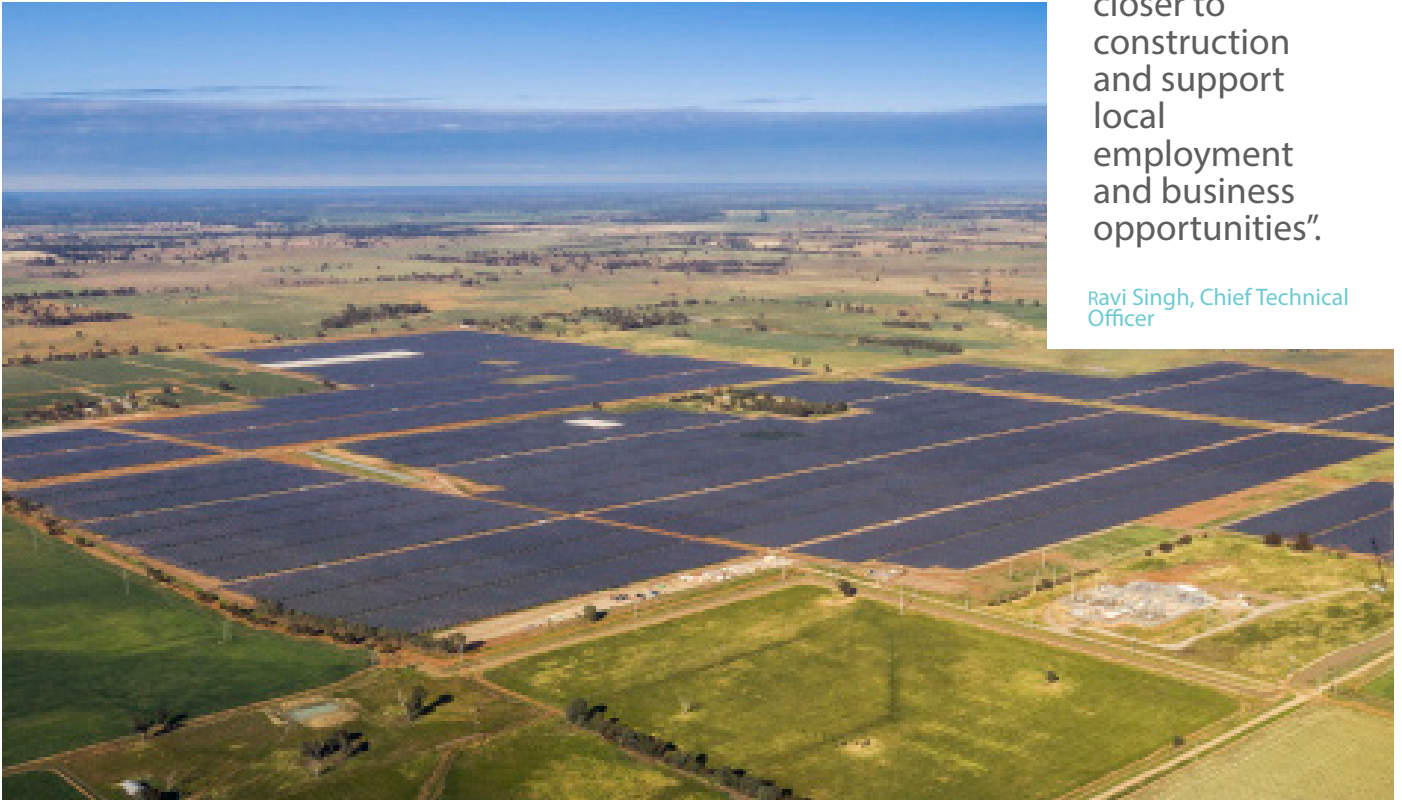


# Horsham Solar Farm Community Newsletter

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“We are excited to progress closer to construction and support local employment and business opportunities”.

Ravi Singh, Chief Technical Officer



## Construction is anticipated to begin in late 2023, a significant milestone for the Horsham Solar Farm.

Horsham Solar Farm is a 118.8 MWac solar project located approximately 5km east of Horsham and approximately 300km northwest of Melbourne in Victoria. The project sits within Victoria's Western Victoria Renewable Energy Zone (REZ), one of six across the State. Once operational, the solar farm will supply renewable electricity to the national

electricity market, generating power for approximately 55,700 Australian homes.

The Horsham Solar Farm would require the installation of solar panels and associated infrastructure including a short, underground 220kV, cable to connect into the grid at the existing Horsham Terminal Substation.

Horsham Solar Farm is supported by the Victorian Government through the Victorian Renewable Energy Target Auction (VRET2) and will contribute towards meeting Victoria's new renewable energy targets of 65% by 2030 and 95% by 2035.



# Business Opportunities



As the project moves towards construction, ESCO Pacific has partnered with the Industry Capability Network (ICN) to maximise the opportunities for local industry. To find out more or submit an expression of interest please visit:

<https://gateway.icn.org.au/project/5285/horsham-solar-farm>

## Industry Briefings

Over 80 representatives from local businesses and service providers attended information briefings in Ballarat and Horsham in March 2023.

Those attending heard from project developers alongside representatives from ICN on the different work packages available, social procurement targets and how to submit an Expression of Interest via the ICN Gateway.

As a VRET2 project, there are social procurement targets to be met to ensure that the project offers opportunities to people who are based in the regions. The priority categories for VRET2 include women's equality and safety, Traditional Owners and Victorian Aboriginal People, and disadvantaged Victorians.



Leading Swedish renewable developer OX2 has acquired ESCO Pacific

OX2 sees great potential in the Australian market for renewables and opportunities to expand the operations of ESCO Pacific.

OX2 also plans to scale up operations through acquisitions in solar and energy storage and has the ambition to expand operations to onshore wind while exploring offshore wind and hydrogen.

Over the coming weeks, the ESCO Pacific name and logo will be replaced with OX2.

To view the recent media release, please visit <https://www.escopacific.com.au/media-releases>

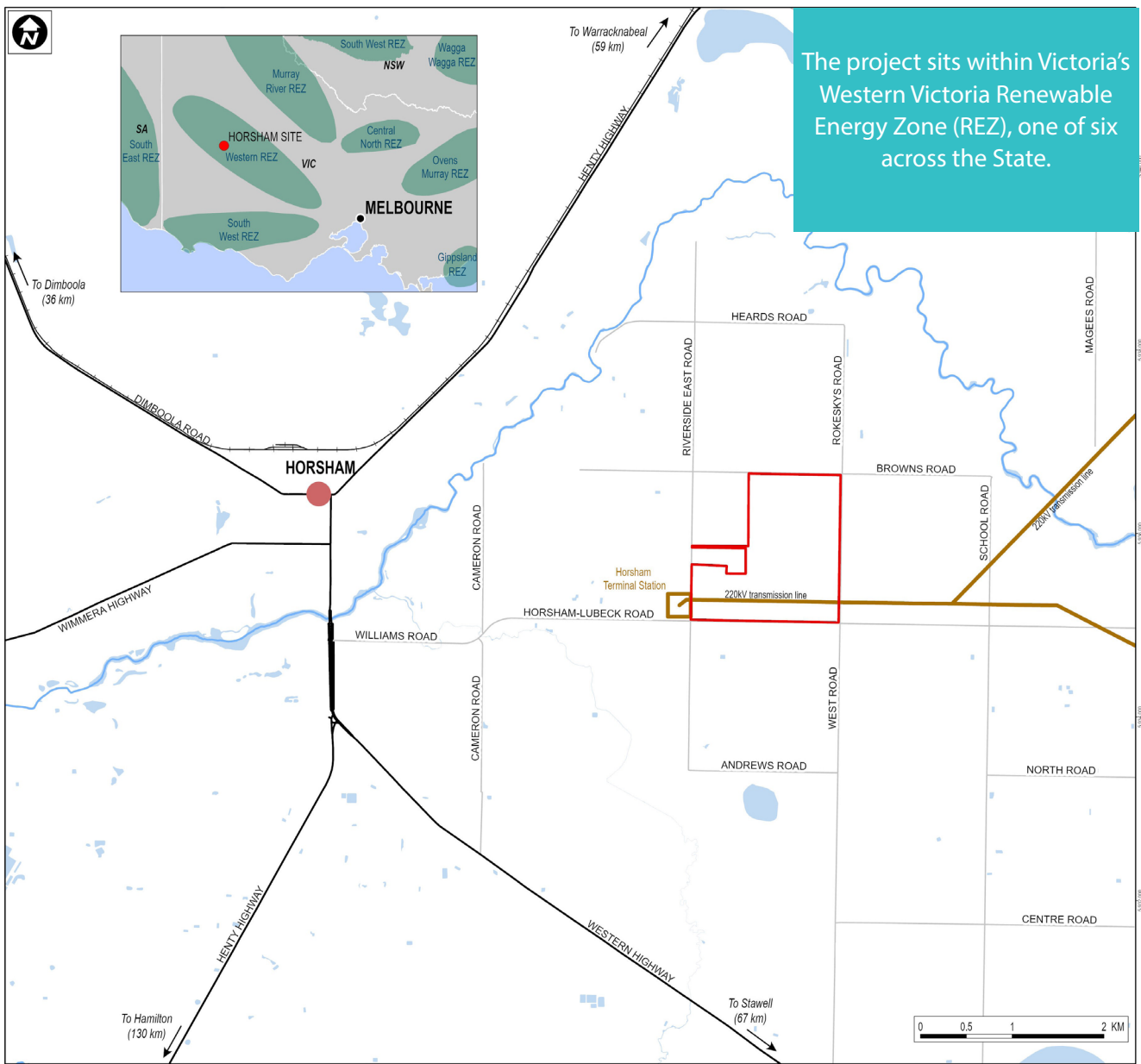
## Acknowledgement

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which the project is located, the Wotjobaluk, Jaadwa, Jadawadjali, Wergaia and Jupagulk peoples of the Wotjobaluk Nations, represented by the Barengi Gadjin Land Council (BGLC). We pay our respects to Elders who worked tirelessly to be recognised as the first positive Native Title determination in Victoria. We acknowledge their hard work and celebrate their continuous connection to Country.

# Project Facts

Website	<a href="http://www.escopacific.com.au">www.escopacific.com.au</a>
Technology	Photovoltaic Solar Farm & Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)
Solar Farm Capacity	Up to 118.8MWac
Environmental Benefits	Clean energy to power approximately 55,700 homes
Number of PV Panels	Approximately 230,000
Project Area	196 ha/485 acres
Location	Approximately 5km east of Horsham, VIC
Construction starts	Q4 2023

# Project Location



# Community News

## Drop In Information Session

We warmly invite you to a Community Drop In Session to learn more about the Horsham Solar Farm and to provide your feedback.

Please join us:

Tuesday 18th July 2023

Heritage Hall, Horsham Town Hall, 71 Pynsent Street, Horsham

Between 2pm and 7pm

Light Refreshments provided. No need to RSVP, just drop in. We look forward to welcoming you.

ESCO Pacific is committed to engaging with neighbours, local communities and stakeholders throughout the development of the project.

For more information and to join our mailing list, please scan the QR code or visit our website at [www.escopacific.com.au](http://www.escopacific.com.au)

You can also contact us directly on 03 8595 2406 or by email at [info-au@ox2.com](mailto:info-au@ox2.com)



## Benefit Sharing

Consultation with a range of stakeholders, has shaped the proposed design of the Community Benefit Sharing Plan.

While conversations will continue to allow the plan to be refined, ESCO has considered the outcomes of engagement to date and currently the plan has two key focus areas:

- Support for the Horsham Rural City Council's Community Development Grants Program, to support the many different not-for-profit local community groups,
- Support for regional jobs, training and procurement.

Take the Survey below to help inform the plan.

## Survey

ESCO Pacific invites you to take part in a Community Survey to obtain your feedback and hear how you believe the Horsham Solar Farm could best benefit your community.

To take part, please visit the Horsham Solar Farm website or scan the QR Code below.

The survey is just 10 questions and should take approximately 5 minutes to complete.

ESCO Pacific welcomes your input and collaboration on the project.



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