DINAWAN ENERGY HUB

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Introduction

The **Dinawan Energy Hub** (DEH) is a hybrid renewable energy project being developed by Spark Renewables, a leading developer and long-term owner of renewable energy generation assets, founded and based in Australia.

The DEH consists of the **Dinawan Wind Farm**, and the **Dinawan Solar Farm**, accompanied by a battery energy storage system.

The DEH is located about halfway between Coleambally and Jerilderie near Transgrid's Dinawan Substation. The DEH is proposed on the traditional lands of the Wiradjuri people and several smaller nations of the Murrumbidgee plains.

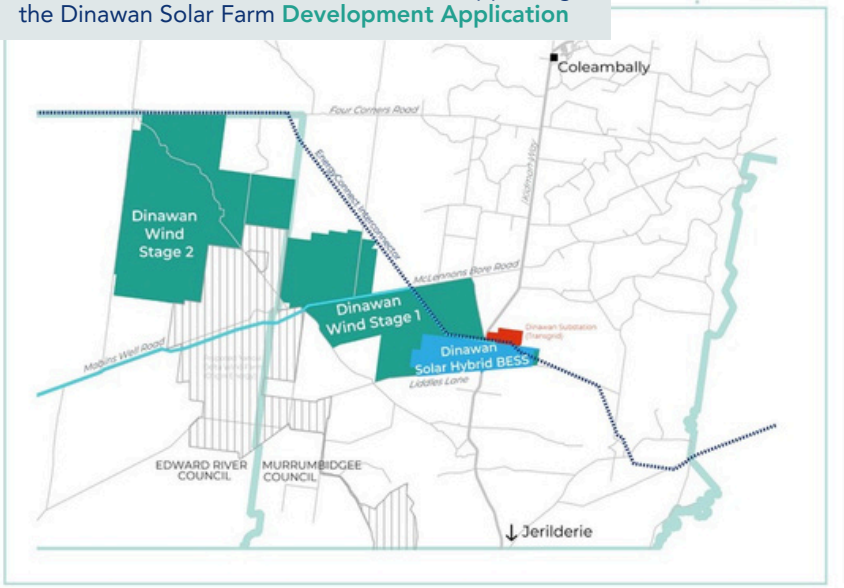
In April 2025, Spark Renewables was awarded access rights for 1,007 megawatts (MW) in the South West Renewable Energy Zone (REZ), which authorises projects to apply to connect to the transmission network infrastructure.

In October 2025, the Dinawan Wind Farm (Stage 1) bid was successful in Tender 4 of the Australian Government's Capacity Investment Scheme (CIS).

As a state significant development under planning legislation, DEH remains subject to NSW Government development approval. The Dinawan Solar Farm application has been recommended for approval and will proceed to the Independent Planning Commission for determination, with the Dinawan Wind Farm expected to follow in the first quarter of 2026.

Recent updates

- Access rights awarded in **NSW Roadmap** (Tender Round 5): 1,007 MW (megawatts)
- Successful participant in the **Capacity Investment Scheme** (Tender 4) for the 357 MW 'Dinawan Wind Farm (Stage 1)'
- Recommended conditions of consent for approving the Dinawan Solar Farm **Development Application**



Project overview

Based on size allocated under access rights

707 MW
WIND FARM stages 1 & 2
105 wind turbines up to 250 metres at tip height, west of Kidman Way

300 MW
SOLAR FARM
750,000 solar modules installed east and west of Kidman Way

~300 MW
BATTERY
Capacity to supply 1,200 MWh

Impact

>535,000 houses
Equivalent to supplying electricity to households with an annual consumption of 6,700 kWh

~1,275 jobs
Across the development, construction and operational stages

>$90 million
Local community benefit-sharing funds, upskilling & industry programs, research & innovation & access fee contributions

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Pictured: Narrandera Wiradjuri Warriors, one of the two teams Spark Renewables sponsored in the 2025 Koori Knockout

>$90 million BENEFIT SHARING & SOCIAL COMMITMENTS

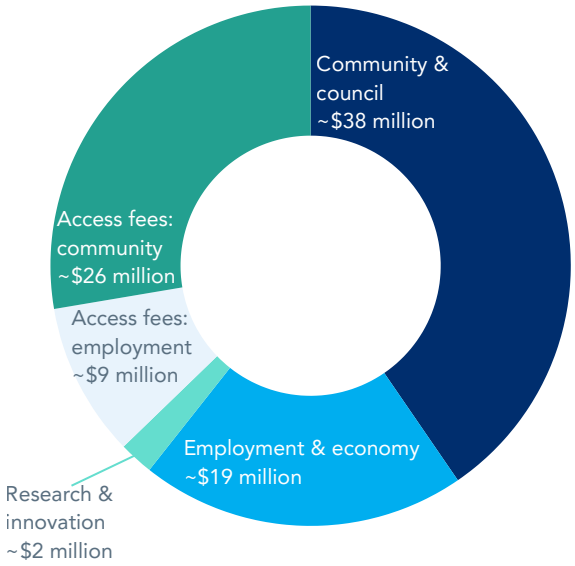
Spark Renewables is committed to creating upskilling, employment and procurement opportunities and co-funding research and innovation programs.

Voluntary Planning Agreement

Since development of the DEH began, Spark Renewables has contributed $126,700 to local funding and sponsorships. Spark Renewables will provide direct community funding via a Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) with the Murrumbidgee Council. Beginning with construction of each stage, the DEH will contribute $1,050 per megawatt from the wind farm and $850 per megawatt from the solar farm each year. For the projects being built under the allocation of access rights - 707 MW for the wind farm and 300 MW for the solar farm - this represents an average of $1 million payment each year to be shared across:

- Council's Critical Capital Projects (70%)
- Community Benefit Fund (15%)
- Aboriginal Community Fund (7.5%)
- Neighbour Benefit Fund (7.5%)

OUR COMMITMENTS



Access fee contributions will be Administered by the NSW Energy Corporation (EnergyCo)

Dinawan Wind Farm Electricity Rebate Scheme (ERS)

Spark Renewables has launched the ERS as part of the Dinawan Neighbour Benefit Program for eligible households near the Dinawan Wind Farm. Households within 10 km of the wind turbines can receive annual electricity rebates between $2,500 and $10,000 for the wind farm's 35-year lifespan, based on distance from the nearest wind turbine. Spark Renewables is currently engaging with the local landholders to propose an extended ERS for the Dinawan Solar Farm.

READ MORE https://sparkrenewables.com/dinawan-ers

PLANNING

Pictured: Spark Renewables pop-up stall at the Community Session on EnergyCo's Roadshow, May 2025

Development Update

Under planning legislation, the Dinawan Wind Farm and the Dinawan Solar Farm are both State Significant Developments, and therefore require an assessment by the NSW Government. Development Applications (DAs) for both projects are assessed by the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI).

A response to submissions, where Spark Renewables responds to the feedback received during the exhibition period in relation to the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), has been provided for both projects. Spark Renewables prepared amendment reports to incorporate feedback and recommendations based on a wide range of ecological studies, thorough technical analyses, and engagement with councils, transport agencies, and local community representatives.

WIND

SOLAR

Dinawan Solar Farm DA: recommended conditions of consent

The DPHI has recommended conditions of consent for the Dinawan Solar Farm to manage potential impacts on the environment, traffic, farming activities, heritage, and the character and liveability of the local area.

We expect recommended conditions for the Dinawan Wind Farm to follow in the first quarter of 2026. The final milestone is the determination of the application by the IPC following the Public Meeting scheduled on 27 February 2026.

Read the Dinawan Solar Farm referral letter, assessment report, and recommended conditions of consent on the NSW Independent Planning Commission's (IPC) website at: **https://www.ipcn.nsw.gov.au/cases/dinawan-solar-farm**.

Development Application milestones

Project announced → Scoping report → SEARs issued → EIS preparation → Public exhibition of EIS → Submissions Report → DPHI Assessment → Determination by IPC

Dinawan Wind Farm

Dinawan Solar Farm

To view the DAs, scan the QR stickers or visit:
www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/dinawan-wind-farm
www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/dinawan-solar-farm

17 February 2026:
Speaker registrations close

27 February 2026:
Public Meeting

5 March 2026:
Submissions close (11:59pm)

DINAWAN WIND FARM
STAGE 1

Capacity Investment Scheme (Tender 4)

In October 2025, the Minister for Climate Change and Energy, the Hon Chris Bowen, announced that the 357 MW Dinawan Wind Farm (Stage 1), developed by Spark Renewables, was successful in Tender 4 of the Capacity Investment Scheme (CIS).

The CIS is an Australian Government revenue underwriting scheme to accelerate investment in renewable energy generation. Projects in the competitive process are evaluated on their ability to deliver low-cost, reliable power; track record of and commitments to community and First Nations engagement; and contribution to regional economic growth and procurement of local content. Read more at: **www.dcceew.gov.au/energy/renewable/capacity-investment-scheme**

Anthony Marriner
CEO of Spark Renewables

"The Dinawan Energy Hub is ideally located adjacent to the Dinawan Substation and is the only project in the South West REZ that combines wind, solar, and BESS. We are thrilled to have been successful in the fourth round of the CIS Tender. This represents a key step in the project's development and we are focused on reaching financial close on the first stage in late 2026."

DEH Accommodation Village

We are seeking partners to design, supply, install and operate an accommodation village to support the construction workforce. The package includes single ensuite rooms, quality dining, and recreational and wellbeing features such as gyms, wellness spaces and social hubs.

We are looking for innovative approaches that will create an outstanding place to live while contributing to the delivery of the DEH.

To see all work packages available, visit the ICN Gateway via **sparkrenewables.com/works**

The EOI response period is open until **16 February 2026.**

Register by emailing **Anthony.Fuller@sparkrenewables.com**

Dinawan Wind Farm Stage 1 Project Schedule

2026	2027-2029	2029-2065
Upcoming tender opportunity: **Accommodation Village**	Construction & commissioning of 53 wind turbines & balance of plant	Operating from late 2029 for ~35 years
Planning & pre-construction	Community fund schemes commence	
School partnerships & training	Access fees commence (first 15 years)	