



## NEW ENGLAND SOLAR FARM

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## Solar panels take in the sunshine at solar farm site

Large Jinko PV Modules are now being installed across the New England Solar and Battery project site, providing a glimpse of how the working solar farm will look once completed.

The solar panels are erected once the Quality Assurance team checks the tracking system installation. Crews also undertake trenching for DC cabling, so our electrical teams can then move in to complete the wiring works.



## Aboriginal Cultural knowledge celebrated in documentary film

A short documentary film *Ooralla: A collection of stories from First Nations* has been released to share knowledge and raise awareness of local Aboriginal culture.

The film centres on a meeting place at a small rocky outcrop that was identified as part of field surveys around four years ago as part of the assessment and approvals for the New England Solar and Battery project.

It includes a significant grinding groove site where it is believed Aboriginal people gathered to learn, celebrate events and trade, while other significant items such as scar trees and stone artefacts are also featured

New England Solar Farm Construction Director Tim Greenaway said the documentary project had been requested and guided by representatives from local Aboriginal people.

"The early field surveys for the solar farm and battery project uncovered a number of significant Aboriginal cultural and historical items on the project site," Mr Greenaway said.

"It showed us that the site had this incredible history and we hope that through this film the stories are shared and become a valuable source of knowledge and understanding for all people in the region."

Work is now taking place to establish access tracks to the Grinding Groove site so that Aboriginal groups can access the site once the solar project is operational from next year.

A number of other cultural items identified on the solar project site have been protected on site or re-located to the Armidale and Region Aboriginal Cultural Centre and Keeping Place.

The film project is part of a broader program of video stories, *Sharing cultural knowledge: A collection of stories from Anaiwan and Gumbaynggirr First Nations* which will be provided to the ACCKP as a publicly available resource.

▶ **Watch the film here:**  
<https://newenglandsolarfarm.com.au/community>

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