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# COMMUNITY CONSULTATION COMMENCES FOR THE PROPOSED DINAWAN ENERGY HUB

Spark Renewables has commenced community consultation for the proposed Dinawan Energy Hub – a hybrid wind, solar and battery storage project with a generation capacity of up to 2.5 gigawatts.

The project would be located on grazing country about halfway between Coleambally and Jerilderie and would connect to the recently committed Project EnergyConnect interconnector which will pass through the area.

The combined output from the solar and wind farms, coupled with battery storage, would generate enough reliable, clean electricity to power more than one million Australian homes. The project would help mitigate the impact of coal fired power station closures in New South Wales, while offsetting the emission of more than five million tonnes of carbon dioxide.

Spark Renewables has organised informal drop-in sessions at the Coly Club on Tuesday, 7 December 2021 and at the Jerilderie Council Hall on Wednesday, 8 December 2021. Both sessions will run from 2pm to 7pm and community members can drop in at any time to meet the team and discuss the project.

Anthony Marriner, Head of Spark Renewables, said: “We have now commenced the development process and are keen to meet the local community. Local knowledge on land-use, community needs and regional priorities provides valuable information that can be incorporated into the project.”

“The project will undergo a rigorous planning and assessment process. If approved, we would look to start construction of the first stage in 2024, with first operations to commence in 2025.”

“The construction and operation of the Dinawan Energy Hub would create more than a thousand jobs and provide economic stimulus to the local businesses and community organisations.”

For those who can't attend the drop-in sessions, more information can be found on the project website [www.dinawanenergyhub.com](http://www.dinawanenergyhub.com), including the first project newsletter. The Spark Renewables team can also be reached on 1300 271 419.

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**About Spark Renewables**

Spark Renewables is part of the Spark Infrastructure Group which is an owner of leading essential energy infrastructure, including generation, transmission and distribution. Spark Renewables is a leading developer and long-term owner of renewable energy projects, with an operational solar farm (the 100MW Bomen Solar Farm in NSW) and a large portfolio (in excess of 3GW) of development assets including wind, solar, storage and green hydrogen projects.