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WINTON SOLAR FARM PROJECT UPDATE

FRV, a global renewable energy solutions provider and leading solar developer, is currently constructing the 85 MW AC Winton Solar Farm, near Benalla in Victoria.

October 2020 – What is happening on site?



Delivery of the Solar Farm Substation High Voltage Switch Room



Native tree plantations completed on perimeter of solar farm site.



Aerial photo of current construction works

COVID-19

- *Safety is a priority for all workers onsite.*
 - **COVID-19 Plan.** FRV and Gransolar, the Principal Contractor, continue to monitor the Victorian Government's Coronavirus Restrictions and implementing relevant requirements onsite.
- Only essential personnel are currently allowed onsite – *please no visitors.*

<p>Major activities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 90% of tracking system installations now complete. • One third of all solar panels installed. • 34% of inverter installations complete. • Electrical, mechanical works and perimeter fence installation at the substation are well progressed. • Delivery of high voltage switch room (from Brisbane) received onsite. • Trenching works continue for the installation of cabling across the site. • Construction of overhead line underway. • Tree planting (5000 native trees) for reduced visual impact completed along SE and W site perimeters. • Rehabilitation of laydown areas is underway in some sections of the site to enable grass to regrow.
<p>Community</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winton Solar Farm Community Grants are now open for applications. Up to \$20,000 is available for eligible community groups. For further information – please visit http://wintonsolarfarm.com/community/ • Please submit grant applications to infoaustralia@frv.com Applications close Friday 9 October. • With the support from the Winton Solar Farm, the Regent Honeyeater Project has commenced new native vegetation and biodiversity plantings near the Winton Wetlands. When complete, these plantings will increase connection between existing native vegetation corridors and provide new habitat for protected species.
<p>Employment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approximately 230 personnel currently onsite. • 29 Apprentices and Trainees are now working at site ranging from first year to fourth year apprentices. The Apprentices and Trainees are undertaking a range of training and skills development opportunities including training in worksite safety. All apprentices are from the local area. • Solar Installer/Laborer role available. For information, please see https://www.seek.com.au/job/50688370?type=standout#searchRequestToken=0e9763dd-87a4-447f-91fb-8c51f93fac16
<p>Traffic</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivery of a HV transformer (oversized load) is expected to take place between the 15th and 19th October. The transformer will be delivered to site on an oversize truck with pilot vehicles supervising its progress. Some temporary delays may be experienced on the Winton-Glenrowan Rd at this time. • <i>Local road users are reminded to drive to speed conditions and please take care around the Winton Solar Farm.</i>
<p>Contact us</p>	<p>We welcome your questions and feedback! To contact the Project team, please email infoaustralia@frv.com or call 0418 142 173.</p> <p>Please also visit our website at www.wintonsolarfarm.com</p>