

Update on the proposed Hampton Park Solar and Energy Storage System (SESS) September 2025

This is a Project update to provide you with:



Information on the proposed
Hampton Park Solar and Energy
Storage System (SESS)



An outline of the next steps
in the NSW State Significant
Development (SSD) assessment
process



Detail on what has changed since
we last spoke with the community



Community engagement and participation

ARES is committed to transparent and respectful engagement with neighbours, the local community and First Nations people. Early and ongoing engagement ensures views are heard and considered in the planning and design of the proposed Project.

Australian Renewable Energy Services (ARES) is preparing to submit a Scoping Report to the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) as the first stage in the development application process. The Scoping Report will:

- Provide a high-level summary of the Project
- Review and prioritise environmental considerations identified during initial engagement and site assessments
- Outline the proposed scope of work and assessments to be carried out during the next stage of the development application process.

We expect to submit the Scoping Report to the NSW DPHI in the coming weeks.

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How to view the Scoping Report

Once published, the Scoping Report can be viewed on the NSW Major Projects Portal.

- 1. Visit:
<https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects>
- 2. Search: Hampton Park
- 3. View: the Scoping Report.



SEARs

Following review of the Scoping Report, the NSW DPHI will issue the Secretary’s Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs), which set out items that must be addressed in the next phase of the development application process as part of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

When issued, the SEARs will be publicly available to view on the NSW Major Projects Portal, and our team plans to engage with the community on what they mean.

Once the SEARs are issued, we will begin to prepare the EIS in accordance with those requirements and the DPHI Large-Scale Solar Guideline.

Anticipated Project timeline

Subject to assessments and approvals



What has changed since we last spoke with the community?

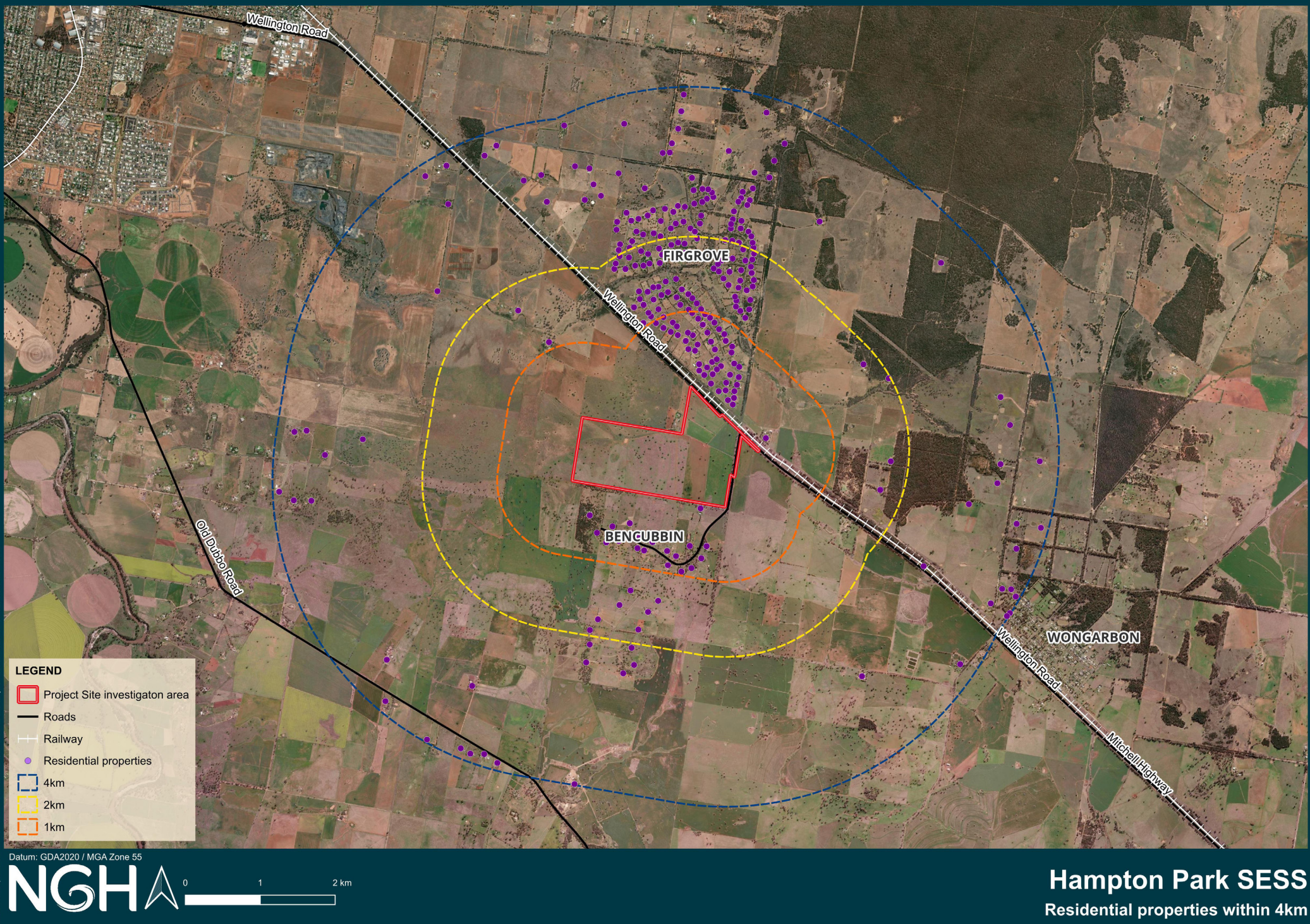
Following engagement undertaken from May - July 2025, preliminary site assessments and discussions with Project stakeholders, the Project will now seek development consent for a Solar and Energy Storage System (SESS) within a smaller footprint.

Since we announced the Project in May 2025 the indicative subject land has been reduced in size to 213 hectares (ha) from 360 ha. Refinements of the subject land will continue throughout the development application phase as technical studies and further engagements are undertaken, and as we prepare the EIS.

The below map outlines:

- The Project's investigation area. This is where on-site studies will be undertaken, and community engagement will focus on to help inform the final Project footprint and design
- Nearby roads and railway lines, which will need to be considered as part of the development process
- Residential properties up to a 4km. The number of residential properties within this boundary has reduced since we first announced the Project, as it is now a smaller footprint.

Project site investigation area and residential neighbours within 4km radius



Future community engagement

We will continue to engage with the community on the Project throughout its lifecycle. We will let you know dates, times and locations as they are confirmed, and we will offer a mix of in-person and online options so you can participate in the way that suits you.

During the preparation of the EIS (before exhibition), we plan to:

- Hold multiple Community Information and Feedback Sessions in the local area with Project team members and technical specialists, who will be available for one-on-one discussions
- Offer near-neighbour briefings and at property meetings (by request) to discuss Project matters
- Host an online Q&A webinar for those who prefer to join remotely
- Share fact sheets, Project details and technical summaries as EIS studies progress.

During public exhibition, we will also:

- Provide additional Community Information and Feedback Sessions (by appointment) focused on the EIS findings, with information and support on how to make a submission
- Offer near-neighbour and community group briefings.

We understand the above engagement sessions may not suit everyone, so we will also be running an online community feedback survey throughout the EIS phase, giving you a simple way to share your views and local knowledge.

Thank you.

If you need information in large print, translated materials, or if you have mobility, hearing or other access needs, please let us know and we will arrange suitable formats and venues.

We will also offer after-hours options for activities to accommodate work and family commitments.

If you would like to register for direct updates via email, have questions, or wish to provide feedback, please contact us.

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