

Nioka SOLAR

PROJECT

INFORMATION SHEET NO. 1

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We recognise that the Traditional Owners for this area are the Yorta Yorta Nation Aboriginal Corporation (YYNAC) and we will continue to seek their input on cultural heritage and community aspects of the Project.

The Project

Nioka Solar is a landowner-led proposed renewable energy project that would be located near the Hume Freeway, between Benalla and Wangaratta, 10km south-west of the town of Glenrowan, Victoria.

The Project would involve the construction, operation and future decommissioning of a solar facility with potential capacity up to 250 MW. The Project would also include a battery energy storage system (BESS) and connect to the National Electricity Market (NEM) via Glenrowan Terminal Station.

The capacity, layout, detailed design, engineering and development footprint of the Project would be confirmed through development of the Planning Permit and the competitive tender procurement process. Community feedback will inform the final design.

Once complete, the Project would provide essential energy generation and storage capacity to help keep Victoria's electricity network stable and strengthen supply reliability as more renewable energy is integrated into the network.

About Nioka Solar Pty Ltd

Nioka Solar is a landowner-led renewable energy company established by the Koop family, in Glenrowan West. The site is a sheep farm owned and operated by Rosie and Jonathan Koop, who have been active members of the local community for 15 years. Nioka Solar aims to support local agriculture and the team is committed to consistent, proactive and meaningful engagement with neighbouring landowners, the local community, the Yorta Yorta Nation Aboriginal Corporation and key stakeholders.

Project Location



Assessment Process

The Project requires assessment through a Planning Permit Application under the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*. A range of specialist assessments are required, including:



Bushfire risk



Flora and fauna



Glint and glare



Cultural heritage



Landscape and visual



Preliminary hazards



Traffic impact



Surface water and drainage



Noise

Once the Planning Permit is granted, the Project would need to meet further Victorian Government requirements in order to gain access to the state's transmission network (known as the Victorian Access Regime). This includes expectations to engage with and deliver benefits to landholders, communities and Traditional Owners.

Project Timeline

A proposed project timing is outlined in the graphic below. Additional information regarding the Project and responses to some Frequently Asked Questions can be found at niokasolar.com



Getting Involved

Nioka Solar is committed to working with the community and other interested parties to identify environmental and social impacts associated with the proposed solar project and to explore relevant strategies to mitigate negative impacts and enhance positive impacts. Nioka Solar will work to ensure that throughout the Planning Permit Application and the associated engagement process, that community issues are well understood and are addressed, where possible, in project design and planning.

An engagement program has commenced that aims to deliver authentic, open, responsive and respectful engagement with the community, council, government and all related parties to this project. If you would like to be involved in future consultation, please contact the Project team to register your interest.

Project benefits

The Project aims to deliver a number of benefits including:



SUPPORTING VICTORIA'S CLEAN ENERGY TRANSITION

Located in the Victorian Central North Renewable Energy Zone (REZ), the Project would provide up to 250 MW of renewable solar power, with battery storage, strengthening grid stability. This would provide enough electricity to power around 100,000 homes, supporting the State's net-zero goals while maintaining productive agricultural land and creating local jobs.



CREATES JOBS

The Project would provide up to 300 full-time equivalent (FTE) construction jobs at peak construction, and approximately 5FTE roles during operation. We will continue to farm beneath the panels, maintaining agricultural jobs.



COMMUNITY BENEFIT

Nioka Solar welcomes community input to inform the development of a community benefit program that will foster positive outcomes and deliver value to the local area. The Project Team is committed to transparent and meaningful collaboration at every stage of the Project.



INCOME FOR LOCAL AREA

Nioka Solar will work with local service and product suppliers, providing opportunities for local contractors and businesses during construction, operation, and future decommissioning, to boost the local economy.

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