

# darling downs solar farm.



*artist's impression of the solar farm.*

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**Project Update**

APA's Darling Downs Solar Farm Project has now moved from the planning stage into the delivery stage. Over the past three months, the plant design has been finalised and preliminary site works have been carried out. We expect to now see the number of people and equipment arriving on site increasing, with the first shipments of equipment arriving on site in this month.

Planning is also well underway to connect the Solar Farm into the electricity grid. At this stage, power generated by the Solar Farm is expected to be exported to the grid as early as mid-2018, with final completion of the project due late 2018.

We continue to work with Western Downs Regional Council (WDRC) in exploring potential expansion of the project in the not too distant future. The Mayor and CEO of WDRC recently visited this potential site with APA.

Local communities members are encouraged to send through any questions or expressions of interest. Contact details are at the top right of this page.



*Community engagement sessions received a positive response.*

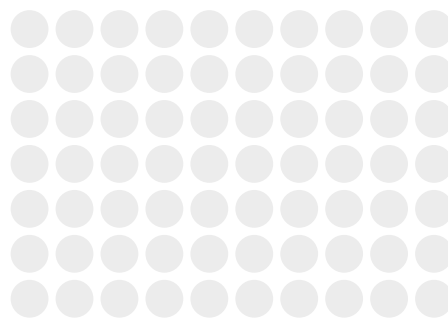
**Community Consultation**

There was a high turnout to the community engagement and local employment opportunities event held on Wednesday 17 May 2017 at the Dalby Showgrounds.

By working closely together with all local stakeholders, the community benefit originating from the Darling Downs Solar Farm Project will be maximised.

Early works, including clearing, fencing, building of access tracks and setting up the site offices have commenced. With construction scheduled to commence this month, the focus is now on identifying and securing the required local subcontractors and to fill the approximately 150 vacancies for general labourers.

For employment enquiries, contact RCR Infrastructure:  
[DDSF.EOI@rcrtom.com.au](mailto:DDSF.EOI@rcrtom.com.au)







**Darling Downs Solar Farm Newsletter  
Address from WDRM Mayor Paul McVeigh**

Over the past two years, the Western Downs Regional Council has spearheaded unprecedented activity on the renewable energy front for our region.

As a Council, we are serious about establishing the Western Downs as the Energy Capital of Australia, and believe the economic and employment opportunities that projects such as the Darling Downs Solar Farm bring to our region are extremely valuable.

These opportunities extend further than simply the construction, which is significant, but also include flow-on effects such as worker spending in our regional towns, supply chain opportunities and the attraction of other businesses to our region and contracting opportunities for our local businesses.

The Western Downs has always been a fantastic place to live and work, and the job creation from investment in projects such as renewable energy further adds to the appeal of our region.

Approved in December 2015, the Darling Downs Solar Farm is one of eight solar projects Western Downs Regional Council has approved to date, and further cements our position as a progressive region at the forefront of the renewable energy movement.



*Civil works stage 1 - preparing hard stand site for cable storage*



*Future solar panel site*



*DDSF stage 1 civil works*



*Site overview*



*DDSF site offices for RCR Infrastructure*



*DDSF site civil works*

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