

Dinawan Solar Farm

Community benefit sharing

Community benefit fund

Spark Renewables is consulting with Murrumbidgee Council and the local community to provide maximum value to the nearby community and local townships.

Spark Renewables and Murrumbidgee Council are working towards agreeing on a community benefit fund.

The fund would:

- Contribute towards Murrumbidgee Council's priority developments, including **new childcare infrastructure and critical worker accommodation**, and
- Provide **annual grants to community projects** selected via a committee of key stakeholders and community representatives.

The funding would be provided on an annual basis, commencing at the start of construction.

The size of the project will be determined after planning consent, any conditions of approval, grid connection approvals, and other factors.

Structure	Rate per MW	Total Annual Fund 200 MW generation	Total Annual Fund 800 MW generation
Contribution towards council's priority developments	\$300	\$60,000	\$240,000
Community enhancement program	\$100	\$20,000	\$80,000
Total	\$400	\$80,000	\$320,000

Community investment offering

- Potential for community members to invest in the Dinawan Solar Farm or a separate community solar farm and receive a portion of the earnings of the project
- If it proceeds, community members can share in the benefits of their local renewable energy projects
- Similar models have been successfully implemented in Australia and overseas
- If it proceeds, the community solar farm would likely be co-located with Dinawan Solar Farm

Regional benefits of the South West REZ

- Project is located in the South-West REZ (Renewable Energy Zone) administered by the state-run Energy Corporation (EnergyCo)
- EnergyCo is expected to charge "Access Fees" from all projects within the REZ
- Funding would be administered by EnergyCo for initiatives within the region
- Funding is additional to the project-led community-benefit sharing above

Community purposes (e.g., public or community services or infrastructure, health services or infrastructure)	\$1,700/MW/year
Employment purposes (e.g., employment programs and associated services and facilities, skills and training programs and associated services and facilities)	\$600/MW/year

Community investment offering survey – tell us what you think!

For more information and to take the survey, scan this QR code. Survey closes 15 December.



Subsidised electricity

Spark Renewables is in discussions with Flow Power, one of Australia's fastest growing energy retailers about offering subsidised electricity arrangements for the community.

