

LODDON SHIRE SUN

A Campbells Forest Solar Farm Update



Planning Permit Approval

South Energy is very proud to announce that Campbells Forest Solar Farm is coming to northern Victoria, having received the planning permit from the Loddon Shire Council in April 2020.

We at South Energy would like to sincerely thank all the community members for providing insights and sharing their local knowledge with us. We are honoured to be part of this lively community and look forward to strengthening our bonds.

We believe that involving the community right from the beginning is a key element in the success of our projects. South Energy remains committed to continuing to work with everyone towards the delivery of the solar farm. Hence, the community is encouraged and welcome to contact us should they have any questions or wish to know more about the project.

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What's Next

Following the granting of a planning permit, we are now ready to proceed to the next stage by undertaking more detailed and technical studies to understand the ground and other site conditions, which will help inform the final design and management plan for Campbells Forest Solar Farm. Over the coming months, some minor investigative works may be seen at the project site and will be undertaken completely within the project boundary.

Meanwhile, we are also currently working through the grid connection approval process for access to the high voltage electricity transmission network. An application has been submitted to the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) to ensure stability and security of the network in the long term.

The project is envisaged to commence construction in late 2021 and be fully operational by 2023. Should the schedule be brought forward, we will make it known to the community ahead of any major works taking place.



Fig. 1: A typical solar-resource monitoring station



Fig. 2: Typical setup for a geotechnical investigation



Fig. 3: Typical setup for a geotechnical investigation



Local Jobs & Businesses

At South Energy, we value the passion and the support received from the local community.

We are committed to utilising local resources where feasible, including labour and materials for the construction and operation of the project, with the view to develop the local skilled workforce and fostering community prosperity.

To help us understand the ranges of services that could be sourced in the local area, local contractors and suppliers are encouraged and always welcome to get in touch and register their interest with us by emailing: campbellsforest@southenergy.com.au



Community Initiative Program

South Energy has pledged our long-term support for the well-being of the local community that hosts our project via the Community Initiative Program.

The program will involve an annual funding commitment from the project that will be used to support local not-for-profits, non-government organisations and community-led projects that create long lasting social, environmental, and economic benefits for the local area.

A total of \$20,000 will be available for allocation each year for the life of the project. Details about the program will be available at a subsequent stage as the project progresses towards construction and delivery.



Enquiries, Feedback & Complaints

For more information about the Campbells Forest Solar Farm in Loddon Shire, the community is welcome to get in touch with us via email: campbellsforest@southenergy.com.au or call (03) 8842 6888.