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West Mokoan & Kennedys Creek Solar Farm Update



South Energy is proud to report that Kennedys Creek Solar Farm received its planning permit from the Victorian Government Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) in November 2020.

The planning permit application for the West Mokoan Solar Farm has been submitted and is currently being considered by DELWP including relevant authorities, with approval expected in the first half of 2021.

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

South Energy will remain committed to continuing to work with everyone towards the delivery of the solar farm and so the community is encouraged and welcome to contact us should they have any questions or wish to know more about the projects.

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What's Next

Following the granting of a planning permit for a solar farm project, we are then ready to proceed to the next stage by undertaking more detailed and technical studies to understand the ground and other conditions on the site to help inform the final design.

Over the coming months, some minor investigative works may be seen on the site and will be undertaken completely within the project boundary.

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

These projects are envisaged to commence construction in 2022 and be fully operational in 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

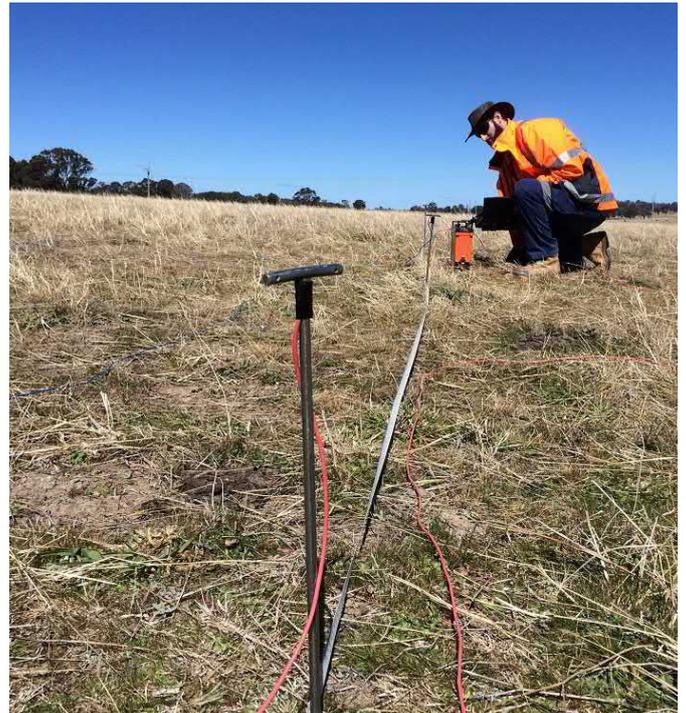


Fig 2: Typical setup for a geotechnical investigation



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: kennedyscreek@southenergy.com.au or westmokoan@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 non-profits, non-government organisations and community-led projects that create long lasting social, environmental, and economic benefits for the local area.

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 Kennedys Creek or West Mokoan Solar Farms in the Shire of Benalla, the community can get in touch with us via email or visit our websites:

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