

# Marulan Solar Farm



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Terrain Solar is inviting the community to attend a Community Information Session for the Marulan Solar Farm planning proposal.

Plans are progressing for the Marulan Solar Farm at 740 Carrick Rd (located 5km west of Marulan). Since we updated the community last year, our proposal has progressed. Terrain Solar is now preparing the technical reports to support the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), which will be submitted to the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment in early 2022.

As we develop these plans, Terrain is inviting the community to attend a Community Information Session, where you can find out more, ask questions and provide your feedback.

Registration details are provided below.

## About Terrain Solar

Terrain Solar is an experienced Australian and NSW owned and operated solar company. We have successfully delivered over 5 solar projects across regional Australia and are committed to working with the local community as we plan, build and operate our solar projects.

Our solar projects span across a broad range of regional locations in NSW and QLD, including at Wagga Wagga, Junee, Corowa, Warwick and Molong. We currently have a broad NSW portfolio of large-scale solar farms in development, including the Marulan Solar Farm.

## Find out more

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, Community Information Sessions will be held online and are planned to provide you with more detail about the proposed Marulan Solar Farm. Sessions will be held on the following dates:

- **Tuesday 7 December, 1.00–2.00pm**
- **Wednesday 15 December, 6.00–7.00pm**

Register for a session at a time that suits you through the QR code or contact our community engagement team directly.

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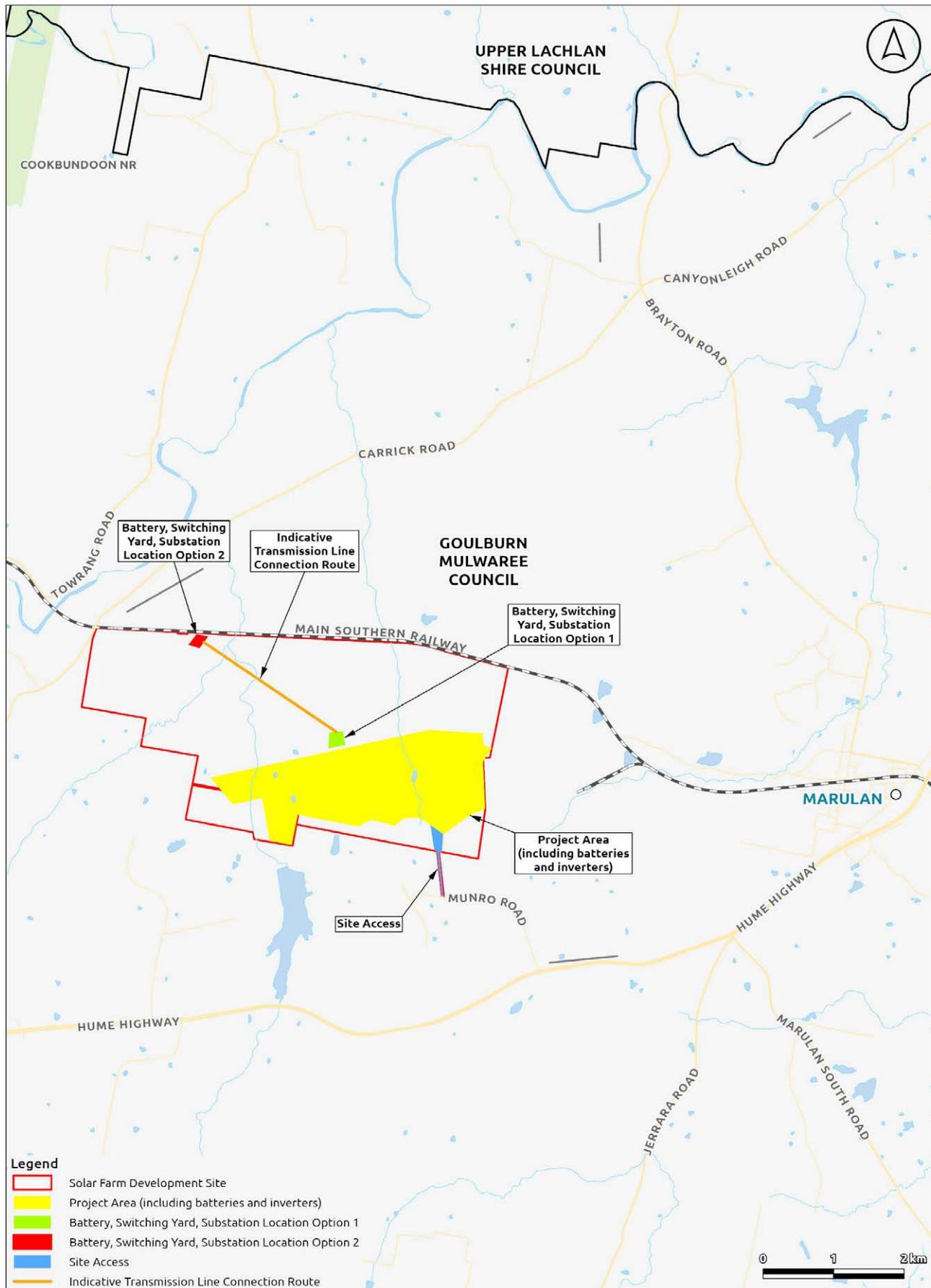
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# Marulan Solar Farm Project Area





## About the project

We hope to deliver the Marulan Solar Farm by the end of 2023 / early 2024, with construction commencing in early 2023, subject to approvals. The proposed solar project will produce approximately 150 MWac of energy, covering 250-300 hectares of land. The solar energy produced will be used to send clean, renewable power into the NSW electricity grid to serve the needs of both the local community, and broader NSW and will assist in the rapid decarbonisation initiative underlaid by the NSW government's critical Electricity Infrastructure Roadmap.

## Local employment opportunities

At the peak of construction, the project will provide employment and specialist training for up to 200-300 jobs, with opportunities for local contractors and subcontractors. Construction for a project of this size is anticipated to take up to 18 months. Where possible Marulan Solar Farm will look to recruit from within the region, helping to keep benefits from the project in the local area. We will continue to engage with the community about these opportunities as plans commence. Once construction is finalised there will be ongoing contract work available for the maintenance and operation of the solar farm.

## Planning Process

It is anticipated that the EIS will be lodged with the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment in early 2022. Over the next couple of months, before we lodge the EIS, we will be engaging with the local community to provide you with more information, answer any questions you may have and listen to your feedback.

Prior to EIS lodgement, the community can find out more about the proposed solar project by:

1. Visiting our website [www.marulansolarfarm.com.au](http://www.marulansolarfarm.com.au)
2. Emailing or calling a member of our community engagement team
3. Attending an information session.

Once the EIS is lodged, there will be a formal exhibition process for a minimum of 28 days.

During this time the community will have an opportunity to write formal submissions to the the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment and provide further feedback.





## EIS technical studies and assessments

The State Significant Development EIS will include technical studies and assess the economic, environmental, and social impacts of the project. The following studies are currently being undertaken to support this process:

**Biodiversity** – In line with legislative requirements an assessment will be undertaken of the biodiversity values of the site. If offsets are required, details of these offset obligations will be included as part of the report.

**Soil, erosion and rehabilitation** – Expert consultancy Premise will assess the impacts of the project on the site's soils, land capability, existing landforms and topography.

**Visual amenity** – An assessment of the projects visual impacts will be prepared by Iris Visual Planning and Design. This visual assessment will be inclusive of all components of the project including solar panel arrays, transmission lines, substations, and any other associated infrastructure. It will also include a glare assessment.

**Noise and vibration** – Assured Environmental will undertake an assessment of the construction noise impacts of the proposed solar project in accordance with the Interim Construction Noise Guideline (ICNG) and operational noise impacts in accordance with the NSW Noise Policy for Industry (2017).

**Traffic and transport** – A traffic assessment will consider project impacts to road capacity, traffic safety, and site access, particularly in relation to the capacity and condition of existing local roads to accommodate construction traffic.

**Hydrology** – An assessment of the likely impacts of the development (including flooding) on surface water as well as surrounding watercourses, drainage channels, wetlands, riparian land, dams, and groundwater will be undertaken. Details of the water requirements and supply arrangements for construction and operation will also be included.

**Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal heritage** – Impacts on Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal heritage will be considered under the relevant provisions of the Aboriginal and Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents and NSW Heritage Manual.

**Social Impact and Engagement** – In partnership with the Terrain Solar team, Elton Consulting (a WSP company) will undertake the community consultation in accordance with the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment Engagement and Social Impact Assessment requirements.

