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## Site works kick off for electrical connection

Work has begun on the electrical switchyard that's required to connect the New England Battery Energy Storage System to the electricity transmission network.

The works are being undertaken by Australian business Lumea, a Transgrid group, which specialises in connecting large scale electricity generators to the electricity transmission network.

The new switchyard bay will be located next to the existing outdoor electrical infrastructure on our Stage 1 solar project site.

The switchyard construction will involve the installation of a step up transformer, busbars, circuit breakers, disconnection switches and other equipment that all work together to safely convert and transport electricity from the on-site battery system.

The work is expected to take about six months to complete.

## **Battery works move forward**

Site preparation works will soon begin for the New England Solar Battery Energy Storage Project, which will help provide on-demand energy for homes and businesses across NSW and Queensland.

The 400 megawatt hour battery project will be co-located on our Stage 1 Solar Project site. When complete it will be able to provide 200 megawatt hours of energy over a two-hour period, when required – day or night.

Leading energy storage specialist Energy Vault will lead the construction of the battery project.

Road users may notice a minor increase in traffic along the New England Highway, the northern end of Barleyfields Road and Big Ridge Road as construction works take place on our project site.

Additional works to seal the end of Big Ridge Road are also planned. We will liaise directly with affected neighbours when the timing of works is confirmed.

Thank you for your patience as this work continues.

## New England Solar grants helps get horse club moving

The Uralla Branch of Tamworth Regional Horse Drawn Club has upgraded to a new gear trailer thanks to the help of the New England Solar Social Investment Program.

It's an essential bit of equipment to help the club stay on the move between events and shows.

Round 2 of this year's Social Investment Program has now just closed, with news of the next round of recipients expected before November. Thank you to all those people and groups who took the time to apply for our grants in 2024.



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