

Bundaberg Solar Farm

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Global Power Generation Australia (GPG Australia) is delighted to welcome you to our first newsletter. We will be publishing these newsletters regularly during the construction phase of the Bundaberg Solar Farm to keep the community up to date with information related to the Project.

Project Details

Location

The Bundaberg Solar Farm is located on Kent Tobin Road in Bullyard, 35 kms west of Bundaberg, and 8 kms north east of Gin Gin.



Technology

Spanning 146 hectares, this facility uses photovoltaic panels, strategically positioned to capture the sun's energy with maximum efficiency. Through a network of inverters and transformers, the captured solar energy undergoes transformation into a usable form, integrating into the local power grid. Equipped with advanced monitoring systems, the solar farm operates with precision, optimising energy output while ensuring reliability and safety. This not only reduces our reliance on fossil fuels but also contributes to a more sustainable future.



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Technical Data

- Total installed capacity: 100 MWdc
- Panels: JASolar (Bifacial)
- Trackers: PV Hardware 1P
- Inverters: SMA
- Substation: 33/132kV
- EPC contractor: Monford Group (Solar)
EPEC (High Voltage Connection)
- Network Service Provider: Ergon Energy

Main Construction Milestones

- Notice to Proceed (NTP): Q1 2024
- Energisation: Q2 2025
- Commercial Operation Date (COD): Q3 2025

Energy Off-taker

- Power Purchase Agreement (PPA): Telstra Energy

Grid Connection

Bundaberg Solar Farm will connect to the Ergon Energy's Gin Gin to Bundaberg 132kV transmission line that is located within the project site.

Current Status

The projected construction start date is expected to be July 24. Some pre-construction geo technical studies and pile pull out tests have been completed. GPG's main contractor, Monford, will begin mobilising equipment in the coming days.

Community Engagement & Benefit Sharing

Community Information Day

A Community Information Day will be held at the Gin Gin Neighbourhood Centre on Wednesday 26th June, from 2 - 6pm. This event will provide the community with the chance to learn more about the construction of the solar farm. Representatives from across the project will be available to provide you with more information and to answer your questions.

Community Engagement & Benefit Sharing Plan

GPG is committed to maintain a high level of engagement with the local community surrounding the solar farm, as well as providing benefits through the Community Engagement & Benefit Sharing Plan, that is instrumental to the Project. We will be out in the community engaging with local groups, schools and clubs to learn more about the community and how we can help.

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Local Development

Please contact our Community & Stakeholder Engagement Officer, Philip Beattie, on **0488 215 575** or by email philipbeattie@globalpower-generation.com.au, if you are interested in any of the following opportunities at the Bundaberg Solar Farm.

Employment

Our contractors for the construction are always looking for skilled and passionate people to join their team.

In addition to this, the long-term maintenance and operation of the Bundaberg Solar Farm will create several regional and permanent jobs.

Local Accommodation

As construction commences, temporary accommodation will be required for workers. If you have a property that could be used as temporary accommodation for workers, please contact us.

Local Services

GPG is working with its contractors to identify services that may be able to be contracted locally during construction. Both GPG and our contractors' preference is to work with local suppliers and manufacturers where possible, provided they can meet a range of deliverables including safety, quality, reliability, timeframe and cost.

Who's Who

Philip Beattie – Community & Stakeholder Engagement Officer

Philip Beattie is the Community & Stakeholder Engagement Officer responsible for the Bundaberg Solar Farm. Philip's role includes helping to manage the relationships with neighbours, community groups, council and contractors, as well as implementing the Community Engagement & Benefit Sharing Plan. Philip has met with nearly all of the neighbours within one kilometre of the project. We have also had meetings with the Bundaberg Regional Council and a couple of local contractors. Philip is very approachable and always up for a chat. He is a very keen sailor with international racing experience, loves golf and getting away in the caravan.



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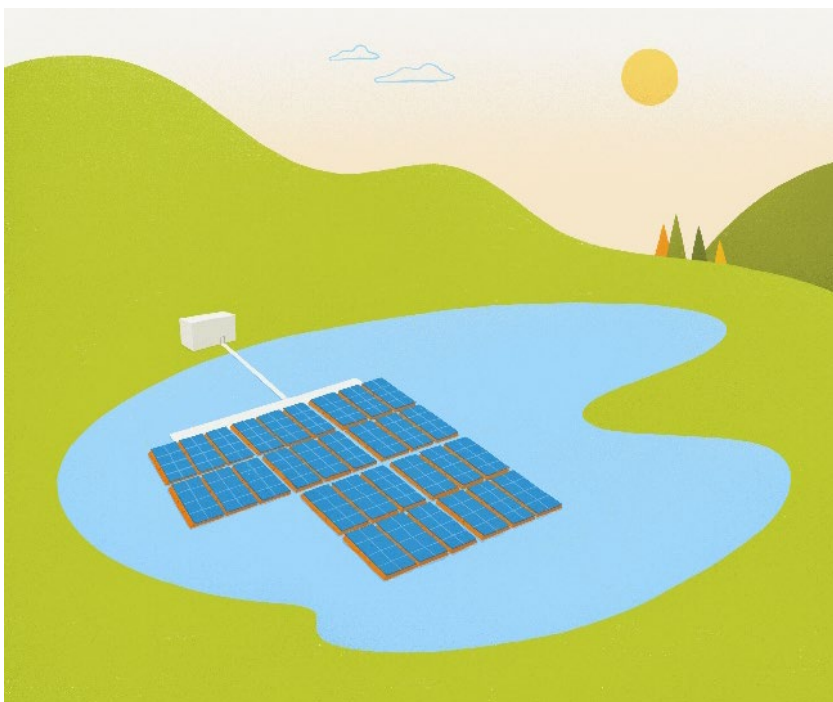
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