



Lower Wonga solar farm and battery energy storage

We're preparing to begin construction on the Lower Wonga solar farm – a fully permitted renewable energy project featuring a 380MWdc solar farm and an associated Battery Energy Storage System (BESS). This project represents a significant investment in the region's renewable energy future, bringing local economic opportunities and contributing to Australia's transition to low-carbon energy.

In recent months, our team has been refining the design of the site access and preparing for essential road upgrades and works, which are scheduled to begin in March 2026.

This year will see an increase in activity around the site – from road works and early construction, through to delivery of major components – and we'll keep you updated at every stage.

This update outlines the construction process and what's planned for the months ahead. It also provides an update on the Community Benefit Fund and the timing for the first round of funding applications. Finally, it highlights upcoming opportunities for you to connect with the project team.

KEY PROJECT UPDATES

- **March 2026:** Site access and road upgrades to enable access into the site will commence.
- **March 2026:** Development application for overhead line between the solar farm and Powerlink's adjacent Woolooga substation will be placed on public notice for community review and feedback.
- **Mid-2026:** Lodgement of a planning application for the second stage of the project - the Woonga Creek Battery Energy Storage System (BESS). More information on stage two of this project will be available on this shortly.
- **Mid-2026:** On-site early works which will include vegetation clearance, establishment of erosion and sediment control measures, earthworks and surveying, followed by establishment of site offices and amenities and internal roads.
- **Mid-2026:** Meet Us & The Contractor Event, including opportunities to discuss how to be involved in the project as a sub-contractor, supplier or labourer.
- **Mid-2026:** Applications open for the first round of funding from the Lower Wonga Community Benefit Fund.
- **Late 2026:** Construction to enable the placement of solar infrastructure and delivery of key components.

Stay in touch with us

If you're interested in knowing more about the project or would like to speak with the team, please reach out to us on [1800 570 663](tel:1800570663) or email us at lowerwongaproject@lightsourcebp.com.

You can also keep informed through the project's website at lightsourcebp.com/au/project/lower-wonga-solar.

SOLAR FARM CONSTRUCTION - WHAT TO EXPECT

Site access and road upgrades

The first stage of constructing the solar farm will involve upgrading the main site access on Wide Bay Highway to safely accommodate construction traffic and deliveries, while protecting the safety of all road users and minimising impacts on broader traffic movements.

In addition, a secondary entrance will be established on Gympie-Woolooga Road to primarily accommodate light vehicles. While some larger vehicles, including trucks, may occasionally use this entrance, it will not currently be used for the delivery of large components or oversized loads.

As shown in the images on the back page, the following improvements will be made:

- A left-turn lane from Gympie into the site.
- A right-turn lane from Woolooga/Kilkivan into the site.
- Replacement of a culvert that runs across the Wide Bay Highway.
- A left turn into site along temporary access along Gympie Woolooga Road from Woolooga.
- A right turn into site along temporary access along Gympie Woolooga Road from Widgee.

These works will be carried out over a **five-month period**, with completion anticipated by **July 2026**. We will keep you informed about the timing of these activities, as factors such as weather conditions, secondary permitting approvals, and crew availability may affect scheduling.

During this time, traffic control measures will be in place, including reduced speed zones and periodic one-way traffic controls.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause to users of this section of the road and appreciate your patience and understanding while these important upgrades are completed to support safe, efficient, and well managed construction operations.

EARLY WORKS AND SUBSTATION CONSTRUCTION

Before major construction can begin, several important site preparation activities will take place. These works are scheduled to commence in **mid-2026** and will include:

- **Site surveying** to clearly demarcate construction and non-construction areas.
- **Site preparation** including the installation of erosion and sediment control measures, required vegetation clearance, and initial groundworks.
- **Site establishment** including perimeter fencing, the creation of internal access roads and laydown areas, on-site office and amenities area.
- **Substation construction** and related electrical infrastructure required to connect the solar farm to the grid.

During this stage, you'll notice an increase in construction vehicles and site activity. We will take all reasonable steps to minimise dust, noise, and environmental disturbance during early works, including at a minimum meeting all requirements set out in the Development Approval.

MAIN CONSTRUCTION WORKS AND COMPONENT DELIVERY

Towards the end of **2026**, the main construction phase of the solar farm will begin. This stage marks the transition from site preparation to large-scale installation of core infrastructure and will involve:

- **Piling works** – Driving piles into the ground to provide the foundation for the solar panel arrays.
- **Solar panel installation** – Mounting panels on the support structures and connecting them to the electrical system.
- **BESS installation** – Construction of foundations and cabling works to facilitate the installation of BESS containers.
- **Substation and supporting construction** – Continued construction of the substation as well as other key electrical and civil components needed for the site to operate safely and efficiently.

Regular deliveries of components such as solar panels, inverters, transformers, BESS containers, cabling, and structural materials will occur during this period. These deliveries will be scheduled carefully, with traffic management measures in place to minimise community disruption as much as possible. Some increase in traffic is unavoidable, primarily along the Wide Bay Highway between Gympie and Lower Wonga.

The main construction works will be the most visible phase of the project, with increased activity on site, including the use of cranes, piling rigs, and other large machinery. This stage will lay the foundation for final commissioning and testing, before the solar farm begins supplying renewable energy to the grid.

PRINCIPAL CONTRACTING PARTNER TO BE ANNOUNCED SHORTLY

Our Principal Contracting Partner will be announced shortly, and they will work closely with us to ensure ongoing, transparent communication with the local community throughout the project.

They will be responsible for delivering all construction works on the solar farm site and will become your primary point of contact if you are interested in sub-contracting opportunities, providing local goods and services, or joining the project as part of the labour force.

You can register your interest now by scanning the QR code:

or by emailing us at lowerwongaproject@lightsourcebp.com



HOW WE'LL KEEP YOU INFORMED AND UPDATED ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENING

We're committed to keeping you informed about what's happening on the project, our expected timeframes, and **how you can contact us if you have questions, concerns, or wish to make a complaint**.

- **Keeping You Informed slips** – These postcard-sized notices will provide key details and timing of important works, such as road upgrades, activities that may cause noise, and other high-impact works.
- **Regular project updates** – Like this one, these updates will provide more detailed information about the project, what's coming up, and an overview of any community feedback received. They will also include timely updates about our Community Benefit Fund and this will cover application opening dates and announcements of successful recipients.
- **Lightsource bp project website** – You will find copies of all project updates, general information and contact details.
- **Lightsource bp's toll-free number and project email address** – You can contact our team directly via the details below, until new communication channels are introduced by our EPC Contractor in April.

HOW YOUR INSIGHTS AND FEEDBACK ARE SHAPING THE PROJECT

We appreciate the project neighbours who met with our team in early December, as well as those who have contacted us over the past year. Your feedback continues to guide our planning.

- **Vegetation screening** – We're reviewing landscaping plans to explore options for earlier planting and ensure ongoing maintenance.
- **Future community events** – We've heard there's a preference for events promoted through the Hall. We'll aim to deliver on this and share event details soon.
- **Local business opportunities** – Strong interest in accommodation, food, and beverage services. Our accommodation strategy is outlined in this update and will be confirmed with the EPC Contractor; we'll share workforce presence timing when available.

COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND AND GRANTS

We're committed to ensuring the Lower Wonga solar farm delivers lasting benefits to the people of Lower Wonga and the wider region. Our investment includes a Community Benefit Fund, alongside direct contributions to valued organisations such as LifeFlight Queensland and the Clontarf Foundation.

The Community Benefit Fund will support initiatives that enhance the local area, including community facility upgrades, environmental conservation projects, skills training programs, and activities that promote health and wellbeing.

Community Reference Group

To guide and oversee the fund, we are finalising its Terms of Reference and establishing a Community Reference Group (CRG), made up of local representatives and members of the Lightsource bp team. The CRG will serve as the primary

advisory and decision-making body for the fund – reviewing applications and deciding how funding is allocated to ensure projects reflect local needs and values.

The CRG's first meeting is planned for mid-2026. Ahead of this, we'll invite expressions of interest from community members who would like to join the group. This is a unique opportunity to help shape funding priorities and maximise the solar farm's positive impact in the region.

Supporting the local Christmas party

In December last year, we were pleased to support the Lower Wonga Hall Christmas party with a cash donation which was matched by our Woolooga BESS contractor. We hope the community enjoyed the festivities and we were proud to contribute to this local event.

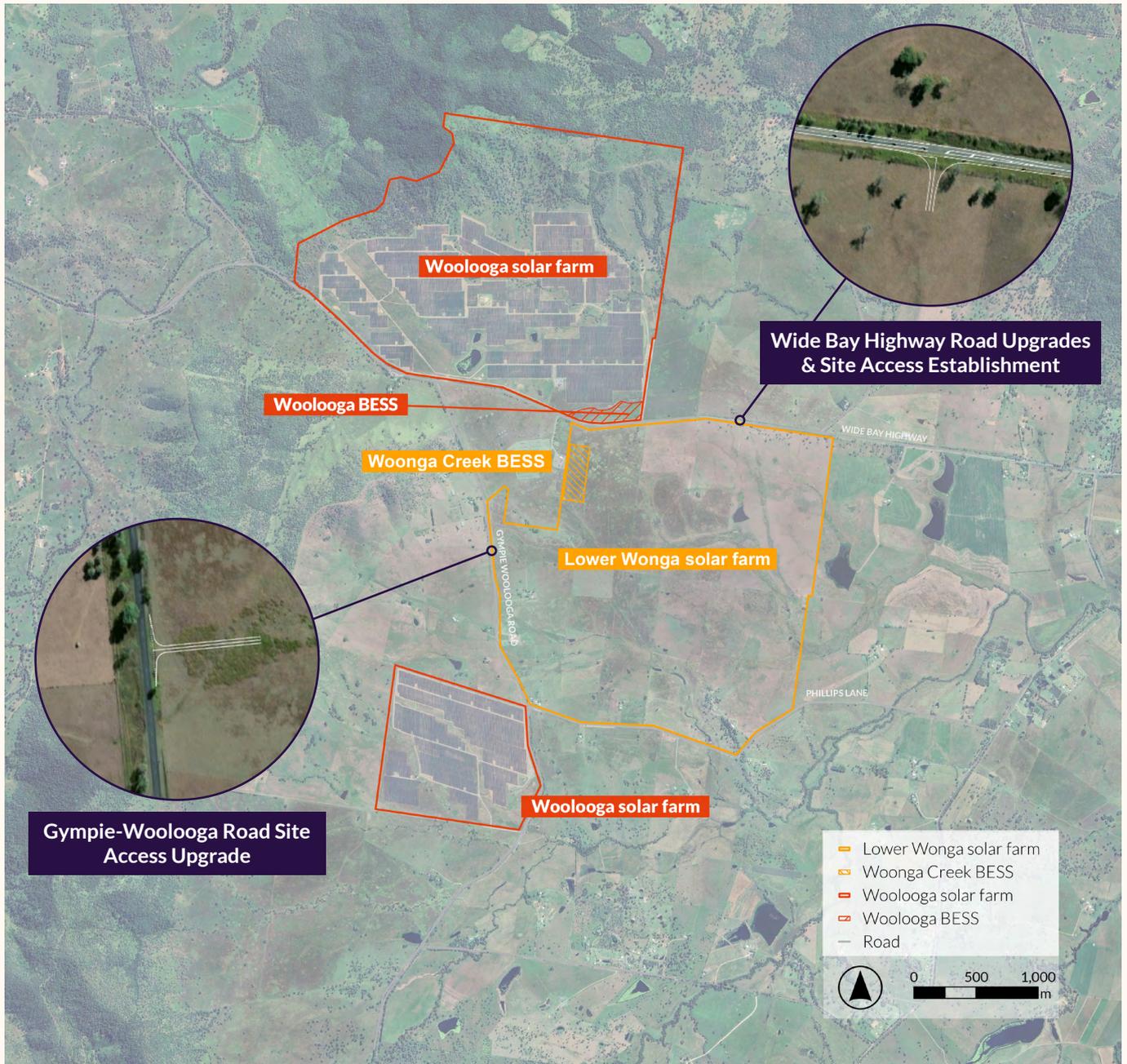


WORKFORCE ACCOMMODATION

Lightsource bp has developed an accommodation strategy to guide how the construction workforce will be housed. This strategy will be implemented by our **EPC Contractor**, but it is designed to:

- **Minimise impact on local housing availability** – We will actively encourage workers to avoid renting homes that residents rely on and instead make use of existing accommodation options in the region.
- **Support local businesses** – Wherever practicably possible, we will choose local and regional commercial accommodation providers so that the community benefits economically from the project's presence.
- **Use purpose built or mobile accommodation only when necessary** – Small modular villages or similar facilities will only be considered if the facilities are existing and local housing is genuinely insufficient and commuting remains reasonable.
- **Avoid large camps and protect rural character** – Modular camps will be a last resort option, used only when local and commercial options are unavailable. Any accommodation developed will be scaled appropriately, respect the rural setting, and blend into the local environment. This approach ensures the construction workforce is housed in a way that maximises community benefits while minimising disruption to local residents and the character of Lower Wonga.

SOLAR FARM AT LOWER WONGA, QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA



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