



PUNCHS CREEK RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECT

Preparing for work to resume at Punchs Creek

EDP Solar Farm

We are preparing for work to resume at Punchs Creek in October. This is earthworks to form the bench for the 330kV switchyard. The work planned for October is limited to substation switchyard earthworks. Construction of the solar farm and battery is to follow at a later stage.

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. This will include access tracks from Turner Road. The solar farm and battery works are to follow at a later stage, as detailed 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, restoring erosion and sediment controls.
November to December, up to the holiday period	Access tracks constructed into the switchyard area, topsoil stripped and stockpiled, subgrade prepared, material imported to construct the 330kV switchyard bench area including fill placed and compacted.
November to March	This period is expected to be 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 to the above timing: the forecast timing includes for holiday periods, however delays could be incurred depending on wet weather interruptions.



Major construction is still to come

The earthworks for the 330kV switchyard are only one part of the project. Construction of the solar farm and battery will come later.

That stage depends on securing a power purchase agreement: a long-term contract with a customer to buy the electricity the project generates. It is the commercial foundation that allows us to commit to the full construction program, and we are in the market working to secure one.

Subject to securing a power purchase agreement, receiving the remaining approvals and making a final investment decision, we currently expect major construction to commence late 2027. We will confirm the timing as this progresses. Similar to the earthworks for the 330kV switchyard, the intention is that neighbours and those on the haul route will 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} Expected each year, equivalent to the annual electricity use of approximately 198,000 Queensland homes	35_{years} Designed 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, the development of large data centres, and broader economic and population growth. This means Queensland will need more electricity overall and not just new generation to replace older power stations.

Solar and battery storage work together. Solar generates electricity during the day, while the battery can store some of that energy for use later, including when demand is higher in the evening. Batteries can also respond quickly when the electricity network needs support. The nearby transmission line is also an important reason why this location is suitable for the project.

There is also an affordability benefit as more local generation and storage can help make electricity costs less vulnerable to changes in energy 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 is to continue in late October ahead of the earthworks commencement.

Benefits, local work and the roads

The community benefit program

We are looking to work with the local community to design a benefit program that reflects local priorities. We will be meeting with local groups, council and holding an information session to gather as much information as possible to help develop a tailor-made program. Consultation is planned for throughout October and November 2026, alongside the recommencement of work on site.

A social impact assessment has previously recorded what this community has voiced about its priorities, with education, training and keeping young people in the district near the top, and we will build on that feedback.

Local work and local business

Ahead of the main construction packages we will be setting up a local supplier register and running briefings for local businesses before those packages are released. Please reach out to us 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 earthworks for the 330kV switchyard and will be delivered separately. We will confirm the timing of the Turner Road works at a later stage.

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

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