

Press Release

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Renew Estate investing in Bomen Solar Farm

Australian solar farm developer Renew Estate has lodged a development application for its proposed 120 MW DC Bomen Solar Farm and will be holding a community information drop-in session on 7 May.

The \$164 million project will be located on industrial land in the heart of the Bomen Industrial Park, located approximately 7km from Wagga Wagga CBD, NSW. This precinct is home to many large-scale industrial energy users, including Australia's largest canola oil processing plant, a battery recycling centre and the proposed Riverina Intermodal Freight and Logistics (RIFL) Hub.

The Bomen Solar Farm will generate enough renewable energy to power industrial users in and around Bomen and the production will be equivalent to the demand of Approximately 35,000 Australian homes. The project has been designed to be "future ready" and includes the provision of battery storage so that solar farm can enhance the reliability in the Wagga Wagga region.

The development application for Bomen Solar Farm was lodged with the NSW Department of Planning and Environment and will be on public exhibition from 21 April to 21 May. The application includes a full Environmental Impact Statement which is available online (see the NSW Major Projects Register www.majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au/page/on-exhibition or the project website www.bomensolarfarm.com.au) and hard copies can be viewed at the City of Wagga Wagga council office.

Renew Estate will be presenting information on the project at their community information session which will be held at the North Wagga Hall from 5:00 to 7:30pm on Monday 7 May.

Renew Estate Director of Engagement and Culture Rosie King said that Renew Estate is committed to building upon the engagement done to date with the nearby residents, local community organisations and industrial neighbours. This next Community Drop-In Information Session will be a good opportunity for the wider community to find out more about the project. "We will be presenting key information from our Environmental Impact Statement and there will be a number of Renew Estate staff on hand to answer any questions the community may have" Ms. King said.

"We encourage any interested local businesses, contractors, service providers or potential employees to attend the session and find out more about the opportunities that will be available during the construction and operation of the solar farm."

"We believe our project can contribute to the success of the Bomen Industrial Park. Renew Estate is committed to offering local businesses the opportunity to participate in the development of a new sustainable energy industry for the Riverina region" Ms. King said.

The Bomen Solar Farm is one of a portfolio of solar farms being developed by Renew Estate.

If approved, Bomen Solar Farm will start construction later this year and be operational by mid-2019. Further information on the project can be found at www.bomensolarfarm.com.au.

Key Project Information

- There will be a community information drop-in session on Monday 7 May, 5pm to 7:30pm.
- The development application is on public exhibition from 21 April to 21 May. A link to the application can be found on our project website (www.bomensolarfarm.com.au) or a hard copy can be viewed at the City of Wagga Wagga council office.
- Project capacity of 120 MW DC – equivalent to the demand of approximately 35,000 Australian homes.
- The solar farm will be located on approximately 276 hectares of industrial zoned land in Bomen Industrial Park, located approximately 7km from Wagga Wagga CBD, NSW.
- The project will support local industry by providing an abundant, clean and low-cost energy supply.
- The project is estimated to have a capital investment value of about \$164 million.
- The project will utilise solar photovoltaic (PV) modules mounted on single axis trackers and will include the provision of battery storage.
- A peak construction workforce of approximately 200 personnel is anticipated with approximately 5 onsite staff required once operational.
- If approved, the solar farm would commence construction in the second half of this year and be operational by mid-2019.
- The operational lifetime of the solar farm would be about 30 years.

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