



Walla Walla Solar Farm Fact Sheet



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Leading Australian solar developer, FRV Services Australia (FRV), is looking to develop a utility-scale solar farm near Walla Walla, and approximately 40 kilometres North of Albury in NSW.

The proposed solar farm will consist of approximately 900,000 solar panels installed across the 605-hectare site. The solar farm will have a 300-megawatt (MW) capacity of clean, renewable energy – enough to power approx. 90,000 average NSW homes.

The project is currently in the planning stage and an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) been submitted to the NSW Department of Planning, Industry & Environment (DPIE) for assessment. Stakeholders have been notified that the EIS has been submitted and provided a direct link to review of the submission during Public Exhibition.

Community engagement is an important part of our approach as it allows us to understand stakeholders' views and expectations. Consultation with neighbours and the community is underway and will be ongoing as the development progresses.

THE SITE

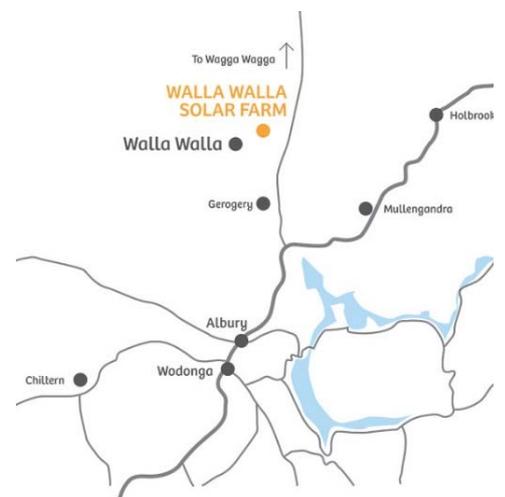
The project site is well located for exporting the solar farm's electricity into the existing national electricity grid – avoiding the need to build additional transmission infrastructure – a significant additional cost for project developers and electricity customers.

The site sits across freehold land, owned by two separate landowners currently used for crops and grazing and is within a Rural Farming Zone. Zoning will not change as solar farms are considered compatible for development alongside other forms of agriculture. The site is not irrigated. Sheep farming will continue at the site once the solar farm is completed.

ABOUT FRV

FRV is a large-scale global renewable development company with considerable experience in the planning and development of solar farms in Australia.

Since entering the Australian market in 2010, FRV has initiated multiple large-scale solar farm developments in NSW, Victoria, South Australia and QLD. This includes the Moree Solar Farm and more recently, the Goonumbra Solar Farm, near Parkes.



Location of proposed Walla Solar Farm

THE SOLAR FARM

The Walla Walla Solar Farm will use the latest in solar energy generation technology. Ultra-absorbent solar panels with anti-reflective coatings will be installed on tracking systems that allow them to rotate and follow the sun. This enables them to capture the maximum amount of sunlight possible, increasing the efficiency and output of the solar farm.

Design and layout of the Walla Walla Solar Farm will be in accordance with local planning laws and will specifically aim to minimise environmental, cultural heritage and neighbour impacts.

Visual appearance

Typically, solar farm developments are relatively unobtrusive as they are low profile. Solar panels will be installed at the same height or lower than other existing features in the landscape and vegetation screens will be planted where needed to protect the amenity of nearby residents.

To connect to the grid, the solar farm will use an existing transmission line easement which runs parallel with the western boundary of the site to connect to the 330kv Jindera to Wagga Wagga Powerline.

Environment

FRV is committed to environmentally sensitive development and the protection of local flora and fauna. We have completed a detailed ecological assessment of the site and will design the solar farm to minimise environmental impact. Construction and operation of the Walla Walla Solar Farm will consider existing waterways and flood patterns to ensure minimal impact on water flows in the area.



Community value

Construction of the Walla Walla Solar Farm is likely to provide a significant boost to the regional economy. During construction, FRV will instruct its contractors to hire local workers wherever possible. Additional, indirect benefits will flow to the local economy over the life of the project, including accommodation, meals, transport, materials and services.



Artist impression of a solar farm panel

Walla Walla Solar Farm will also deliver clean, zero emissions electricity to meet the region's energy needs.



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