

Muswellbrook Solar Farm and Battery Community Benefit Sharing Program

November 2025



Muswellbrook Solar Farm & Battery will contribute \$850 per MW of installed solar capacity to a Community Benefit Sharing Program.

The current estimated installed solar capacity is 135MW which equates to a total of \$114,750.00 provided each year to the program. If the project capacity decreases, the program's total funding will decrease.

The funds are divided between different aspects of the Program, agreed with Muswellbrook Shire Council under a Planning Agreement.

The two main aspects are:

- Community Benefit Fund
- Neighbour Benefit Fund



Neighbour Benefit Fund

45% of the Community Benefit Sharing Program is designated for a neighbour benefit fund.

Near Neighbour is defined as any person who is the owner of land with a separate rateable assessment on which a dwelling is situated, or where a dwelling entitlement exists at the time of construction; and which is located within a 1.2-kilometre radius of the boundary of the development site as constructed.

The rebate will be a reduction in the annual rates payable by those land owners of approximately \$550 each year for the life of the project (anticipated to be 40 years) and will increase annually in line with CPI).

Community Benefit Fund

45% of the Community Benefit Sharing Program funding is designated for a community benefit fund.

This is to be distributed through the Muswellbrook Shire Council Grants Program, each year for the life of the project (40 years) and will increase annually in line with CPI.

Please note that:

- Any unallocated neighbourhood benefits will be redirected to community benefits.
- Payments will commence within one (1) month of commencing construction and be payable each year until decommissioning is completed.

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