

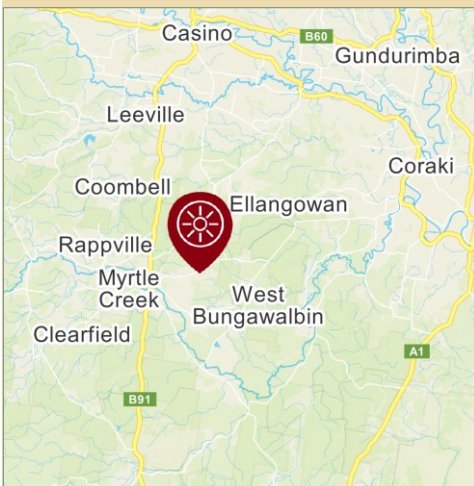
Richmond Valley Solar Farm

Project Introduction

December 2021



Location



The site proposed for Richmond Valley Solar Farm is approximately 16 km south-east of Casino, in the Richmond Valley Local Government Area in northern New South Wales.

It has an excellent solar resource, is used for cattle grazing which is complementary to solar farming and is close to the high voltage transmission network with available capacity, making it an ideal location for a solar farm.

It is estimated that the project would create up to 200 jobs during the construction period and generate up to 500 megawatts (MW) of clean energy for the NSW electricity network via the local grid.

Harnessing Richmond Valley's sunshine

Australian-owned renewable energy company Epuron is investigating a site near Myrtle Creek for a new large scale solar farm.

The project, named Richmond Valley Solar Farm, would involve up to 1,000 hectares of privately owned cattle grazing land approximately 10 km east of Rappville and 7 km south of Ellangowan. For a map showing the proposed project area please see overleaf.

Utility-scale solar projects are subject to a rigorous planning and assessment process managed by the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE). The project is in its early stages and Epuron will soon lodge a Scoping Report with DPIE to receive Planning Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs).

The SEARs will outline the general and technical assessment requirements for the development application and accompanying Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). When the SEARs are issued they will be published on the NSW Government's online portal for Major Projects at: planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects

After Epuron receives SEARs for the project it will commence studies for the reports required, which are likely to include specialist assessments for visual impact, biodiversity, construction noise, traffic and transport, Aboriginal heritage, and any other relevant environmental issues.

Community information session

The project team is planning to host a local community information session for this project early next year. To be notified directly when this has been scheduled please register to receive project updates. Updates are available by email or post, details overleaf.

Epuron looks forward to working with the Richmond Valley community on this exciting project.

Questions and comments

Questions and comments are welcome and can be sent to the project team via info@richmondvalleysolar.com.au or an online feedback form available on the website richmondvalleysolar.com.au

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Planning and assessment

Utility-scale solar farms in NSW are considered State significant development and assessed by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment. The proposal will also be referred for review to the Australian Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment.

NSW Government

1 Site selection

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Initial concept
and consultation

3 Scoping Report submitted to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment

4 Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) issued for the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

5 Studies, assessments, finalising site design

6 Development application (DA) and EIS lodged

7 EIS on exhibition for public submissions

8 Responses to public submissions

9 Assessment

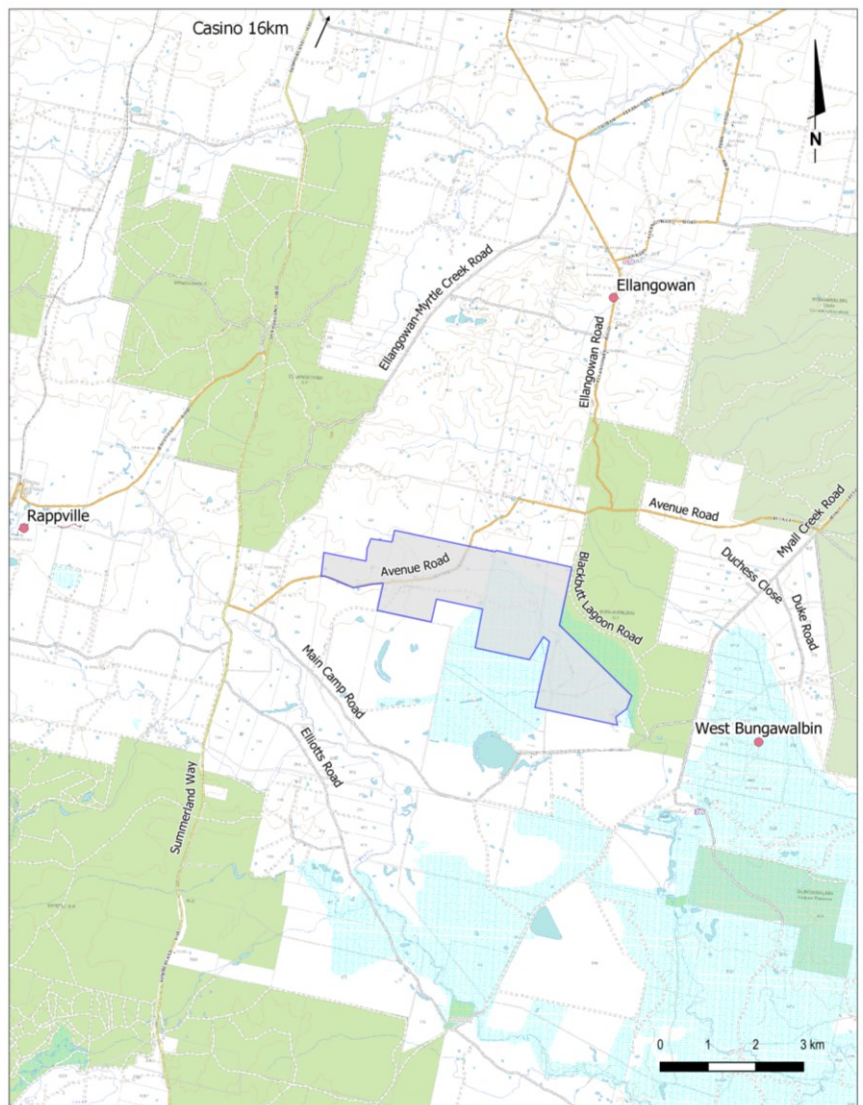
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Commonwealth

1 Referral to the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment for review under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*

2 Determination

3+ *Assessment pathway to be advised...*



About Epurong

Epurong is an Australian-owned renewable energy company that specialises in the project development of utility-scale wind and solar energy facilities. Founded in Sydney in 2003, Epurong is one of the longest operating and most experienced renewable energy companies in Australia. The company's utility-scale solar experience includes eight solar farms now in operation and five in development.

For more information please visit epurong.com.au

Project updates

The project team is keen to keep members of the local community and other interested parties up to date on project developments and opportunities to provide feedback. For email updates register at epurong.com.au/mailling-list-details. To receive updates via post please email your name, postal address and a request to be added to the mailing list to info@richmondvalleysolar.com.au

We respect your privacy and your details will only be used for this purpose.

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