# Summerville Solar Farm and Battery Community Newsletter

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Finley Solar Farm, NSW (OX2)

# **Development Approval**

OX2 are pleased to announce that the Summerville Solar Farm and Battery has been approved by the NSW Minister for Planning.

Further information on the decision and relevant documents are available on the Major Projects Website:

https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/summerville-solar-farm

OX2 will now work towards construction of the project which is anticipated to begin in mid 2026.

## **EPBC** Approvals

The project is a controlled action under the Commonwealth Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act (EPBC Act). The project has been assessed under the bilateral agreement between the Australian Government and the NSW Government. This bilateral agreement allows each state or territory to assess projects on behalf of the Australian Government. It removes the need for a separate assessment, reducing duplication.

The Commonwealth Environment Minister uses a state or territory's environmental assessment report to inform the final decision about whether to approve a project.

This final decision is expected to take approximately 6 weeks.

## **Project Outline**

Summerville Solar Farm is a 90MW solar and battery project located approximately 3km east of Rappville, NSW.

Once operational, the project will supply renewable electricity to the national electricity market, generating power for approximately 36,000 Australian homes.

The project would require the installation of solar PV panels, a battery and associated infrastructure including a short 132kV underground transmission line to connect into the grid.

## **Community Consultation**

OX2 wish to continue an open dialogue with the community as the project progresses and welcome the opportunity to discuss the project further with near neighbours.

If you would like to meet with a member of the team, please reach out to Helen Kennedy on 0403 920 098 or at helen.kennedy@ox2. com.

#### **Casino Show**

OX2 is pleased to announce its sponsorship of the Casino Show 2025. Members of the project team will be attending the event and are looking forward to discussing the project and answering any questions. Further details will be shared as the event approaches in October 2025.

To receive future Community Updates via email, please provide your email address to helen.kennedy@ox2.com





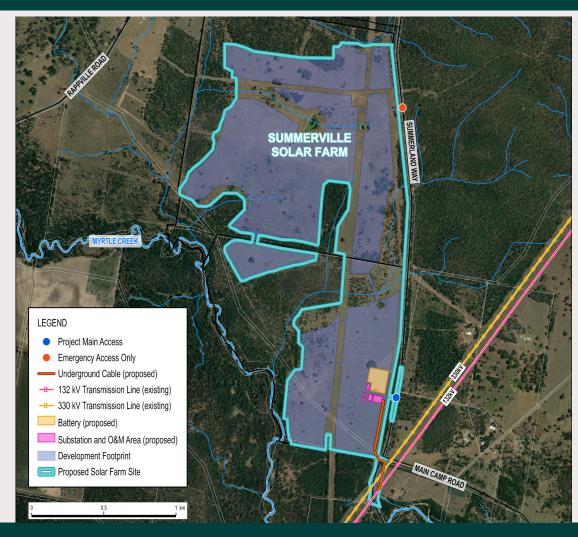
#### **Project Facts**

#### Local Economic Development

OX2 aim to maximise investment in the regional economy through the engagement of local businesses. We work towards utilising local contractors wherever possible throughout the construction and operation of the project. We would welcome contact from local businesses and service providers to register their interest in the project to grow our current database. In the coming months, businesses and the local community will be advised how to find out more about potential business opportunities.

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Website	https://www.ox2.com/australia/projects/summerville-solar-farm/
Technology	Photovoltaic Solar Farm & Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)
Solar Farm Capacity	Up to 90MWac
Environmental Benefits	Clean energy to power approximately 36,000 homes & offset approximately 5.9 million tonnes (Mt) of CO2e over its operational life
Number of PV Panels	Approximately 215,000
Project Area	244 ha/603 acres
Location	Approximately 3km east of Rappville, NSW

Acknowledgement: The project is located within the Traditional lands of the Bundjalung people. We wish to acknowledge them as traditional custodians of the land and pay our respects to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people past and present. We acknowledge their continuous connection to Country.



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