



# RENEWABLE ENERGY PARK HORSHAM

## Project update

March 2026



## 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**  
Equivalent to  
51,000 homes



**Development partner**  
OX2



**Generation capacity**  
119MW



**Storage capacity**  
100MW two-hour BESS



**Solar panels**  
More than 212,000



## Construction powers ahead

SEC and our partners continue to hit major construction milestones at the SEC Renewable Energy Park – Horsham. Here's a snapshot of what's been happening:

- Completion of the project's electrical infrastructure with commissioning activities now underway.
- Delivery of the project's switch room, an essential component of the project where the flow of electricity will be managed.
- Trenching works are progressing, with conduits and pit installation for the battery energy storage system (BESS).
- Completion of directional drilling to install the underground connection to the Horsham Terminal Station.
- Delivery of the site's operations and maintenance building.

### What's coming up

- Installation of around 650 piles for the BESS in the south-west corner of the site.
- Ongoing trenching, conduit and pit works for the BESS.
- Testing the solar PV panels to ensure they are operating optimally.
- Landscaping will resume in autumn.

We thank the community for your continued support as this important renewable energy project progresses.

## Safety first

Safety is our top priority and strong fire prevention measures are in place across the site. A fire and emergency management plan, developed with the CFA, guides all operations.

To manage fire risk:

- We continue to work closely with local CFA brigades.
- Four firefighting water tanks with a combined capacity of 468,000L have been installed across the site to support emergency response.
- Grass and vegetation are regularly maintained, particularly around solar panels and transformers, with grass kept short during the fire danger period.
- Two water carts are available on site to respond quickly if needed.
- Emergency plans, clear signage, evacuation points, trained staff and remote shut-down systems are in place.

### Managing dust

We are actively managing dust by using two water trucks to wet down work areas and unsealed roads as required. All dust control measures follow the project's approved environmental management plan.

### Training

Keeping everyone safe on site is a top priority. To support this, our team is trained in:

- Fire and emergency management
- Advanced first aid
- Reptile and venomous snake handling
- Low voltage rescue and cardiopulmonary resuscitation
- Mental health and first aid.



## Helping build careers with local job opportunities

We're proud to be working alongside so many talented people who have brought the SEC Renewable Energy Park – Horsham to life.

The project has provided opportunities for locals, apprentices, trainees and cadets, and priority jobseekers. We're pleased to share just some of our workforce statistics to date.

A special thanks to Horsham jobs agency Skillinvest for helping us ensure local jobseekers remain a priority for all roles.

**249** Victorian roles filled

**33** apprenticeships, traineeships and cadetships



Seventeen-year-old Bethany Reilly is one of the apprentices gaining hands-on experience on the SEC Renewable Energy Park – Horsham. The civil apprentice is learning to operate heavy machinery, support civil construction works, and maintain areas across the solar farm and battery site.

“At the moment, I’m spending a lot of time in different machines with experienced operators,” Bethany said. “It definitely challenges me and tests my brain.”

As an apprentice on the project, she’s building practical skills that will set her up for a long-term career in the energy sector — all while working close to home.

To date:

Roles filled by women exceeded target by  
**400%**

Disability employment target exceeded by  
**150%**

Priority jobseeker target exceeded by  
**150%**

## Community Benefit Fund update

A huge thank you again to the Horsham community for sharing feedback last year on how SEC’s Community Benefit Fund should be designed and invested to best support local projects and priorities.

We’re working through the many wonderful ideas and suggestions to ensure the program incorporates as much feedback as possible and supports initiatives that build a sustainable, resilient and prosperous community.

We will continue to keep our community updated on the fund’s progress.



If you’d like to receive these updates online, sign up to our digital newsletter



## Coffee and chat

We'll be continuing to hold our "coffee and chat" sessions every two months throughout 2026 to ensure our community remains connected to the project. Our first two dates for the year are detailed below.

Whether you'd like an update on construction, want to learn more about the Community Benefit Fund or just have general questions, we're here to listen and answer.

**Time: 8am – 10am**

**Date: Thursday 26 March & Thursday 28 May**

**Venue: Chickpea Café, 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 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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