North side near our boundary our solar system will be in shade and completely useless.
- Solar powered households are good for the environment. Such proposed high-rise developments on the sunny side of existing solar installations would deleteriously affect solar power production and disincentivise future installations in Wellington.
- Chemical pollution, problematic trees, offensive water run off problems, unreasonable noise, and disruption to quiet enjoyment of households is legislated to protect the interests of neighbours. Why not a reasonable ordinance to at least seek agreement from neighbours if a developer wishes to nullify a prospective neighbour's solar power investment.

RECCOMENDATION:

Any housing development that will deleteriously affect a neighbour's solar power systems should require the neighbour's consent before building consent can be given.

Thank you for considering this submission

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