

Tragowel BESS

Project Update - May 2026

Image: Kerang Terminal Station

Planning Permit Application Now Lodged

The planning permit application for the proposed Tragowel BESS, being developed by Potentia Energy and Green Switch Australia, has been lodged with the Victorian Minister for Planning via the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) and is currently under assessment.

DTP is currently preparing to advertise the planning permit application in the coming weeks, which will be publicly accessible on their website. This factsheet provides further information on what happens next, and how, as a community member, you can be involved.

What Happens Next?

DTP, on behalf of the Minister for Planning, will assess the planning permit application for the Tragowel BESS to determine its potential impacts and overall suitability.

As part of this process, the application will be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days via the DTP website. During this time, the planning permit application and all supporting documentation will be available for public review.

Community members and stakeholders are invited to make a submission during the exhibition period. Following the exhibition, DTP will consider all submissions as part of its final assessment for the project determination.

Make A Submission

The planning application is expected to be placed on public exhibition in the coming weeks, with community members invited to review the documentation and provide submissions.

Once published, the planning permit application will be available, and submissions can be made via the following link:
<https://www.planning.vic.gov.au/planning-approvals/ministerial-permits-register>

Project Timeline



About the Project

The Tragowel battery energy storage system (BESS) is a proposed 200 MW/800 MWh utility-scale energy storage project, located approximately 7 kilometres south of Kerang, approximately 2.5km southeast of the Kerang Terminal Station.

This strategic location ensures strong connectivity to the local electricity grid, making it a crucial infrastructure project for the region.

About the developers

The proposed project is being developed by Potentia Energy, with support from Green Switch Australia. Subject to planning approval, Potentia Energy will own and operate the project.

Potentia Energy is a leading Australian asset owner and developer with an expanding portfolio of utility-scale wind, solar and battery storage projects, including the Cohuna and Girgarre Solar Farms in Victoria.

Green Switch Australia operates across Victoria, NSW and the ACT, and brings over 20 years of combined local and international experience.

Site works and technical studies

In September 2025, geotechnical site investigation works were completed at the project site.

In addition to the site works, the following technical studies were completed as part of the Planning Permit Application, and will be available to view on the Department of Transport and Planning website:

- Biodiversity Assessment
- Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Due Diligence Assessment
- Agricultural Impact Assessment
- Transport Impact Assessment
- Noise Impact Assessment
- Fire Hazard and Risk Assessment
- Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment
- Hydrology and Flooding Impact Assessment and Stormwater Management Strategy

Consultation to date

Engagement has focused on early, direct conversations and keeping the community informed.

The proponent engaged with key stakeholders, including Council, Traditional Custodians, and neighbouring landholders, and will keep working with them as planning progresses.

From August to November 2025, engagement expanded to the wider community. Every home within 5km received a project mailout.

In September 2025, the proponent door knocked properties within 2km. This gave residents a chance to learn about the project, understand upcoming ground investigations, and ask questions face to face.

A community drop-in session was held at Kerang Memorial Hall in November 2025, offering another opportunity for open discussion with community members and project stakeholders.

Have Your Say:

Benefit Sharing

Potentia Energy's approach to community engagement is guided by a "Creating Shared Value (CSV)" philosophy, which recognises that sustainable business success is intrinsically linked to delivering positive socioeconomic outcomes for local communities.

If approved, the proposed Tragowel BESS will include the establishment of a community benefit fund. This fund will be developed in collaboration with the community and Gannawarra Shire Council to ensure it delivers positive, locally relevant outcomes.

Should you have any questions, please reach out to our friendly team for further information or to request a meeting.

For more information or to get involved, please contact the project team or scan the QR code for our Community Survey.



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