

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.

August 2020 – What is happening on site?



Winton Solar Farm construction site

<p>COVID-19</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Safety is a priority for all workers onsite.</i> • COVID-19 Plan. FRV and Gransolar, the Principal Contractor, are monitoring the Victorian Government’s Coronavirus Restrictions and implementing relevant requirements onsite. <p>Only essential staff are currently allowed onsite – <i>please no site visitors.</i></p>
<p>Major activities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installation of piles is nearing completion with approx. 42,000 piles now installed. • A majority of internal access tracks are now complete. • Civil engineering and earthworks have commenced to prepare the Solar Farm’s substation pad. • The perimeter fence has been constructed with site numbering also in place.

Major activities cont..	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paddock and native trees have been fenced off for protection during construction. • Trees nominated for removal have been taken down and removed from site. • Installation of solar tracking mechanisms has commenced. • The 'Golden Row' – the first row of solar panels – has been installed.
Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Logs and stumps removed from site have been donated to the Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority and will be repurposed for use in local waterways to create habitat and prevent erosion. • Gransolar are interested in liaising with local community groups to support small fundraising opportunities. For further information please call 0418 142 173.
Employment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approximately 170 personnel currently onsite. • Upcoming roles will be advertised on www.northernjobshub.com.au and may also be advertised in the Benalla Courier and Wangaratta Chronicle. • <i>The project is actively looking to appoint local workers.</i> • Isabella Lindsay, from Violet Town has recently joined the onsite project team as a Business Administration Trainee, part of our effort to provide apprenticeships and traineeships during construction. • <i>Safety is a priority for all workers onsite.</i>
Local business partnerships	<p>Winton Solar Farm is currently working with the following local businesses to supply and support the project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North East Fasteners • Watters Electrical • James Civil Excavations • The Apprenticeship Factory • Worklocker Wangaratta • Vic State Demolition • Katch Tree Care • Benalla Equipment Hire • Sandy Creek Trees
Traffic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In accordance with development approval, access to and from the site for all commercial vehicles, including large deliveries and waste collection is via the Winton-Glenrowan Rd, rather than the Hume Highway directly. • Approved traffic changes have been implemented on the Winton-Glenrowan Road. This includes lower speeds for the safe entry and exit of vehicles, and potential short-term road closures. • <i>Local road users are reminded to drive to speed conditions and please take care around the Winton Solar Farm.</i>
Contact us	<p>We welcome your questions and feedback! To contact the Project team, please email info@frv.com or call 0418 142 173.</p> <p>Please also visit our website at www.wintonsolarfarm.com</p>