

FACT SHEET - GOORAMBAT EAST SOLAR FARM

The Goorambat East Solar Farm project is a renewable energy development located about 12 kilometres north of Benalla, just south of the Goorambat township in Victoria, on the land of the Yorta Yorta people.

The project involves the construction, commissioning, and operation of a 250 megawatt (MW) solar farm that aims to generate more affordable and reliable, clean energy for Victorian homes and businesses.

ENGIE acquired the project from Neoen in December 2023 and have been progressing steadily towards full construction.

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

- The Goorambat East Solar Farm will have a generating capacity of up to 250 MW, which is enough to power up to 105,000 average Victorian homes.
- The Project will help displace emissions by up to 558,000 tonnes of co₂ each year.
- The solar farm will connect to a newly built Goorambat East Terminal Station, to be located alongside the existing single circuit 220kV transmission line route between Shepparton Terminal Station (SHTS) and Dederang Terminal Station (DDTS)
- The Project will deliver significant benefits to the region during construction and operation of the solar farm including a community benefit fund of \$75,000 per year, for the life of the project (25 – 30 years).



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Timeline

- Vegetation planting June 2024
- Construction commences October 2024
- Peak construction December 2024 to November 2025
- Commissioning Mid 2026
- Ongoing operations from 2027

Frequently Asked Questions

What impacts will there be to residents during construction?

- There will be increased construction traffic accessing the site. Access to the site is via the north end of Goorambat-Chesney Rd.
- Traffic management during road upgrades with reduced speeds at times.
- During the pile driving process, some noise will be generated.
- Increased dust.
- As the project is expected to create approximately 200 jobs, there will be additional people in and around the site.

Will there be local employment and supply opportunities during construction?

The Goorambat Solar Farm project is expected to create up to 200 jobs.

The head contractor will be responsible for subcontracting a range of skills and suppliers. As part of our key objectives for the project, ENGIE will continue to work closely with the head contactor to ensure the delivery and quality of opportunities for local and First Nations peoples and suppliers.

What benefits will the project provide for the wider community?

ENGIE is committed to sharing the benefits of their projects with the local community. There are multiple community benefits that are being established for the Goorambat community including the following:

- A community benefit fund with an amount of \$75,000 per year for 30 years (inflating annually by CPI) that will be set up and implemented upon the solar farm becoming operational.
- Contribution to the construction of the 5G mobile tower in Goorambat.
- Our community engagement team will be on the ground in Goorambat throughout construction to continue to identify opportunities for additional community benefits



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Frequently Asked Questions (cont.)

What is ENGIE's contribution in Australia?

- ENGIE is proud to be setting the standard in Australia and New Zealand in lower carbon energy generation, renewables, energy efficiency and technology-based solutions.
- In Australia, ENGIE ANZ has 1,100 MW of low-carbon generation capacity and about 3,000 MW of renewable energy under development. Our retail business has more than 700,000 customer accounts. ENGIE's trading arm, Global Energy Management and Sales (GEMS) provides long-energy supply agreements, energy trading, risk management and asset management services to business customers across the ENGIE ANZ portfolio.
- ENGIE's Hazelwood Rehabilitation Project is progressing the delivery of a safe, stable and sustainable site after the closure of the mine and power station in 2017.

ENGIE's commitment is to go beyond energy, creating smarter, safer and more sustainable environments for communities.

Who is ENGIE?

ENGIE is the owner of the project after purchasing it from Neoen in late 2023.

Operating across 31 countries, ENGIE designs, builds, operates and maintains its renewable energy developments and is committed to supporting the transition towards a carbon-neutral economy through reduced energy consumption and more environmentally friendly solutions.

Inspired by its purpose ("raison d'être"), ENGIE reconciles economic performance with a positive impact on people and the planet, building on its key businesses (gas, renewable energy, services) to offer competitive solutions to its customers.

Contact us

At ENGIE we recognise the value of open and transparent conversations with local community members. If you have any questions about the Goorambat East Solar Farm, please reach out to us via our toll-free phone number 1800 845 067 or email goorambatsolarfarm.au@engie.com

