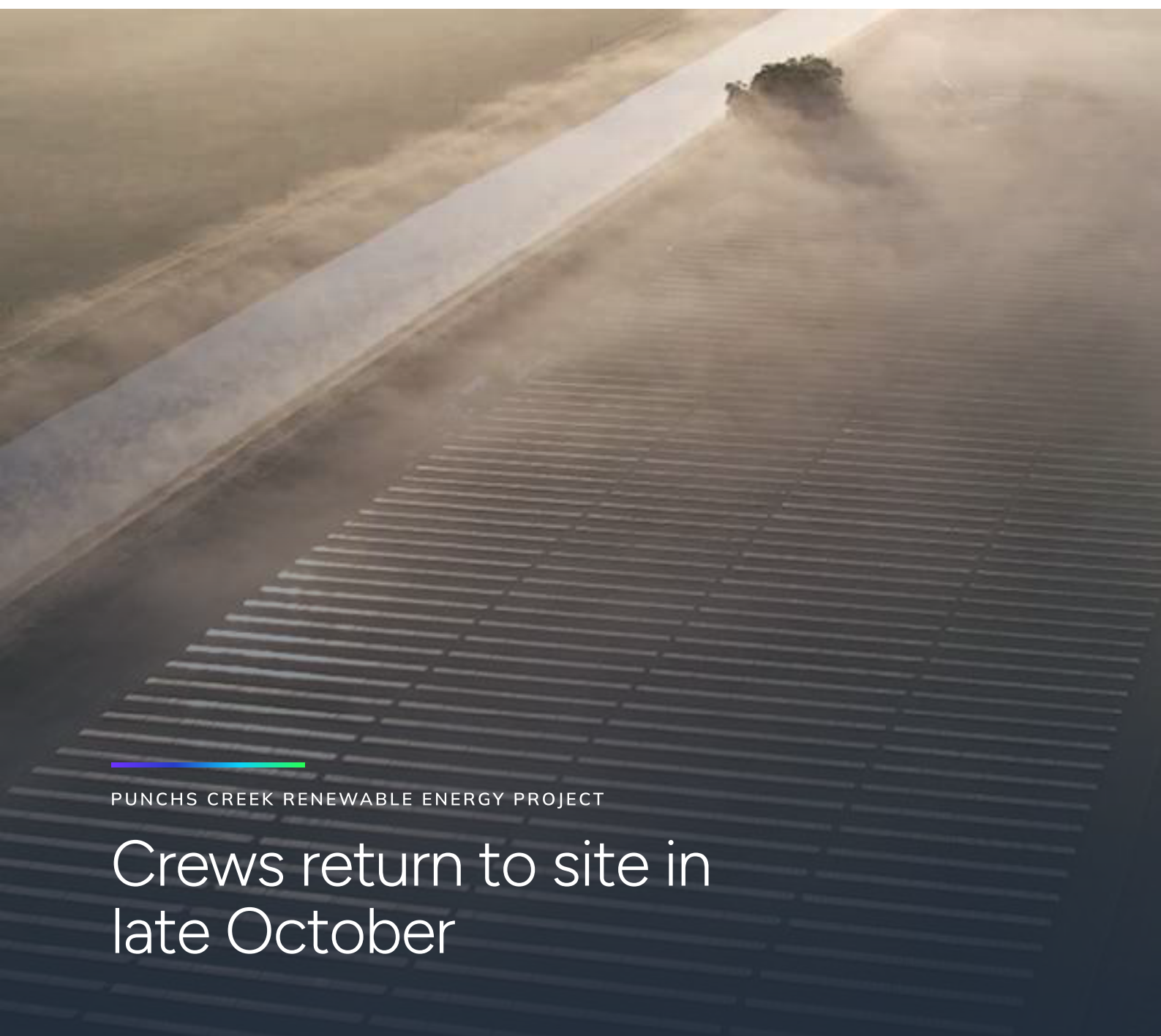




PUNCHS CREEK RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECT

Crews return to site in late October

A defined earthworks package to form the bench for the 330kV switchyard. Construction of the solar farm and battery follows at a later stage. This update explains what will happen, what you may see and hear, and how to reach us if you have a concern.

Late
October

Crews back on site

7 months

Expected duration of this phase

Switchyard
only

Solar and battery works
to follow

Crews come back to site in October

The 330kV switchyard works at Punchs Creek have been stopped for most of this year. Our contractor, Consolidated Power Projects, is preparing to return to site in late October to prepare and recommence earthworks for the 330kV switchyard. This phase of the works is expected to take up to seven months to complete.

This stage is a specific piece of ground preparation for the connection of the solar farm. Crews will form a level bench for the 330kV switchyard that Powerlink's contractor will build, including access tracks from Turner's Road. The solar farm and battery works follow at a later stage, set out further below.

HOW THE OCTOBER TO MAY PROGRAM RUNS

FORECAST TIMING	WHAT HAPPENS
From late October	Crews return. Site clean-up including the site compound, survey and set-out, and restoration of erosion and sediment controls.
November to the holiday period	Access tracks constructed into the switchyard area, topsoil stripped and stockpiled, subgrade prepared, and material imported to construct the 330kV switchyard bench, with fill placed and compacted.
November to March	The busiest period for trucks. Fill material carted in from a quarry, with a break over the Christmas and New Year holiday period.
April and May 2027	Drainage finished, disturbed areas rehabilitated, and the civil crews pack up and leave site.

Potential for delays: the forecast timing allows for holiday periods, but delays could be incurred depending on wet weather interruptions.

The trucks are the part worth flagging early

From November through to late March, fill material is carted in from a quarry. That is the busiest the roads will be at any point in this stage. There will be a break over the Christmas and New Year period, with works ramping up again through mid to late January.

We will write to everyone who lives near the site or along the haul routes before the works recommence. That letter will confirm the intended start date, expected working hours, the roads being used, and the number to call if something goes wrong. We expect work across weekends at points in the program, and the notification will say plainly when we expect that to happen.

Major construction is still to come

Major construction of the solar farm and the battery is separate from the earthworks for the 330kV switchyard, and it is still ahead of us.

Power purchase agreement: a long-term contract with a customer to buy the electricity the project generates. It is the commercial foundation the project rests on, and it is what gives us the certainty to commit to the full construction program. We are currently in the market for one.

Subject to securing that agreement, receiving the remaining approvals and making a final investment decision, we currently expect major construction to commence late in the second half of 2027. We will confirm the timing publicly as this progresses. As with the switchyard earthworks, the intention is that neighbours and those on the haul route hear from us first.

What is being built, and why

400 MW Solar farm capacity	1,600 MWh Storage, in a 400 MW four-hour battery	1,080 GWh Generated each year, about the annual use of 198,000 Queensland homes	35 years Operating life, after which the land is expected to return to its current use
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- Located 13 kilometres south-east of Millmerran, near Powerlink's Millmerran–Middle Ridge transmission line.
- Development approval granted by Toowoomba Regional Council in April 2024.

Queensland's electricity demand is forecast to grow, driven by transport and industrial electrification, new industrial loads and the development of large data centres, alongside broader economic and population growth. The task is no longer only about replacing older generation with something cleaner; it is about building enough affordable and reliable capacity for an economy that will run on more electricity than it used to.

Solar on its own does not finish the job. Solar generates while the sun is up and demand peaks after dark, so the battery is what moves the energy from one demand time to the other. It can also respond in seconds to hold the system steady if something unforeseen occurs elsewhere on the network. Generation, grid, storage and flexibility have to grow together, and the transmission line running near this site is a large part of why the project can be built in this location.

There is an affordability argument as well. A system with more locally generated power and more storage is less exposed to volatile markets.

Cultural heritage

The project has a Cultural Heritage Management Plan in place, agreed with the Maree family of the Kambuwal People, the endorsed Aboriginal party for this area, and approved by the State.

Field officers nominated by the Maree family attend site to assess cultural heritage, and that continues in late October ahead of the earthworks commencing.

Benefits, local work and the roads

The community benefit program

We are proposing to work with the local community to design a benefit program that reflects local priorities. Consultation is proposed through October and November 2026, alongside the recommencement of work on site.

A social impact assessment has already recorded what this community has voiced about its priorities, with education, training and keeping young people in the district near the top. That is where we will start, rather than asking people to say it all again.

Local work and local business

Ahead of the main construction packages we will set up a local supplier register and run briefings for local businesses before those packages are released. Please get in touch to have your business included in the register.

A note on the road works

The Turner Road works and the upgrade to the Moffat Reserve Road and Kooroongarra Road intersection are conditions of our development approval. They sit outside the switchyard earthworks and will be delivered separately — we will confirm the timing of the Turner Road works once it is established.

Come and talk to us

There will be an information session in Millmerran early in November. Before that, we will be calling on neighbours and people along the haul routes directly.

We also send a written update to the Millmerran Chamber of Commerce every month, and we will keep that going through the works.

GETTING IN TOUCH

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Every call and email is logged, and we will tell you who is handling it and when to expect an answer. If you have a question about Punchs Creek, ask us.

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