



RENEWABLE ENERGY PARK HORSHAM

Project update

September 2025



About the project

The SEC Renewable Energy Park – Horsham is Victoria's first 100 per cent publicly owned large-scale renewable energy project.

SEC is working with developer OX2 to build the energy park, which includes a 119-megawatt solar farm comprising more than 212,000 PV solar panels. This will generate around 242,000 megawatt hours (MWh) of renewable energy a year – enough to power 51,000 homes – along with a 100MW two-hour Battery Energy Storage System (BESS).

Highlights



Powers

The equivalent to
51,000 homes



Development partner

OX2



Generation capacity

119MW



Storage capacity

100MW two-hour BESS



Solar panels

More than 212,000

Photo: Solar farm progression as of August 2025.



Solar farm takes shape

Construction activities at the solar farm are progressing well with the piling works effectively complete and solar panel installation underway.

Works have also begun on the foundations for the Battery Energy Storage System (BESS).

Preparations are underway to install the vegetation screening around the site. This will occur during ideal weather conditions to ensure successful planting and long-term growth.

Wimmera apprentices powering up!

The future of renewable energy is in good hands! We're proud to welcome a growing team of apprentices and trainees to the project — most of them from right here in the Wimmera region.

These electrical and civil apprentices, along with one trainee, are getting hands-on experience that's setting them up for long and successful careers. Most have joined us through our fantastic partnership with Skillinvest.

Together, we're supporting local talent with valuable, real-world learning in renewable energy.



Photo: Back l-r Lewis Thomas, Paul Graham, Nathan Perks, Ruben Badenhorst, Lachlan Williams, Jan H Langenhoven, Jordan Johns, Lincoln Schmidt. Front l-r Glen Pohlner, General Manager Operations Skillinvest, Bethany Riley and Shane Cross Coordinator Operations Skillinvest.

Photo: Adrian Gamble (left) and Noel Hopper (right) from the Horsham Men's Shed attended one of several drop-in sessions to talk about community benefit sharing and hear a project update from project construction manager, Liam Daines.



You spoke; we listened: Community Benefit Fund

A huge thank you to everyone who took the time to share their thoughts on the design and delivery of the Community Benefit Fund!

Your voices made a big impact — with over 2,400 visits to the Engage Victoria consultation website, 66 attendees at our drop-in sessions and webinar, 77 completed surveys, plus additional written submissions — it's clear the community is invested in shaping this important initiative.

We're now working on a 'What We Heard' report, capturing all your insights and feedback. You can stay updated by visiting www.secvictoria.com.au

Your feedback will help us shape the Community Benefit Fund Framework, which will guide how funds are distributed. We're aiming to begin rolling out funds in the first half of 2026 — and we'll keep you updated every step of the way.

Coffee and Chat

In October we'll be hosting a Coffee and Chat session, where you can meet members of the project team, find out more about the project's construction, our Community Benefit Fund and ask us questions. We hope to see you there!

When: 8:30am to 10:30am,
Wednesday 15 October 2025

Where: Chickpea Cafe,
30 Pynsent Street, Horsham





Project timeline

- Early 2025**
Establish site access roads
and construction buildings

Construction begins
- Mid 2026**
First supply of electricity
to the grid
- Late 2027**
Project fully operational

Stay connected

At the SEC, open and ongoing communication is a top priority. Alongside our contractors, we regularly engage with project neighbours, the broader community, local councils, emergency services, businesses, and other key stakeholders.

We're committed to working collaboratively — answering your questions, providing regular updates, and ensuring the project is delivered with care and respect for the community.

If you have any questions or feedback, please don't hesitate to get in touch:

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