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## Flamborough Solar Proposal

Before proponents attach angel's wings to the Samsung solar farm proposal for Flamborough or gather any more environmentally conscious senior citizens to speak on Samsung's behalf, how about we ask a few questions.

Firstly let me say that my home is heated primarily by passive solar power. In ten years I have turned the furnace on less than a dozen times. I actually like the idea of a future where solar power becomes more than a marginal energy source.

But I'd also like some assurance about the environmental impact of solar expansion, which nobody's talking about. I've heard nothing about where these solar panels go to die along with the batteries used to store their energy. I see the huge piles of electronic consumer garbage at the local dump, so imagine 20 years from now when we add huge solar panels from these giant farms and all those batteries to the pile.

Let's take into account that the manufacture of the panels uses toxic chemicals in photovoltaic production. Not to mention that most solar panels these days are made in China whose record of being above board when it comes to environmental impact has been, shall we say, less than stellar.

And who benefits from the production of this electricity? Ontario taxpayers are already subsidizing out-of-province energy buyers to the tune of billions because we produce more than we need. Then there's the fact that Ontario pays solar power operators as much as ten times the market rates for the power they generate under the Green Energy Act, fact, a fact Samsung is no doubt aware of.

There isn't time to get into the effect on the birds, bees, deer, agricultural land and quality of life for rural residents but someone needs to shine a bright light on this proposal so we can see it for what it is.

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