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SPARK RENEWABLES ANNOUNCES PROPOSAL TO DEVELOP A RENEWABLE ENERGY HUB OF UP TO 2.5GW IN SOUTH- WEST NSW

Spark Renewables, part of the ASX-100 Spark Infrastructure Group, is pleased to announce plans to develop a renewable energy generation and storage hub for up to 2.5GW in South West NSW.

Following the successful development and construction of its Bomen Solar Farm in NSW in 2020, Spark Renewables is proposing to develop, construct, own and operate the Dinawan Energy Hub – a hybrid wind, solar and battery storage project to be situated in the heart of the South West Renewable Energy Zone (REZ) in NSW. The proposed Dinawan Energy Hub forms part of Spark Renewables' existing development portfolio and forms part of Spark Infrastructure's Value Build strategic vision to build a sustainable energy future.

The proposed Dinawan Energy Hub would be located in the Murrumbidgee Council area about halfway between Coleambally and Jerilderie in the south-west of NSW. It is on the route of the recently committed Project EnergyConnect interconnector which will run between Robertstown in South Australia and Wagga Wagga in NSW. It is strategically positioned relative to the proposed HumeLink and VNI West (KerangLink) interconnectors.

If positively evaluated, the proposed Dinawan Energy Hub is expected to be developed in stages, and once fully complete could provide up to 2.5GW of renewable generation capacity. This is enough electricity to power more than one million Australian homes per year and offset the emission of more than five million tonnes of carbon dioxide.

Head of Spark Renewables Anthony Marriner said "Dinawan Energy Hub is an exciting new project that can accelerate the development of new generation in the South-West REZ, through the establishment of this large, corner-stone project. This will unlock significant renewable generation capacity consisting of wind, solar and battery energy storage across South-West NSW in the coming years, providing resource diversity to renewable generation planned in the other REZ's."

"The proposed major new project, Dinawan Energy Hub, has the potential to open up the South-West Renewable Energy Zone, provide diversity to the generation planned in the other REZ's and support high-voltage transmission links to Sydney. The clean renewable power from this new project will significantly offset the impact of coal fired power station closures in New South Wales".



“There is an important role for the NSW Government to play in supporting this project, which is consistent with their Electricity Infrastructure Roadmap and ambitions for renewable energy zones to be progressed in the State,” he said.

The proposed project is in the early stages of planning with work to commence on preliminary studies and consultation in the coming months. Once approved, it is anticipated that construction of stage 1 would begin in 2024 with the first operations to commence in 2025.

Mr Marriner said Spark Renewables was committed to engaging with the community and other stakeholders throughout the planning and assessment process.

“The project must undergo a rigorous planning and assessment process which includes preliminary and detailed environmental studies and extensive community consultation,” he said.

“We are only at the start of the development process and are committed to working with the community and other stakeholders to identify the possible environmental, economic and social impacts and opportunities of what we’re proposing and any required mitigation measures.”

For more information on Dinawan Energy Hub, head to www.dinawanenergyhub.com, or email info@dinawanenergyhub.com.

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About Spark Renewables

Spark Renewables is a growing renewables platform wholly owned by the Spark Infrastructure Group, an ASX100 company. Spark Infrastructure is an owner of leading essential energy infrastructure, including generation, transmission and distribution.

Spark Renewables is a developer and owner of renewable energy generation. Our operational portfolio comprises the 120MW Bomen Solar Farm near Wagga Wagga which commenced operations in 2020, and our development portfolio includes ~2.2GW of wind, solar and storage projects in the National Electricity Market.

Spark Renewables is a member of the Clean Energy Council (CEC) and a signatory to the CEC’s Best Practice Charter for Renewable Energy Developments.

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