



Community newsletter July 2024

# Gol Gol Renewable Energy Projects

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#### **Project update**

The Scoping Reports for Gol Gol Wind Farm, Gol Gol Solar Farm and Gol Gol Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) have been submitted to the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI). The reports are available for viewing on the DPHI Major Projects website.

The Scoping Reports outline each proposed project and identify key matters that require further assessment in each Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The preliminary project designs in the Scoping Reports will be refined and informed by further environmental assessments and community consultation with an aim to avoid or minimise potential impacts of the project.

DPHI has reviewed the Scoping Reports and issued the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs). The SEARs outline specific economic, environmental and social matters that need to be addressed in each EIS. Please scan the QR codes to view the projects on the Major Projects website.



Site-specific studies to support each EIS will start soon with biodiversity assessments, which require ongoing site surveys of up to two years.

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#### **Gol Gol Wind Farm**

470k

470k

homes powered

Expected

**840MW** 

Expected

capacity

**Expected tonnes of** 

emissions avoided

#### **Gol Gol Solar Farm**

254k Expected

600MW Expected homes powered capacity

Expected tonnes of emissions avoided 255k

**Gol Gol Battery** 

**1500MW** /12 hour

**Expected capacity** and duration

#### Environmental assessment process



## **Project map**



# South West Renewable Energy Zone Access Rights and Long Duration Storage Long Term Energy Service Agreement (LTESA)

Transgrid is currently constructing a new transmission line, Project EnergyConnect, to accelerate up to 3.98 gigawatts of new renewable energy projects in the Sout West Renewable Energy Zone.

Squadron Energy submitted a tender to AEMO Services in June 2024 to seek access to the new transmission line for Gol Gol Wind Farm, Gol Gol Solar Farm and Gol Gol BESS. We expect to receive the outcome of this tender in late 2024/ early 2025.



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## **Community sponsorship**

Squadron Energy is dedicated to sharing project benefits with the local community. The community sponsorship program may provide funds to community organisations and events including:

- education and training initiatives
- community development programs
- health and wellbeing
- environmental initiatives
- sport and arts.

Applications are open for community sponsorship, please visit <u>www.squadronenergy.com/</u> <u>communitysponsorship</u> or contact us using the details below for more information.



Alternatively, scan the QR code to complete the community sponsorship application online.





## **Community engagement**

Squadron Energy held our first community drop-in session for the Gol Gol Renewable Energy Projects at the Midway Centre. The session was well attended, and we are grateful to those who attended and provided feedback.

We will aim to incorporate what we have heard so far into how we shape the projects. As each project progresses, we will provide opportunities for the community to provide feedback through one-on-one meetings or dropin sessions.

We welcome your thoughts and feedback. If you have any questions or concerns about the proposed projects, please contact us.

# **Contact us**

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