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MEDIA STATEMENT

### **APA Officially Opens Badgingarra Solar Farm**

The latest addition to APA Group's Western Australia Renewables Precinct, the Badgingarra Solar Farm, has been officially opened by Minister for Mines and Petroleum, Energy and Industrial Relations, the Honourable Bill Johnston MLA. The solar farm consists of almost 62,000 PV modules installed across 40 hectares of land.

The Badgingarra Solar Farm commenced construction in August 2018 and utilises a NEXTracker single axis tracker system so the panels can follow the path of the sun from east to west as the earth rotates each day. The solar farm's capacity of 19.25 megawatts generates renewable energy into the Western Power electricity network to power more than 6,000 homes and save almost 33,000 tonnes of greenhouse emissions per year.

Co-located with the Badgingarra Wind Farm and sharing its electricity network connection — and with the nearby Emu Downs Wind Farm and Emu Downs Solar Farm — the Badgingarra Solar Farm is the fourth facility in APA's Renewables Precinct. The solar farm is underpinned by a long-term offtake agreement with Alinta Energy. The total combined capacity of the precinct is almost 250 megawatts.

"Our new Badgingarra Solar Farm is a world class renewable energy generator that demonstrates our ongoing commitment to responsible energy," said APA Group CEO and Managing Director Rob Wheals. "Thank you to the Shire of Dandaragan, the local community and landowners for supporting APA throughout the construction and commissioning of this new solar farm.

"We're continuing to grow our capabilities in renewable energy infrastructure as part of our growth strategy. Badgingarra Solar Farm expands our Western Australia Renewables Precinct, which will, together with our gas infrastructure, contribute to Australia's transition to a lower carbon economy."

Over the next 25 years, APA's clean energy initiatives will save over 8.5 million tonnes of greenhouse gases from being released into our atmosphere, and provide renewable energy for over 220,000 Western Australian households each year.

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