



Darroobalgie Solar Farm

Have your say

Pacific Hydro would like community feedback on the proposed Darroobalgie Solar Farm. We are planning a number of drop-in community consultation sessions in Forbes to:

- Provide further details about the Project.
- Present some preliminary findings of the environmental and social assessments that are currently being undertaken to inform an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Project.
- Seek community feedback on measures proposed to manage any project impacts such as construction traffic on local roads, dust, accommodation for construction workforce etc.
- Seek community input into our Community Investment Program, which aims to support projects, initiatives and organisations in the local area.
- Encourage local suppliers to register their interest in participating in the project.

We encourage you to come along and have your say!

How to participate

Online

Visit our dedicated online engagement portal at www.pacifichydro.engagementhub.com.au/darroobalgie-solar-farm.

Feedback will be open until 1 July 2021.

In person

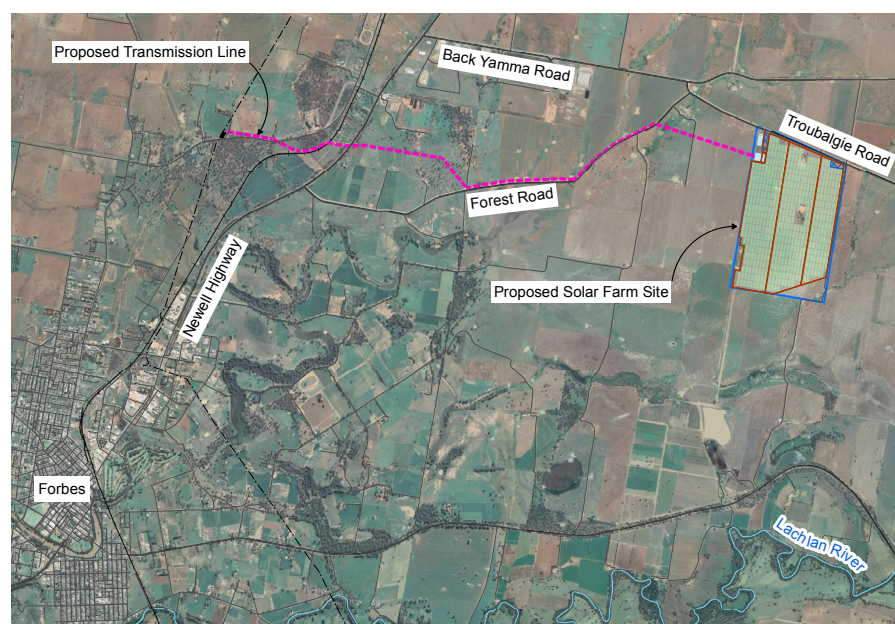
When: Saturday 8 May 2021 8am - 12pm

Where: Rotary Ipomoea Markets, Lions Park, Junction St, Forbes

When: Thursday 6 May 2021 5pm - 9pm

Where: Forbes Youth and Community Centre

Please note, face-to-face events will be subject to social distancing requirements and may be cancelled at short notice on government advice.



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EIS and Project Consultation Stages

Stage 1 - Early Consultation

- Pacific Hydro consults with a range of stakeholders including landholders, local interest groups, state agencies and local and state government about the proposed Project

Stage 2 - EIS Preparation

- An EIS is prepared in accordance with the State Government's Planning Secretary Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARS)
- Community consultation is undertaken to obtain feedback on the project and the findings of the environmental/social impact assessments

Stage 3 - EIS Exhibition

- The EIS is submitted to the Department of Planning, Infrastructure and Environment (DPIE)
- The EIS is placed on public exhibition and the community is invited to review and make submissions on the EIS
- Pacific Hydro provides a response to submissions

Stage 4 - Assessment and Determination

- A recommendation report is prepared by DPIE
- The NSW Planning Minister makes a decision about the Project

About the project

The 300 hectare site of the proposed solar farm is approximately 11km north-east of Forbes. The site is on private land between Back Yamma State Forest and the Newell Highway, bounded by Troubalgie Road and in close proximity to Forest Road.

The proposed solar farm will include approximately 420,000 solar panels, inverters, power cabling, a permanent weather station, an operations and maintenance facility, carparking,

a substation and battery energy storage system.

A new transmission line and switching station will also need to be built to connect the solar farm to the grid. The transmission line will pass through public and private land along Forest Road before crossing the Newell Highway between Daroobalgie Road and Forest Road. The new transmission line will connect to an existing 132kV transmission line via a switching station on private land at Daroobalgie Road.

About Pacific Hydro

Founded in Australia in 1992, Pacific Hydro operates a high quality, diversified portfolio of wind, solar and hydro renewable assets in Australia, and has a significant pipeline of renewable projects under development, as well as a growing electricity and gas retail business, Tango Energy. Pacific Hydro is owned by State Power Investment Corporation (SPIC). SPIC is one of the top five power generation groups in China.