

OXLEY SOLAR FARM NEWS - DECEMBER 2023

DEVELOPMENT APPROVAL GRANTED

On December 11th 2023, Oxley Solar Farm, a state significant development, was granted development consent by the NSW Independent Planning Commission (subject to the associated conditions of consent).

This determination followed many months of work by Oxley Solar Development to review community feedback and to diligently address environmental issues in collaboration with the NSW Department of Planning and Environment. The Department completed a whole of Government assessment of the Oxley Solar Farm in October this year before it went to the Commission for final determination.

Comprising a 215-megawatt (MW) solar farm and a 50 MW / 50 MW-hour battery, Oxley Solar Farm is expected to generate approximately 300 construction jobs and 5 operational jobs.

The Commission found that the proposed site is a suitable site for renewable energy development, given its location within a renewable energy zone, solar resources, existing land capability class, topography, avoidance of major environmental constraints, and good access to both the regional road network and the existing electrical transmission network. The Commission concluded that the project is “in the public interest” and “in accordance with the Objects of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act [1979]”.

In response to issues raised by some community members, and to ensure these are effectively mitigated, the Commission determined various conditions of consent. These conditions include additional on-site vegetation and an updated and detailed landscape plans to ensure the project is appropriately integrated into the broader landscape.

The conditions also require Oxley Solar Farm to undertake comprehensive site rehabilitation. establish a range of strict soil and water management measures. A Community Communication Strategy will also be required to facilitate communication between Oxley Solar Farm, Council and the community during design, construction and operation.

All the documents relating to the assessment and determination of this proposal can be found on the Commission’s website:

<https://www.ipcn.nsw.gov.au/cases/2023/09/oxley-solar>

We will continue to keep the community updated with the projects future progress.

Your feedback is always important to us.

Please contact us at any time if you would like to discuss any aspect of the Project.

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