

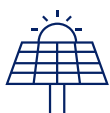


# YASS SOLAR ENERGY PARK

We are currently in the initial stages of consulting with local community members and conducting feasibility studies for a proposed solar energy park, located south-west of Yass. The project involves the construction, operation and commissioning of a large-scale development that aims to generate and store solar energy, to deliver cheap, reliable and clean electricity for NSW households and businesses.

The Yass Solar Energy Park project will provide a range of direct and indirect economic benefits including local employment and contractor opportunities, with increased spending and activity in the local economy. As the proposal progresses and in consultation with the community, additional opportunities will be developed such as grants and sponsorship programs that provide benefits to the local community.

## PROPOSED INFRASTRUCTURE



Solar panels



Energy storage system

## PROJECT BENEFITS



Direct jobs and business for local contractors



Boost to the local economy



Community benefits fund



Supporting the transition to cleaner, cheaper energy

In Australia, electricity generation is the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions due to the heavy reliance on expensive fossil fuels.

The Yass Solar Energy Park will support the NSW Government to facilitate a transition from coal-fired power generation to renewable energy, increasing the supply of clean energy to the network. The project will generate, store and provide renewable energy, leveraging existing transmission infrastructure in the local area.

The planning of the energy park is in its initial stages. We will be talking with local stakeholders to better understand the area and values to be incorporated into the design. The concept design will also be informed from site studies and preliminary investigations including ecology, cultural heritage, landscape and visual, geotechnical, noise and vibration, and traffic and transport.

The project will generate significant investment in the broader Yass area and will operate along-side agricultural and farming activities.

## Where is Yass Solar Energy Park proposed to be located?

The location for the Yass Solar Energy Park has been identified south-west of Yass, within the Yass Valley Local Government Area in the Southern Tablelands region. The location was identified based on a number of factors including good solar resources, proximity to transmission infrastructure (Transgrid), compatibility with existing agricultural activities and relative distance from existing dwellings.



## What is the current status of the project?

We are currently undertaking preliminary investigations and will engage local community members to better understand community views to be considered in refining a concept design. The project will require planning approval from the NSW Department of Planning and Environment (DPE). This will involve a Scoping Report and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) with both being available for community input and feedback.



## Who is ENGIE?

ENGIE is a global reference in low-carbon energy and services. Together with our 101,500 employees, our customers, partners and stakeholders, we are committed to accelerate the transition towards a carbon-neutral world, through reduced energy consumption and more environmentally-friendly solutions.

## When will you be engaging with local community members?

With the project in its early stages, we are keen to hear about what's most important to the local community. The information provided will be used to inform the design, future engagement activities and benefits of the project. In early 2023, ENGIE will host Community Information Sessions, where anybody can pop in to talk to us and find out more about the project, ask questions and provide valuable local feedback. We will advertise the details of the sessions online and in the local paper.

## Contact us

At ENGIE we recognise the value of open and transparent conversations with local community members. If you have any questions about Yass Solar Energy Park, please reach out to us.

Additional information about the renewable sector including how solar power works, is available under the Resources tab of our website: [engie.com.au/yass](https://engie.com.au/yass).

