

Wollar Solar

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



PROJECT NEWS

Construction work on the solar farm is now expected to start in July.

The reason for this delay is that an application to modify the development approval will be needed, due to issues identified during the project's detailed design.

Changes requested involve additional vehicle movements and amended access routes:

- 36 AV/B-double vehicles per day (up from 26)
- 72 truck movements per day (no change but a greater proportion will be AV/B-doubles) the project

- 2 oversized vehicles per day, with a maximum of 60 across the project's life
- Revised access route for transformers to avoid a bridge with a lighter load limit

The application also asks for the permitted height of the panels to be increased from 4m to 5m. We also now expect to need up to 400 workers on-site during construction.

The application was submitted in early June and local people will be able to comment via the NSW Government's planning website. We will arrange for a copy to be available at Wollar Community Hall and post a link on the project website.

ABOUT THE PROJECT

Wollar Solar Farm is a state significant development which was approved by the NSW Government on 24 February 2020. The project will be located approximately 7km south of Wollar Village.

We are keen to keep you informed on what's happening with Wollar Solar Farm.

We will issue newsletters regularly as the project continues to take shape as well as additional updates if we have important news to share.

To receive future newsletters via email, or for any project enquiries, please contact us at info@wollarsolar.com.au



The project's access route from Barigan Road passes the existing TransGrid substation to reach the location of the solar farm substation



SUBSTATION PROGRESS

TransGrid has been making good progress on the project's substation, located in the north of the site.

The substation will collect power generated from the solar panels and deliver it to the local electricity network via the existing overhead transmission line crossing the site.

With the flat bench area to keep the substation above ground completed and trenching for cables underway, TransGrid is due to start work on foundations in May. The first steelwork is likely to be in place in around June, weather permitting.

While we do not expect ongoing traffic restrictions to be needed, some deliveries may require slow-moving vehicles and we appreciate your patience during these periods.

Community Fund

We were pleased to meet members of the Wollar Progress Association recently, to start conversations about a Community Fund to run throughout the solar farm's operating life. The fund will aim to support local projects, events and initiatives.

We look forward to working with local people to develop a framework to guide the fund during construction, ready for launch once the project is fully operational and are always happy to hear ideas for areas where the project could lend a hand.

WOLLAR SOLAR FARM

- The project will have a capacity of up to 280MW
- The project is scheduled to start in July 2022
- It will comprise around 660,000 solar panels and take between 12 and 18 months to build
- We expect to require a workforce of 400 people at the busiest times of construction
- The solar farm will connect to the electricity network via an existing overhead transmission line crossing the site
- The site was chosen as it has excellent solar resource, is close to the transmission network, is easily accessible by road and benefits from terrain suitable for installing solar panels
- The solar farm will have an estimated working life of up to 30 years, after which all above ground infrastructure can be decommissioned and removed
- Visit www.wollarsolar.com.au

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