

Mologa Solar Hybrid

Engagement Outcomes Report

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Abbreviations

Table 1 Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Definition
BESS	Battery Energy Storage System
CEC	Clean Energy Council
CFA	Country Fire Association
CMA	Catchment Management Authority
DEECA	Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action
DTP	Department of Transport and Planning
DFP	Development Facilitation Program
DJAARA	Dja Dja Wurrung Registered Aboriginal Party
IAP2	International Association of Public Participation
LGA	Local Government Area
LSIO	Land Subject to Inundation Overlay
MW	Megawatt
MWh	Megawatt Hour
RAP	Registered Aboriginal Party
REZ	Renewable Energy Zone
RLZ	Rural Zone Living
SECA	Social and Economic Context Analysis

1 Introduction

Urbis has been engaged by Potentia Energy to prepare this Engagement Outcomes Report to support planning for a utility-scale Solar Hybrid project in Mologa, Victoria in the Loddon Shire Council Local Government Area (LGA), Victoria.

This report has been prepared in line with the Victorian Department of Transport and Planning's *Solar Energy Facilities, Design and Development Guidelines*, the Community Engagement and Benefit Sharing in Renewable Energy Development in Victoria: A guide for renewable energy developers and the International Association of Public Participation's (IAP2) Public Participation Spectrum.

1.1 Engagement carried out

Engagement was undertaken in line with best practice guidance outlined in the Victorian Government's *Community Engagement and Benefit Sharing in Renewable Energy Development, A Guide for Renewable Energy Developers*, the Clean Energy Council's (CEC) *Community Engagement Guidelines* and the International Association of Public Participation's (IAP2) Public Participation Spectrum. Engagement included:

- Government stakeholders, including Department of Transport and Planning and Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA)
- Loddon Shire Council officers
- Members of Parliament including the Hon. Peter Walsh, Member for Murray Plains
- Relevant agencies including VicGrid, Environmental Protection Authority, Ausnet services, Goulburn Murray Water and CFA
- Project introduction with Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation
- Community stakeholders, including neighbouring dwellings, the wider Mologa, Mitiamo and Pyramid Hill community, and community and representative groups.

The following engagement activities were undertaken to inform and consult the community about the proposal:

Stage 1: Project introduction

- Community newsletter, including information about the proposal, in person engagement opportunities and how to provide feedback
- Introductory letter to surrounding landowners with overview of proposal and offer to meet with project team.
- Adjacent neighbour introductory meetings
- Dedicated project website, including detailed information about the proposal and how to provide feedback

Stage 2: Engagement execution

- Newspaper print advertisements, and digital advertisements including details about the proposal, how to provide feedback, as well as an invitation to the community to attend community drop-in sessions
- Two x Community information drop-in sessions – one weekday evening and one weekday morning – including information display boards and attended by members of the project team

- Four x Community information sessions, across one day including presentation on the progress of the proposal, what the team has heard to date, and next steps, and was attended by members of the project team
- Individual project briefings to capture feedback from government agencies
- Feedback survey with a QR code to the survey included on the community newsletter and pop-up session display boards
- Enquiry channels via an 1800 phone number and email.

Stage 3: Lodgement and reporting

- Engagement outcomes report summarising all engagement activities and project response
- Enquiry channels via an 1800 phone number and email.

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Legislative Context

2 Legislative context

The proposal is eligible for approval through DTP's Development Facilitation Program (DFP) which is an accelerated assessment pathway for eligible projects to inject investment into the Victorian economy, keep people in jobs. All applications lodged to the DFP will be determined by the Minister for Planning or the Department of Transport and Planning under delegation.

Key features of the pathway are:

- All new renewable projects in Victoria will be treated as significant economic development
- Applications will be exempt from third-party appeals at VCAT. This means an objector may not apply to the Tribunal for review of a decision of the responsible authority to grant a permit
- A four-month approval process for new projects from lodgement once accepted.

This report has been prepared in line with the following guidelines and requirements:

- The Victorian Department of Transport and Planning's *Solar Energy Facilities, Design and Development Guidelines*
- The International Association of Public Participation's (IAP2) Public Participation Spectrum.
- The Victorian Department of Transport and Planning's *Community Engagement and Benefit Sharing in Renewable Energy Development in Victoria: A guide for renewable energy developers*

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Project Detail

3 Project details

This section provides an overview of the project details, including the project site, context, and a detailed description of the proposed development.

3.1 Project site

Mologa Solar Hybrid project is located approximately 65km north of Bendigo and 51km west of Echuca. The site is located to the east of Bendigo–Pyramid Road and south of Mologa–Durham Ox Road, in Mologa. The site extends across approximately 591 hectares and is currently used predominantly for dryland cropping and some grazing.

The proposed solar hybrid project comprises:

- 250 MW solar farm
- 250 MW 4-hour Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)
- Substation
- Terminal station

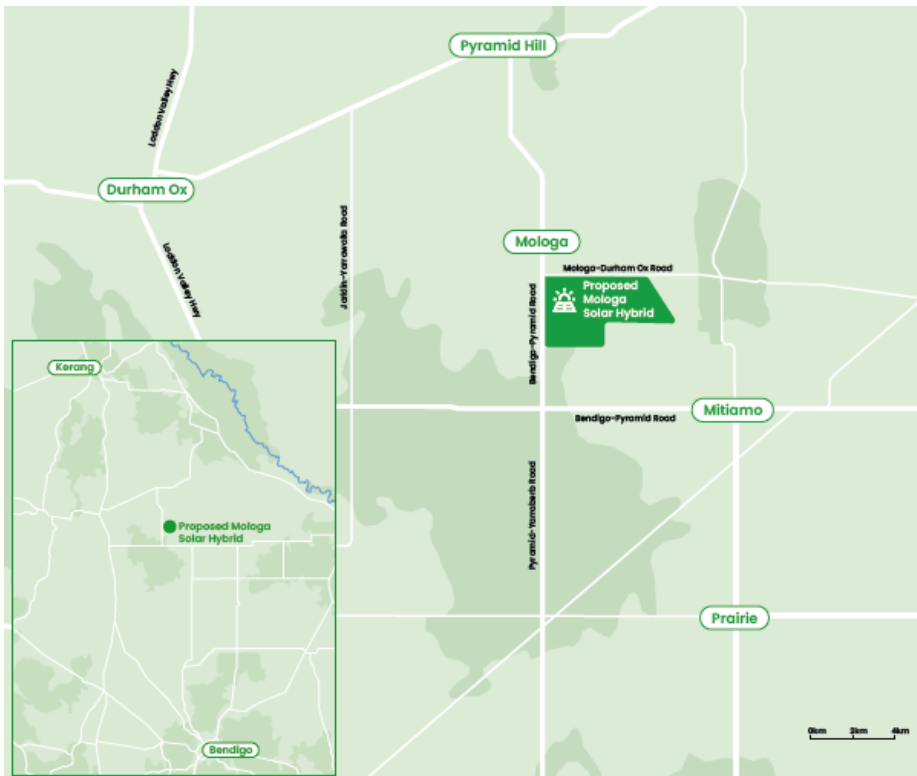
A 220 kV transmission line easement runs north–south through the western side of the site. The proposed BESS and substation will connect directly to this existing line, enabling efficient integration with the grid.

The layout has been informed by detailed mapping of ecological values within the study area, with careful consideration given to avoiding or minimising environmental impacts and addressing bushfire risk.

The site’s flat topography, minimal native vegetation removal requirements, good access, minor flood risk, and absence of bushfire overlays further support its suitability for renewable energy development.

Importantly, the site benefits from high solar exposure and immediate proximity to grid infrastructure with available capacity. Combined with the limited need for site disturbance and minimal planning constraints, these factors make the location highly favourable for delivering large-scale solar generation and storage.

Map 1 project location



Source: Urbis

3.2 Project context

Potencia Energy is seeking approval from DTP under Clause 53.22, to develop a Solar Hybrid project, in Mologa, Victoria. The site is in the Loddon Shire Council LGA.

This transformation presents both opportunities and challenges for future renewable energy developments, impacting communities throughout the project lifecycle. The Bendigo region is defined by historical and contemporary mining significance. Bendigo's historical mining significance continues to influence the current mining industry. The Bendigo region, with active mines like Fosterville Gold Mine and prospecting operations such as Boyd's Dam Gold Project, generates significant demand for workers. Cumulative impacts from these mining projects can include impacts on local accommodation, community cohesion, access to services, and the local economy.

The Solar Hybrid proposal includes the construction and operation of a solar farm and a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) with a total capacity of approximately 250 megawatts (MW) connecting to an existing 220KV transmission line running north south through the site. The site will also feature a 250MW, 4-hours BESS (1GWh).

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Community and Stakeholder Engagement Strategy

4 Community and stakeholder engagement strategy

This section outlines the engagement activities delivered to raise community and stakeholder awareness and invite feedback on, the proposal.

4.1 Engagement objective and approach

The engagement approach outlined in this strategy has been informed by best practice and the Engagement Institute’s Public Participation spectrum. The Engagement Institute’s spectrum describes goals for public participation, and the corresponding promise to the public (see Figure 1).

This engagement approach has been determined based on the anticipated level of impact of the project on the surrounding community and stakeholders. As the level of impact is likely to be low to moderate, the objective of engagement to inform about the proposal and consult and involve community on legacy initiatives.

Figure 1 Engagement Institute Public Participation spectrum

	INFORM	CONSULT	INVOLVE	COLLABORATE	EMPOWER
GOAL	To provide the public with balanced and objective information to assist them in understanding the problem, alternatives opportunities and/or solutions.	To obtain public feedback on analysis, alternatives and/or decisions.	To work directly with the public throughout the process to ensure that public concerns and aspirations are consistently understood and considered.	To partner with the public in each aspect of the decision including the development of alternatives and the identification of the preferred solution.	To place final decision making in the hands of the public.
PROMISE	We will keep you informed.	We will keep you informed, listen to and acknowledge concerns and aspirations, and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision. We will seek your feedback on drafts and proposals.	We will work with you to ensure that your concerns and aspirations are directly reflected in the alternatives developed and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision.	We will work together with you to formulate solutions and incorporate your advice and recommendations into the decisions to the maximum extent possible.	We will implement what you decide.

For this project, the engagement approach involved:

- Early involvement: Initiating community and stakeholder involvement as early as possible to build relationships and help shape elements of the proposal and project.
- Providing consistent, relevant, jargon-free and up-to-date information on the proposal, impacts, benefits, and the planning report process through accessible, tailored open lines of communication that is timely and relevant.
- Identify potential impacts on stakeholders and the community, as well as measures to enhance potential positive impacts and minimise potential negative impacts, through genuine and consistent consultation.
- Providing methods for monitoring and opportunities for the community to give feedback to help inform the planning process.
- Providing adequate time to participate and responding appropriately and in a timely manner to concerns or questions raised by the community and stakeholders throughout the lifecycle of the project.
- Providing opportunities for individual feedback verbally and face-to-face, with direct phone call engagement, briefings and community information sessions programmed.
- Facilitating information flow to the project team by establishing working relationships to ensure stakeholder and community views and local knowledge are appropriately incorporated into the design of the project.
- Genuine approach: Valuing the knowledge, skills and experience of community and stakeholder contributions to the development of the proposal and project.
- Inclusive: Promoting a two-way dialogue process (where appropriate and without raising unrealistic expectations).

4.2 Community and stakeholders

DTP defines stakeholders as community, relevant agencies, landowners and land users and stakeholders involved in prospective resource developments.

DTP defines the community as 'all the people who live within, and identify with, the geographic area surrounding the proposed site of the renewable energy project,' while landowners and land users are defined as 'stakeholders and decision makers such as farmers and Traditional Owners.

A site visit and desktop research was undertaken to identify community and representative groups for engagement. Based on potential project impacts and benefits, risks, and interest in other renewable development proposals, Urbis Engagement has identified community and representative groups for engagement as listed in Figure 6 below.

As part of our stakeholder analysis, it is important to identify a number of stakeholders and groups and explain how they are classified.

Adjacent neighbours are adjacent landholders to the project or are within 1km radius and have the potential to be affected by the visual impact of the proposal, the noise and heavy vehicle traffic associated with the construction and any ongoing operational impacts.

Near neighbours are landholders who live near the project (within 2km) but are unlikely to be impacted by the visual impact, noise and traffic associated with the construction and any ongoing operational impacts

Wider community is described as people living in the local townships' populations and surrounding communities near the project. This stakeholder group will be kept informed about the project through our engagement program with opportunities to have a say on key negotiables such as the benefit sharing program through media releases and website updates.

4.2.1 Stakeholders

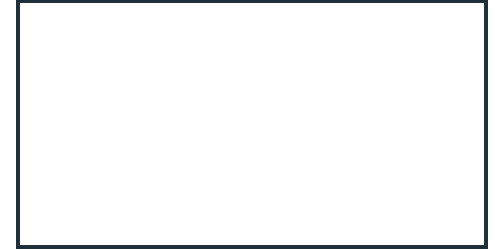
The stakeholders for this project have been categorised by group, as shown in Figure 2. The community stakeholders have been identified due to their proximity to the site, potential concerns about the project impacts, intersection with other interested stakeholders through community connection, and general interest in the project.

Figure 2 Stakeholder Categories

GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES	RELEVANT AGENCIES	SURROUNDING COMMUNITY	FIRST NATIONS STAKEHOLDERS
<p>Department of Transport and Planning Minister for Planning, Sonya Kilkenny MP</p> <p>Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) Minister for Climate Action, Lily D'Ambrosio</p> <p>Local Government Loddon Shire Council</p> <p>Elected officials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cr Dan Straub, Mayor ▪ Cr David Weaver ▪ Cr Gavan Holt ▪ Cr Miki Wilson ▪ Cr Nick Angelo <p>Minister for Environment, Steve Dimopoulos MP</p>	<p>VicGrid</p> <p>Environmental Protection Authority</p> <p>Ausnet services</p> <p>North Central Catchment Management Authority (CMA)</p> <p>Transport for Victoria</p> <p>Goulburn Murray Water</p> <p>CFA Community infrastructure – specialist Risk and Fire Safety</p>	<p>Host landowner</p> <p>Adjacent landowners (within 1km)</p> <p>Near neighbours (within 2km):</p> <p>Wider community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mitiamo and Pyramid Hill <p>Local community groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mitiamo Progress Association ▪ Pyramid Hill Progress Association ▪ Mologa Landcare Group ▪ Pyramid Hill Neighborhood House ▪ Pyramid Hill Bowling Club ▪ Pyramid Hill Caravan Park <p>Local schools and education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pyramid Hill College 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dja Dja Wurrung (trading as DJAARA) ▪ Njernda Aboriginal Corporation ▪ Bendigo & District Aboriginal Co-operative

Federal Member (local),
Dr Anne Webster MP

State Member (local), State
Member, Peter Walsh



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Forms of Engagement

5 Forms of engagement

This section outlines the engagement activities that were implemented during the consultation process. Feedback received via these forms of engagement is captured in Section 4 below.

Table 2 Engagement activities



Table 3 Engagement summary

Engagement activity	Target stakeholders(s)	Timing	Details
Introductory letter to near neighbours	Adjacent / near landowners	Ongoing from August 2025	Initial letter to near neighbours introducing the project and inviting to meet with the project team. Engagement with these landowners is ongoing.
Meetings with neighbours	Adjacent / near landowners	September 2025	Initial meeting with near neighbours to inform the consultation process and key messages.

Engagement activity	Target stakeholders(s)	Timing	Details
Project webpage established	All stakeholders	September 2025	Potentia Energy published a project-specific website, providing details on the project, and information on how the community and stakeholders can provide feedback and ask questions.
Community newsletter #1	Surrounding community	September 2025	Project newsletter distributed to residents approximately 10km of the site. The newsletter provided an overview of the proposal and Invite community members to attend one of the community information sessions. The newsletter also provided contact details so the community could give feedback or ask questions and complete the online survey.
Online Survey	Surrounding community	September 2025	To gather feedback and insights from stakeholders and community members on the proposed Mologa Solar Hybrid project and future opportunities for benefit sharing.
Media advertisement	Surrounding community	September and October 2025	Project information published in the Loddon Herald promoting the community information session.
Stakeholder emails	Key stakeholders	October 2025	Introductory email to stakeholders with a copy of the newsletter and invitation to attend community information sessions.
Meeting with Loddon Shire Council	Loddon Shire Council	October 2025	Introductory meeting with Council officers.
Community information sessions	Local landowners and surrounding community	October 2025	Community drop-in sessions held on 8&9 October 2025
Meeting with DJAARA	DJAARA	October 2025	Introductory meeting with DJARRA to discuss

Engagement activity	Target stakeholders(s)	Timing	Details
			engagement and partnership opportunities
Community newsletter #2	Surrounding community	November 2025	Project newsletter distributed to residents within approximately 10km the site. The newsletter provided an update on the project status and a summary of community feedback to date. This newsletter also invited community to attend one of the information sessions in December.
Stakeholder emails	Key stakeholders	November 2025	An email update to stakeholders, with a copy of the second newsletter and invitation to attend the information sessions in December.
Pyramid Press	Surrounding community	November 2025	Advertisement with invitation to provide feedback via survey or attend one of the information sessions in December.
Meeting with the Hon. Peter Walsh – Member for Murray Plains	Elected officials	December 2025	Project briefing to introduce the proposal.
Information sessions	Local landowners and surrounding community	December 2025	Information sessions held on 3 December 2025. During these sessions attendees were provided with a formal presentation on project and progress, and provided with the opportunity to ask questions.

5.1 Near neighbour briefings

Since September 2025, the project team has been meeting regularly with near neighbours to the proposal to understand and address their concerns.

5.2 Community drop-in sessions

In October 2025 Potentia Energy hosted two community drop-in sessions at Mitiamo and Pyramid Hill. The purpose of these sessions was to provide community with the opportunity to find out more about the

proposal and speak directly to members of the project team. These sessions were promoted via the newsletter, local print advertisements and emails to community groups and organisations.

Around 40 community members attended these sessions across the two days. The key concerns raised were in relation to bushfire risk, environmental impacts, loss of agricultural land, insurance implications, visual impact and grid capacity.

5.3 Community information sessions

Following the strong interest and feedback received in October 2025, Potentia Energy held four additional information sessions in Pyramid Hill to provide an update on the proposed Mologa Solar Hybrid Project.

These sessions included a presentation from the project team in a small group setting to ensure that everyone had the opportunity to ask questions and have their say. These sessions were promoted via the newsletter, local print advertisements and emails to community groups and organisations.

Eight community members attended, including three near neighbours. Key concerns raised included visual impacts, cumulative impacts of other renewable energy projects, grid capacity, water leaching and environmental impacts.

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**Feedback
Received**

6 Feedback received

This section provides a summary of issues raised by community members and key stakeholders throughout the engagement process, and the responses provided to this feedback.

6.1 Community feedback summary

The key themes that arose from engagement with community during the engagement process are shown in Figure 4.

Figure 3 Key themes of community feedback



6.2 General sentiment

Community sentiment towards the proposal was mixed, reflecting a wide spectrum of views ranging from strong opposition to cautious support.

A significant proportion of participants expressed concern about the project’s compatibility with local agricultural priorities, environmental protection, and community safety. For these stakeholders, the loss of productive farmland, potential impacts on waterways and biodiversity, and risks such as fire were central issues. Many also raised questions about the adequacy of insurance arrangements, the visual impact of infrastructure, and the capacity of transmission lines.

Trust and governance emerged as underlying factors shaping sentiment. Some participants questioned the proponent’s long-term commitment to the project and community, sought greater transparency on ownership and decision-making, and expressed scepticism about broader renewable energy policy. A small number referenced global political frameworks and voiced doubts about climate change, reflecting broader ideological positions rather than site-specific concerns.

Several nearby proposals for renewable developments in the local area also heightened the distrust and uncertainty amongst the local community.

While opposition emerged, there were also voices of support and interest in potential benefits. These included opportunities for local procurement, contributions to community facilities and the possibility of reduced electricity costs. A few stakeholders saw the project as a good fit for the region's climate and land conditions, particularly if Agrivoltaic models could be implemented.

Across all perspectives, there was a clear desire for more information, particularly technical studies, environmental assessments, and details on risk management. Preferences for communication channels, event timing, and notice periods were shared, with an emphasis on early, transparent, and two-way engagement.

6.3 Key themes

6.3.1 Fire risk

Community members raised concerns about the potential for fire incidents associated with the project, particularly from the Battery Energy Storage System (BESS). Examples from other sites, such as the Raywood Solar Farm, were cited to illustrate risks linked to grass height management and vegetation control. Some participants questioned the adequacy of firefighting water supply and sought clarity on the project's fire prevention and response measures. The "heat island" effect and radiant heat from panels were also mentioned as possible contributors to fire risk. Engagement with the CFA and commitments to maintenance were noted positively, but stakeholders emphasised the need for ongoing transparency and preparedness.

Project response

Renewable energy projects are thoroughly assessed for fire hazards with agreed mitigation strategies to reduce fire risk a priority. The Mologa Solar Hybrid project will be designed to comply with relevant fire safety standards. The CFA also has strict design guidelines that must be incorporated into the project design. Measures include requiring cleared vegetation zones, CFA access and roadways, breaks between panel arrays, water storage on site, and strict vegetation management plans.

If the project is approved, an Emergency Management Plan and Fire Management Plan will be prepared in consultation with the CFA (who are required to assess this as part of any consent conditions) before construction can start.

6.3.2 Protection of local waterways

Community expressed concern about potential impacts on water quality and security. Specific issues included the risk of leaching from solar panels or associated infrastructure into waterways, and the possibility of flooding or altered run-off patterns affecting neighbouring properties. Channel protection and

Project response

The project will be designed to ensure solar panels are set back from waterways, helping to maintain natural water flow and protect surrounding ecosystems.

In addition, hydrology and flood studies are being undertaken to analyse water flow patterns, flood risks, and management to protect all waterways and channels from indirect impacts from development of the site. These studies will guide the design to avoid impacts, manage potential risks, and ensure appropriate controls are in place.

water management measures were raised as important considerations. Some participants linked these concerns to broader environmental stewardship and the need for robust site design and monitoring.

6.3.3 Wildlife and vegetation

The presence of significant local fauna and flora was highlighted by several participants, including Brolgas, long-neck turtles, and the Plains Wanderer bird. Concerns centred on habitat disturbance, potential harm to species, weed management and the cumulative impact of multiple renewable projects in the region.

Community emphasised the importance of biodiversity protection and sought assurance that environmental assessments would be thorough and transparent.

Project response

Potentia Energy is undertaking the technical assessments to determine the potential impact to the ecology and wildlife on the site, to avoid, minimise or mitigate any potential impacts to vegetation and potential wildlife habitats. These assessments will include mitigation measures to ensure the local ecology is maintained.

6.3.4 Loss of agricultural land

The use of productive farming land for the project was a recurring concern. Many participants felt this conflicted with government commitments to prioritise agriculture. Some feared the project would permanently remove high-quality land from food production and impose restrictions on farming operations. While a small number of stakeholders supported agrivoltaic models that integrate energy generation with farming, the majority of comments reflected opposition to the loss of agricultural capacity.

Project response

As part of our ongoing commitment to agricultural land use, the project will assess the feasibility of integrating managed sheep grazing within the proposed solar farm, drawing on the successful grazing model implemented at our Girgarre Solar Farm, Bungala Solar Farm, and Cohuna Solar Farm.

This will also keep vegetation growth low and reduce the need for weed and grass management.

We will be preparing an Agricultural Land Use Assessment to assess the proposal's impact on agricultural land quality. An important part of the assessment will be to demonstrate that the project will not impact the agricultural viability of the land including future use. Therefore the Agrivoltaics is an important part of the project, as has been demonstrated elsewhere in Victoria and globally.

6.3.5 Visual impacts

Visual change to the landscape was raised as an issue, particularly in relation to the scale of the solar arrays and the presence of transmission lines. Some participants were concerned about glare and reflection from panels, as well as the “heat island” effect. There were also fears that the project would affect visual amenity from lookouts at Pyramid Hill and Terrick Terrick. Suggestions for mitigation included visual buffers.

Project response

As part of the planning application, Potentia Energy has engaged experts to conduct a Landscape and Visual impact Assessment, which will evaluate potential impacts on local character and visual appearance for adjoining landowners.

Solar panels are designed to absorb sunlight rather than reflect it, with careful installation to minimise light reflection. This involves angling the panels to reduce reflection and using a dark, non-reflective coating on the panels.

6.3.6 Transmission infrastructure and cumulative impacts

The capacity and design of transmission infrastructure was a recurring topic. Stakeholders questioned whether existing lines could handle the additional load, raised safety concerns about sagging lines, and asked whether cables could be buried. Some also sought clarity on the scope of required upgrades and the potential impacts on adjacent land.

Overall, there are 67 major projects proposed within an approximate 100km radius around the Proposal site. This project pipeline includes projects in early planning stages, meaning delivery is likely to be staged over a long-term timeframe of 15+ years. While this significant pipeline of investment, valued at over \$6 billion, carries local economic benefits, it could also contribute to the cumulative impacts of the Mologa project. There are two windfarms in the planning application development stage nearby to the proposal Macorna Wind Farm and Mincha Wind Farm.

Several stakeholders noted that the renewables were already causing divisiveness within the community, with tensions in the community with mentions of several other projects Wind Farm proposals in the region.

Concerns were also raised about the cumulative impacts of this project in combination with other proposed renewable developments in the region. These concerns related to combined effects on landscape character, biodiversity, transmission infrastructure capacity, and overall pressure on agricultural land.

Project response

Mologa Terminal Station (MGTS) is to be connected into the existing overhead 220 kV network between Kerang Terminal Stations (KGTS) to Bendigo Terminal Station (BETS). The following Shared Network Assets will be built for the project:

- Establishment of Mologa Terminal Station
- Control Room
- 220 kV Switchyard.

Electricity generated from PV modules are being transported via underground cabling to the Power Conversion Units on site. Here, electricity produced is converted from Direct Current (DC) to Alternating Current (AC), then transported to onsite substation, then fed into the existing 220kV transmission line for distribution into the grid.

Potentia Energy is proposing to use grid forming technology which means rather than simply feeding power into the grid, these systems will set and maintain voltage and frequency. This means they can help the grid recover faster from faults or outages by providing system strength, reducing the need for additional reactive equipment.

As part of the VicGrid impact assessment process will consider things such as cumulative impacts on the region and grid.

6.3.7 Trust, governance, and engagement process

Trust in the project's governance and long-term management emerged as a theme. Some participants expressed scepticism about the developer's commitment to operate the asset, citing concerns that assets could be sold and stewardship lost. Others questioned the transparency of information provided, sought more technical detail, and wanted greater clarity on ownership and decision-making. Broader political and policy concerns were also raised, including scepticism about climate change and renewable energy policy. Preferences for communication channels, event timing, and notice periods were shared.

Project response

Potentia Energy is a proud signatory to the Clean Energy Council's Best Practice Charter, reflecting our commitment to transparency, inclusivity, cultural respect, and environmental stewardship.

This commitment underpins our dedication to responsible project development and long-term partnership with our project neighbours, communities and Traditional Owners. Potentia Energy uses the principles in this Charter to guide our interactions and engagement with our neighbours and represents our pledge to engage respectfully, provide timely information, address any concerns about impacts, and consult on mitigation options.

Potentia Energy is committed to building strong relationships in the communities it operates in. We do this by engaging early in the planning process and providing accurate, up-to-date information as plans progress. Potentia Energy aims to keep the community informed at each stage of the proposal through a series of engagement and communication activities.

Potentia will continue to engage with the community during key milestones of the planning process.

6.3.8 Creating shared value

While some participants opposed the project outright, others were interested in potential benefits for the local community. Suggestions included reduced electricity costs, contributions to local clubs and facilities, and the installation of EV charging stations. Opportunities for local procurement such as gravel supply and prefabricated buildings were also identified. Some suggestions also included investment in local CFA or emergency services and offering direct support with reduced power prices to neighbours and community groups.

Project response

Potentia Energy is committed to a Creating Shared Value (CSV) approach during construction and operation of the project. CSV means Potentia Energy intends to work closely with the local community to enhance the economic and social conditions in the local area to the project and proactively share benefits within the local community. Potentia Energy's overall objective is for the project to be considered as an integrated and valued component of the social and economic fabric of the local community.

By proactively engaging with stakeholders and implementing tailored benefit-sharing initiatives, we aim to align project development with local priorities—creating lasting value for both communities and the business.

We are proud signatories to the Clean Energy Council's Best Practice Charter, reflecting our commitment to transparency, inclusivity, cultural respect, and environmental stewardship. This commitment underpins our dedication to responsible project development and long-term partnership with communities and Traditional Owners.

As planning for the project continues, Potentia Energy will consult with the community regarding developing shared value opportunities.

6.3.9 Insurance arrangements

Insurance was a key concern for some landowners. Questions were raised about indemnity caps and about the potential for increased premiums for neighbouring properties. There was also concern about who would be responsible for decommissioning if the developer became insolvent.

Project response

The project would carry comprehensive insurance to protect against potential losses, including unlikely events such as fire, and to cover any liability for damage or injury that may be caused to third parties.

Some community members have recently enquired about the potential impact that our project might have to their public liability premium. There is currently no specific evidence to suggest that renewable energy projects increase the cost or impact the ability for a neighbouring landholder to obtain public liability insurance, and both the Insurance Council of Australia (ICA) and the Clean Energy Council have released publications indicating that, although premiums are rising, this is unlikely to be linked to clean energy projects.

6.4 Online survey

Urbis developed an online survey on behalf of Potentia Energy to gather feedback and insights from stakeholders and community members on the proposed Mologa Solar Hybrid project. The survey was promoted through community newsletters distributed in September and November, as well as advertisements in October and November. Its purpose was to understand the needs of the local area, identify potential positive or negative impacts of the proposal, and recommend appropriate management measures.

At the time of writing this report, 11 responses have been received. While the sample size is relatively small, the responses reflect a mix of perspectives, with the majority opposed to the project, a few expressing support or neutrality, and all offering insights into local values, concerns, and preferred engagement methods. Of the ten respondents, three (19%) indicated they were a neighbour of the proposal and six (36%) indicated they lived locally in Mologa, Yarrowalla, Mitiamo, or Pyramid Hill. One respondent (10%) lived within 1 km of the proposal, two (20%) lived within 5 km, and three (30%) lived more than 5 km away.

In terms of sentiment towards renewable energy in general, five respondents (50%) indicated some level of opposition, while four respondents (40%) indicated some level of support. When asked what are the factors that most influence this sentiment the top three factors were related to land use issues (21%), aesthetic impact (18%) and perceived inefficiency (6%).

Regarding the Mologa Solar Hybrid proposal specifically, six respondents (60%) indicated a level of opposition, and two respondents were (20%) very supportive.

The most common concerns relate to the loss of productive agricultural land and the visual change to the rural landscape, with over two-thirds of respondents mentioning these issues. More than half raised worries about social division and the strain on community cohesion. Technical and operational concerns such as reliability, efficiency, and environmental impacts were also referenced. A smaller proportion raised safety risks or expressed outright scepticism about climate change.

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Future Community and Stakeholder Engagement

7 Future community and stakeholder engagement

Potentia Energy welcomes feedback on the proposal. Potentia Energy will continue to keep stakeholders and the community informed of the project progresses through the approval process, especially during the exhibition and determination phases by:

- Continuing to engage with nearest neighbours and community about the project, its potential impacts, the approval process and benefit sharing opportunities
- Informing the community and stakeholders about the public exhibition process
- Enabling the community to seek clarification about the project through the two-way communication channels.

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This report has been prepared with due care and diligence by Urbis and the statements and opinions given by Urbis in this report are given in good faith and in the reasonable belief that they are correct and not misleading, subject to the limitations above.

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APPENDIX A: COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER #1

Proposed Mologa Solar Hybrid



Community Newsletter
September 2025

Potentia Energy, a leading Australian renewable energy developer and asset owner, is proposing to develop, construct and operate a Solar Hybrid project, consisting of a 250MW Solar Farm and 250MW (4-hours) Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) in Mologa.

Potentia Energy is currently preparing a planning application, including a range of studies and assessments that will outline potential impacts of the proposed Solar Hybrid project and recommend mitigation measures where necessary.

Over the upcoming months, Potentia Energy will work closely to establish a transparent and inclusive engagement process with project stakeholders and the local community.



Site Location

The site of the proposed Solar Hybrid project is bound by Bendigo Pyramid Road, Mologa Durham Ox Road and Mitiamo-Kerang Road.

The project site was selected for its strategic merit and proximity to the existing 220KV transmission line (and associated easement) running north south through the site. The site is relatively flat, predominantly clear of vegetation and benefits from good solar access.

When operational, the proposal would generate up to 662,000 MWh per year of clean energy – enough to power around 109,500 homes in Victoria.

Project Benefits



Sustainable agricultural land use:

As part of our ongoing commitment to agricultural land use, the project will assess the feasibility of integrating managed sheep grazing within the proposed solar farm, drawing on the successful grazing model implemented at our Girgarre Solar Farm, Bungala Solar Farm, and Cohuna Solar Farm.



Maximises efficiency and affordability:

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Supports the clean energy transition:

Renewable energy sources emit little to no greenhouse gases and are readily available. The integration of BESS with solar technology would significantly contribute to Victoria's renewable energy target of 95% by 2035 and at least 2.6GW of energy storage capacity by 2030.



Improves grid reliability:

Solar energy production also aligns with peak daytime usage, stabilising the grid and reducing strain on other energy sources. The flexibility and fast response time of batteries enhance grid reliability by efficiently meeting peak power demands, ensuring a stable energy supply.



Enhances economic benefits:

The proposed project would create local jobs during construction and operation, and by engaging the local supply chain, foster regional economic investment. Potentia Energy is committed to delivering significant local community benefits throughout the proposed project lifespan, creating lasting value by prioritising local community needs and fostering meaningful partnerships.

Our Commitments

Potentia Energy is committed to working respectfully and collaboratively with communities, landholders, and Traditional Owners throughout every stage of project development. Our approach to community engagement is guided by the "Creating Shared Value" philosophy, which recognises that sustainable business success is intrinsically linked to delivering positive economic and social outcomes for local communities.

By proactively engaging with stakeholders and implementing tailored benefit-sharing initiatives, we aim to align project development with local priorities—creating lasting value for both communities and the business.

We are proud signatories to the Clean Energy Council's Best Practice Charter, reflecting our commitment to transparency, inclusivity, cultural respect, and environmental stewardship. This commitment underpins our dedication to responsible project development and long-term partnership with communities and Traditional Owners.

The Planning Pathway

Potentia Energy is seeking approval from the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) for the Mologa Solar Hybrid project.

The development is eligible for approval through DTP's Development Facilitation Program (DFP) which is an accelerated assessment pathway for eligible projects to inject investment into the Victorian economy, keep people in jobs and create homes for people.

All applications lodged to the DTP will be determined by the Minister for Planning or the Department of Transport and Planning under delegation.

Timeline

We are here: Potentia Energy is preparing a series of technical assessments such as bushfire, ecology, acoustic, hydrology, traffic, visual impact and cultural heritage to accompany the planning application. These will outline any potential impacts of the site and will recommend ways to manage or mitigate those impacts.

The outcomes of these assessments will provide directions for Potentia Energy to help ensure any potential impacts are minimised.

Q3 2025: Potentia Energy will be out in the community and providing information about the project and seeking community feedback on the proposal.

Later in 2025: Potentia Energy will lodge the planning application with DTP. After the application is lodged the DTP will notify the local community via a process that is called "exhibition". The community will be formally invited to provide feedback to DTP as part of the exhibition.

2026: Potentia Energy is expecting a determination within six to nine months of lodging the application with DTP.

Subject to obtaining the necessary approvals, Potentia Energy would commence construction. Construction is expected to take approximately 18-24 months.

About Potentia Energy

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Provide your Feedback

Community engagement is an important part of development application and allows us to understand any concerns the community may have. Your feedback will help us to shape the proposal.



Community drop-in information sessions

We are inviting the community to learn more about the project and provide feedback at our community drop-in information sessions to be held on:

- Wednesday 8 October 4pm – 7pm at Mitiamo Football & Netball Club social room
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Have your Say - Community Feedback Survey

To access the survey, scan the QR code.



More information

If you would like to learn more about Mologa Solar Hybrid, we encourage you to contact us at:



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APPENDIX B: COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER #2

Proposed Mologa Solar Hybrid

November 2025



What is Mologa Solar Hybrid?

Potentia Energy, a leading Australian renewable energy developer and asset owner, is proposing to develop, construct and operate a Solar Hybrid project in Mologa.

The proposal includes:

- Construction and operation of a 325MWdc/ 250MW Solar Farm
- Construction and operation of a 250MW, 4-hour Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) for on-site energy storage
- Connection of the BESS to the existing 220kV transmission line



Image: Girgarre Solar Farm

This newsletter provides an update on the proposed Mologa Solar Hybrid project and outlines what we've heard so far, future engagement opportunities and next steps.

Last month we met with local landowners and the community at our community drop-in sessions in Mitiamo and Pyramid Hill. Thank you to everyone who attended and shared their feedback on the proposal so far.

Potentia Energy is committed to building strong relationships in the communities it operates in. We do this by engaging early in the planning process and providing accurate, up-to-date information as plans progress. Potentia Energy aims to keep the community informed at each stage of the proposal through a series of engagement and communication activities.

We understand the importance of clear and timely responses, and we're committed to providing the most up to date information available. However, as we are in the early stages of the proposal and currently undertaking technical assessments, there may be occasions where the information requested may relate to studies or processes that are still in progress or yet to be implemented. We are committed to providing updates and sharing information when this becomes available.

What's next for engagement?

There was strong interest in learning more about the proposed Mologa Solar Hybrid project from the feedback we received in October. In response to this, Potentia Energy will host four additional information sessions to provide you with an update on the proposal. These sessions will include a presentation from the project team in a small group setting to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to ask questions and have their say.

You can choose to attend either of the following sessions:

- **In person**
At Pyramid Hill Community Centre
Wednesday 3 December 9am, 11.30am, 4pm or 7pm

Numbers at these sessions will be limited to ensure that all participants can get the most out of the attended session.

Registration is required to secure allocated spots. To register, please scan the QR code or email engagement@urbis.com.au





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What we heard from the community

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Minimising fire risk and ensuring community safety

Renewable energy projects are thoroughly assessed for fire hazards with agreed mitigation strategies to reduce fire risk a priority. The Mologa Solar Hybrid project will be designed to comply with relevant fire safety standards. The CFA also has strict design guidelines that must be incorporated into the project design. Measures include requiring cleared vegetation zones, CFA access and roadways, breaks between panel arrays, water storage on site, and strict vegetation management plans.

If the project is approved, an Emergency Management Plan and Fire Management Plan will be prepared in consultation with the CFA (who are required to assess this as part of any consent conditions) before construction can start.



Maintaining use of productive land

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All applications lodged to the DTP will be determined by the Minister for Planning or DTP under delegation.

The planning and environmental approvals process ensures that any potential impacts are identified, assessed, mitigated, avoided or managed to minimise the impacts of the local community and environment. Potentia Energy is preparing a range of assessments to support the planning application including:

-  **Visual impact**
-  **Bushfire risk**
-  **Agricultural, environmental, and biodiversity impacts**
-  **Hydrology and flood studies**
-  **Aboriginal and cultural heritage**
-  **Local traffic and transport**
-  **Noise and vibration**

These assessments will be available for the public to view as part of the exhibition process.

Timeline

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Q1 2026:

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Mid year 2026:

Potentia Energy is expecting a determination within six to nine months of lodging the application with DTP.

2027/28:

Subject to obtaining the necessary approvals, Potentia Energy would commence construction. Construction is expected to take approximately 18-24 months.



Provide your feedback

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To access the survey, scan the QR code

For more information

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APPENDIX C: MEDIA ADVERTISEMENTS

Have your say on the proposed Mologa Solar Hybrid Project

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10am – 1pm at Pyramid Hill Memorial Hall

Completing our survey

Provide your feedback by completing a short survey to share your feedback on the proposal.



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Community information session



Join us at the Pyramid Hill Community Centre, 6-10 McKay Street on **Wednesday 3 December** at either 9am, 11.30am, 4pm or 7pm.

Places are limited, so register via the QR code above. Alternatively, you can secure your spot for a specific session by emailing engagement@urbis.com.au or calling 1800 271 009.

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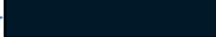


Mologa
Hybrid Solar Project

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APPENDIX D: NEAR NEIGHBOUR INTRODUCTORY LETTER



Dear 

Proposed Solar Hybrid project

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Over the upcoming months, Potentia Energy and Urbis will work closely to establish a transparent and inclusive engagement process with project stakeholders and the local community.

As a near neighbour to the proposal, we are reaching out to introduce the project to you and offer you an initial one-on-one meeting to learn more about the proposal. This will be an opportunity for you to ask questions and provide any feedback you may have and for us to understand any concerns and local insights.

We value the input of our neighbours and are committed to ensuring that concerns are considered and addressed appropriately.

Benefits of the proposal

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Preliminary Site Studies

From 18 August, preliminary studies will be carried out on the proposed site to gather essential information needed to progress the project development.

We will be undertaking topographic surveys on the proposed site and you may notice surveyors as they undertake the necessary investigations, these investigations are expected to take up to three weeks to complete (weather dependent).

All works will be carried out by qualified contractors to ensure all safety, privacy and security protocols are followed.

These works will include the use of a drone on some days, to take accurate aerial readings that clearly displays all land features. This requires the property interior and boundary to be photographed thoroughly, whilst ensuring the privacy of neighbouring properties is maintained and will not be included in any outputs.

Meet the Mologa solar hybrid team at Potentia Energy

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In addition to these, Potentia Energy is actively progressing developments across multiple states. The company owns and operates renewable energy assets (899 MW under operation, and 226 MW under construction), and maintains a robust pipeline of future projects aimed at delivering reliable, sustainable, and commercially viable power to the grid.

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The project team will be in the area on **Wednesday 3 and Thursday 4 September** and would welcome the opportunity to meet either at your home or at a location convenient for you. If this date is not suitable, we are happy to arrange an alternative time that fits your schedule, in person or online.

Please let us know your availability and preferred timing by contacting us on 0437 370 172 or by email at engagement@urbis.com.au. We look forward to the opportunity to discuss the project with you in more detail.

As plans for the proposed Mologa Solar Hybrid progress, Potentia Energy is committed to continuing engagement with its neighbours and the broader community and keeping you informed.

There will be future opportunities for the community to have their say on the proposed project, including planned information sessions in late September. We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours Sincerely,

Potentia Energy and Urbis Engagement

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