

Darlington Point Solar Farm Project

The Darlington Point Solar Farm (DPSF) is located approximately 10 km south of the town of Darlington Point, in Western NSW, on land adjacent to TransGrid's Darlington Point substation at Donald Ross Drive. The 975 hectare development site has the potential to accommodate up to 275 MW of solar photovoltaic electricity generation, including the provision, at a future date, of battery technology for energy storage and resupply during peak demand. Edify Energy is currently seeking approval to commence construction of the DPSF in mid-2018.



Why Darlington Point?

The Darlington Point site was chosen by Edify Energy because of:

- Access to large areas of flat, open terrain historically used for grazing.
- Proximity to the TransGrid Darlington Point substation, eliminating the need for additional overhead transmission lines.
- Good solar resource.
- Good access to the site, via the Sturt Highway, which allows easy supply of plant and equipment during construction.



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Project benefits

The development, construction and operation of DPSF will create the following benefits:

- Employment opportunities, with an anticipated peak workforce of approximately 250 personnel during construction and about 5 full-time employees during operations.
- Potential for direct and indirect investment into the Murrumbidgee shire region.
- Once complete, produce enough power to supply over 130,000 homes each year for 30-years.
- Contributes to the Federal Government's mandated Renewable Energy Target, which requires 33 TWh of electricity production from renewable sources by 2020.

Status of DPSF as at December 2017

- Three in-depth ecological surveys undertaken in May, September and November as required by the Framework for Biodiversity Assessment.
- Registered aboriginal parties inspected site in November and a draft CHAR has been issued for comment.
- All technical studies required by SEARs, including flood, traffic, noise, visual impact etc. now complete.
- Preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is also near completion and will be on public exhibition in February.
- Community consultation is ongoing via frequent meetings with Landowners, Murrumbidgee Council and Austin Evans MP (Member for Murray); a community session was held in Darlington Point on 5 December.
- EPBC referral to be submitted to Commonwealth Department of Environment in January.
- Formal Connection Application and Generator Performance Standards submitted to TransGrid in October.

Who is Edify Energy?

Edify Energy is an **Australian** renewable energy development and investment company. We specialise in large-scale renewable energy, particularly solar projects, across their entire life-cycle including development, financing, construction management and asset management. We take an active, quality and relationship-driven approach to our activities with a strong emphasis on community engagement. This, combined with a holistic life-cycle view of projects ensures high-performing assets over the long-term which in turn maximises the local benefits. We currently have **five solar farms in construction** across Queensland and Victoria, which once complete in 2018 will provide a combined **440MWp** of renewable energy capacity to the national electricity grid.

Further Information

For further information on Edify Energy and Darlington Point Solar Farm, please visit:

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