

# Birriwa Solar

Renewable Energy from ACEN

## Project Update - February 2023

### Project Summary

The Birriwa Solar and Battery project is a proposed 600-megawatt renewable energy project located approximately 20km southeast of Dunedoo, in the Birriwa district within the Mid-Western Regional Council local government area (LGA). The project is within the Central-West Orana (CWO) Renewable Energy Zone (REZ).

The proposal includes a battery energy storage system (BESS) of up to 600 MW for 2 hours. The BESS will enable electricity from solar to be stored and then released during times of demand.

Once constructed, Birriwa Solar will generate enough renewable energy to power approximately 262,000 average Australian homes per year and contribute to Australia's domestic and international commitments of renewable energy development, including NSW's target of 50% renewable energy by 2030.

The project is being assessed as a State Significant Development under Part 4 of the NSW Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. The NSW Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) is the state planning authority for the project.

### Environmental Impact Statement

The exhibition of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the project ended on 10 November 2022. Submissions were received from the local community and the public more broadly. ACEN Australia would like to thank everyone who took the time to make a submission to our proposal.

We are now working on a response to submissions report. This report will give us an opportunity to respond to the issues raised in submissions, ensure the community gets feedback on the issues raised in submissions and to help the decision-maker evaluate the merits of the project.

The report will provide an analysis of the issues raised in submissions, a description of what we have done since exhibition to address these issues and if needed, an updated evaluation of the merits of the project incorporating the findings of any further assessment or community engagement. We continue to welcome your ongoing feedback on the project.

We plan to submit our submissions report in the coming months. The report will be available on the DPE website at <https://pp.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/birriwa-solar-farm>.

If you would like to speak to a member of our team, please visit our Gulgong project office at 79b Herbert St, Gulgong  
We are open Tuesday- Thursday 9:00am- 5:00pm



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