



Edify®

Nowingi Solar Power Station

Community Consultation and Engagement Plan

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1. Introduction

1.1 The Project

Edify Energy Pty Ltd (ABN 85 606 684 995) proposes to develop a solar farm with integrated battery energy storage system (BESS), to be known as the Nowingi Solar Power Station (**the Project**).

Located in the Loddon Mallee area of Victoria, approximately 45km south of Mildura, the Project is on the traditional lands of the First Peoples of the Millewa-Mallee.

The objective of the Project is to generate new and dispatchable carbon-free electricity supply for Victoria. Subject to necessary approvals, Edify Energy (Edify) anticipates construction to commence in 2026.

Currently in the development phase, the project has the potential to generate up to 360 MWp of solar photovoltaic electricity and up to 300MW / 2.4GWh of energy storage in the form of an integrated BESS. The Project also includes infrastructure such as solar panel arrays, inverters, transformers, underground cabling, an integrated BESS, site office and maintenance building, access tracks, road and electrical easement crossings, perimeter security fencing, and a substation.

During peak construction, which will likely take up to 18 months, approximately 250 new full time jobs will be created. In addition, the community can expect to benefit from a positive economic flow through to local supply chains, hotels, motels, cafes, pubs, accommodation, catering, tradespeople, tools and equipment suppliers. Once in operation, the project will employ approximately 7-8 permanent positions to operate and maintain the solar farm.

This Community Consultation and Engagement Plan (CCEP) has been prepared to summarise engagement activities undertaken during the planning phase of the project. The CCEP is a living document, which is intended to evolve over the life of the Project and will vary throughout the stages of the Project. It has been developed with consideration of the recommendations and guidance of IAP2 Australasia (Figure 2).



Figure 1: Project Area (October 2024)

This document will be managed by Edify's project manager, which will evolve as the project matures. In turn, this document will guide community consultation activities during the post-approval (pre-construction), construction and operation phases of the Project.

	INFORM	CONSULT	INVOLVE	COLLABORATE	EMPOWER
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION GOAL	To provide the public with balanced and objective information to assist them in understanding the problems, alternatives and/or solutions.	To obtain public feedback on analysis, alternatives and/or decision.	To work directly with the public throughout the process to ensure that public issues and concerns are consistently understood and considered.	To partner with the public in each aspect of the decision including the development of alternatives and the identification of the preferred solution.	To place final decision-making in the hands of the public.
PROMISE TO THE PUBLIC	We will keep you informed.	We will keep you informed, listen to and acknowledge concerns and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision.	We will work with you to ensure that your concerns and issues are directly reflected in the alternatives developed and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision.	We will look to you for direct advice and innovation in formulating solutions and incorporate your advice and recommendations into the decisions to the maximum extent possible.	We will implement what you decide.
EXAMPLE TOOLS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fact sheets • Websites • Open houses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public comment • Focus groups • Surveys • Public meetings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshops • Deliberate polling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citizen Advisory committees • Consensus building • Participatory • Decision-making 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citizen juries • Ballots • Delegated • Decisions

Figure 2 - IAP2 Australasia Spectrum

1.2 About Edify Energy

Edify is a proudly 100% Australian owned renewable energy and storage company, leading the industry in the deployment and operation of new energy generation, storage and grid infrastructure to support Australia's energy transition.

Delivering more than \$2 billion of investment in Australia, Edify has successfully developed and financed over 1,000MW of utility-scale solar farms and battery energy storage systems and, in addition to projects currently in construction, is managing the operations of 6 solar farms and 4 BESS that it has developed, financed and constructed. Collectively, its utility-scale solar farms produce enough electricity to power over 281,000 Australian homes and its battery storage systems provide system strength to the grid and are capable of powering approximately 680,000 homes.

The Edify business model supports the full lifecycle of renewable energy and storage project development and operation, including greenfield development, project structuring and financing, construction management and a full operational asset management offering.

Edify has a strong pipeline of renewable energy projects, including solar, storage, hybrid and hydrogen projects across the NEM states in various stages of development that the successful candidate will have a key role in developing.

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[Nowingi - Edify Energy](#)

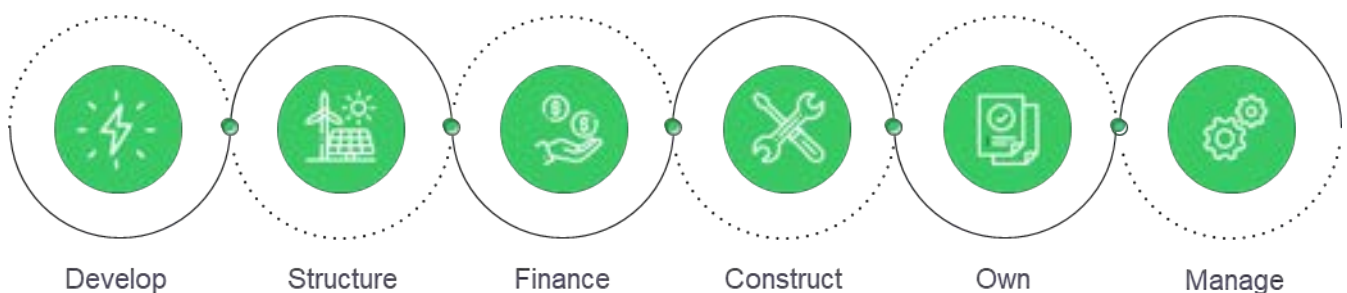


Figure 3: Edify's Project Lifecycle

2. Community Profile

Understanding the makeup and values of the community is essential to finding effective ways to reach the community as well as appreciating ways that the project may impact the community. This section provides a broad overview of the Mildura Local Government Area (LGA), and the political profile of the region.

2.1 Local Government Authorities

The Project is located within the Mildura LGA (Figure 4). The Mildura LGA, located in northwest Victoria, is a dynamic region known for its strong agricultural foundation, cultural diversity, and vibrant community life. Home to approximately 55,000 residents, the population includes a 5.5% make up of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples (which is higher than the Victorian average) and individuals from multicultural backgrounds, reflecting Mildura's rich heritage and evolving demographic profile. With a median age of 38, Mildura is characterised by a mix of family households and individuals drawn to its affordable lifestyle.

Agriculture is the backbone of the local economy, with Mildura renowned for its contributions to horticulture, viticulture, and citrus production. Tourism also plays a vital role, driven by attractions such as the Murray River, national parks, and local festivals. Other major sectors include retail, healthcare, and education, with a range of primary, secondary, and vocational facilities that support the community. The region's median weekly income and house prices reflect its status as a rural hub, offering affordability and growth opportunities.

Transport infrastructure, including an airport, road, and rail links, supports Mildura's role as a regional centre. High car ownership reflects the rural nature of the area. Development efforts focus on enhancing housing, public amenities, and services to address challenges such as seasonal employment fluctuations, water security for agriculture, and access to healthcare and education.

2.1.1 Regional Area

The surrounding region of the Mildura LGA is a mix of agricultural, natural, and cultural landscapes.

Geography and Environment

Mildura is located in northwest Victoria, near the borders of New South Wales and South Australia. The area is part of the broader Murray-Darling Basin, a critical agricultural and ecological region in Australia. The surrounding landscape is characterised by flat plains, semi-arid conditions, and the iconic Murray River, which supports irrigation for local agriculture.

Agriculture

The wider region is one of Australia's most productive agricultural areas, renowned for its horticulture. This includes vineyards for wine production, orchards for stone fruits and citrus, and extensive almond and olive plantations. The region's dry climate and irrigation systems from the Murray River make it ideal for these industries.

Natural Attractions

The Murray River is a central feature, offering recreation, tourism, and ecological significance. Surrounding national parks, such as the Murray-Sunset National Park and Hattah-Kulkyne National Park, feature unique semi-arid ecosystems, sand dunes, and salt lakes. These areas are home to diverse wildlife and are popular for bushwalking, camping, and birdwatching.

Economy and Infrastructure

Beyond agriculture, the surrounding region supports a range of economic activities, including tourism, renewable energy development, and local manufacturing. Major transport routes, including road and rail, connect Mildura with other regional centres like Swan Hill and Renmark and metropolitan areas such as Adelaide and Melbourne.

Cultural and Heritage Features

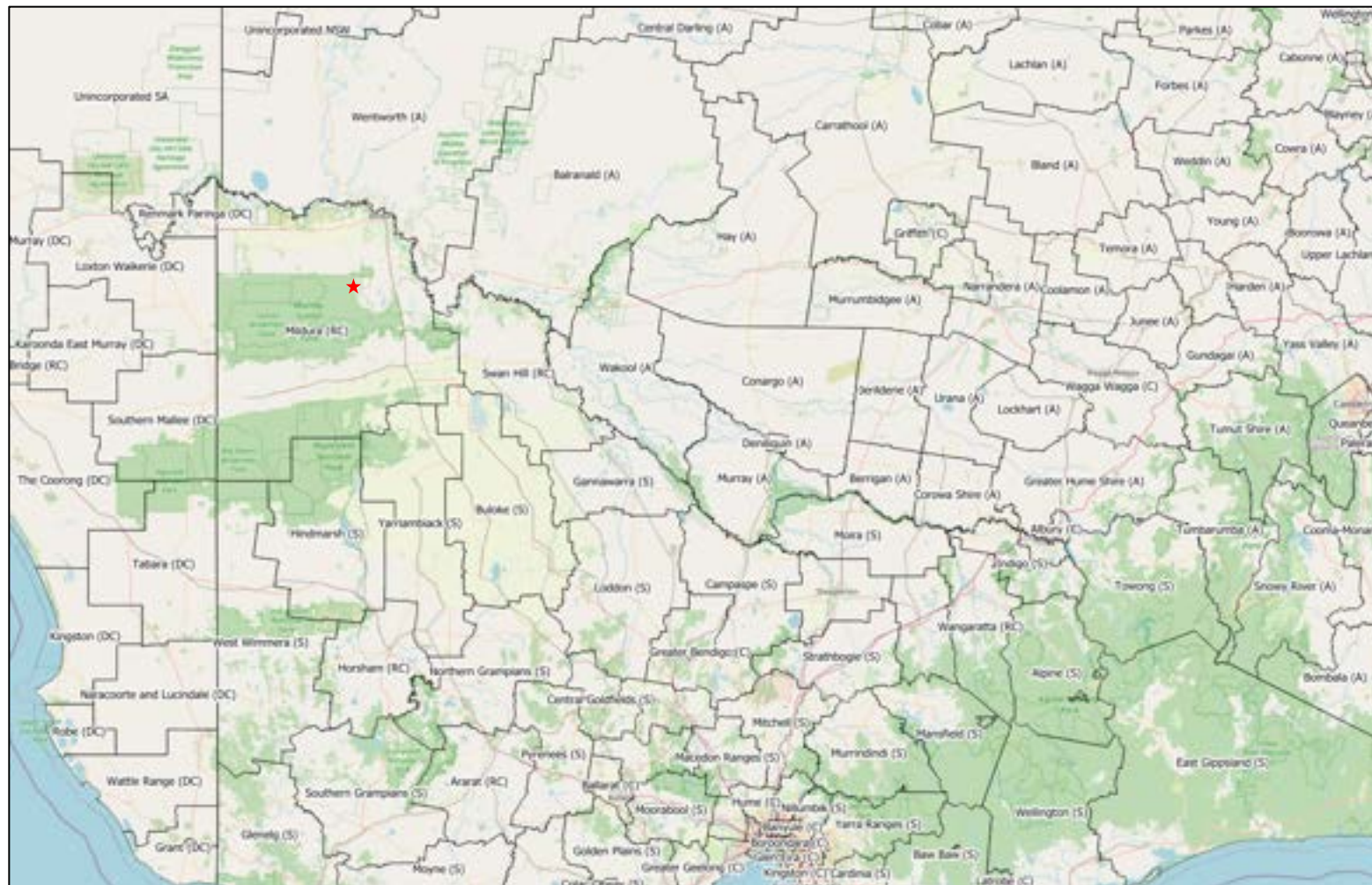
The surrounding region has a strong connection to First Nations culture, particularly the Barkindji and Latji Latji peoples. The registered aboriginal party for the project area is the First People of the Millewa-Mallee Aboriginal Corporation.

There are significant cultural heritage sites along the Murray River, showcasing the deep historical and spiritual ties of Indigenous communities to the land and waterways.

Challenges

Like Mildura, the broader region faces challenges related to water security, environmental sustainability, and rural service provision. However, it also benefits from investment in infrastructure and renewable energy projects, contributing to its development and resilience.

Figure 4 Project Location within Mildura LGA



2.2 State electorate.

The Project is located within the Mildura District electoral border (Figure 5 Northern Victorian Electoral borders)

The member for Mildura is **Jade Benham**¹ (Nationals).

The Mildura District resides within the Northern Victorian electoral Region. The current sitting members are;

- Wendy Lovell (Liberal)
- Jaclyn Symes (Australian Labor Party)
- Gaelle Broad (The Nationals)
- Georgie Purcell (Animal Justice Party)
- Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell (Pauline Hanson's One Nation).

2.2.1 Political History

Mildura has a tradition of political independence and pragmatism, often electing representatives who focus on the unique needs of regional and rural communities.

It played a historical role in the Country Party's rise (now the National Party) and continues to be a stronghold for regional politics.

2.2.2 Key Issues and Political Focus

- **Water Rights and Irrigation:** As part of the Murray-Darling Basin, water management and irrigation policies are central issues.
- **Agricultural Support:** Policies around trade, subsidies, and infrastructure for farming communities often dominate political discussions.
- **Transport and Connectivity:** There is ongoing advocacy for improved road, rail, and digital connectivity to support local businesses and access to services.
- **Health and Education:** Like many regional areas, Mildura focuses on addressing disparities in health and education services compared to metropolitan areas.
- **Environmental Concerns:** Protecting the Murray River ecosystem and managing sustainable agricultural practices are critical.

¹ [Jade Benham - Parliament of Victoria](#)

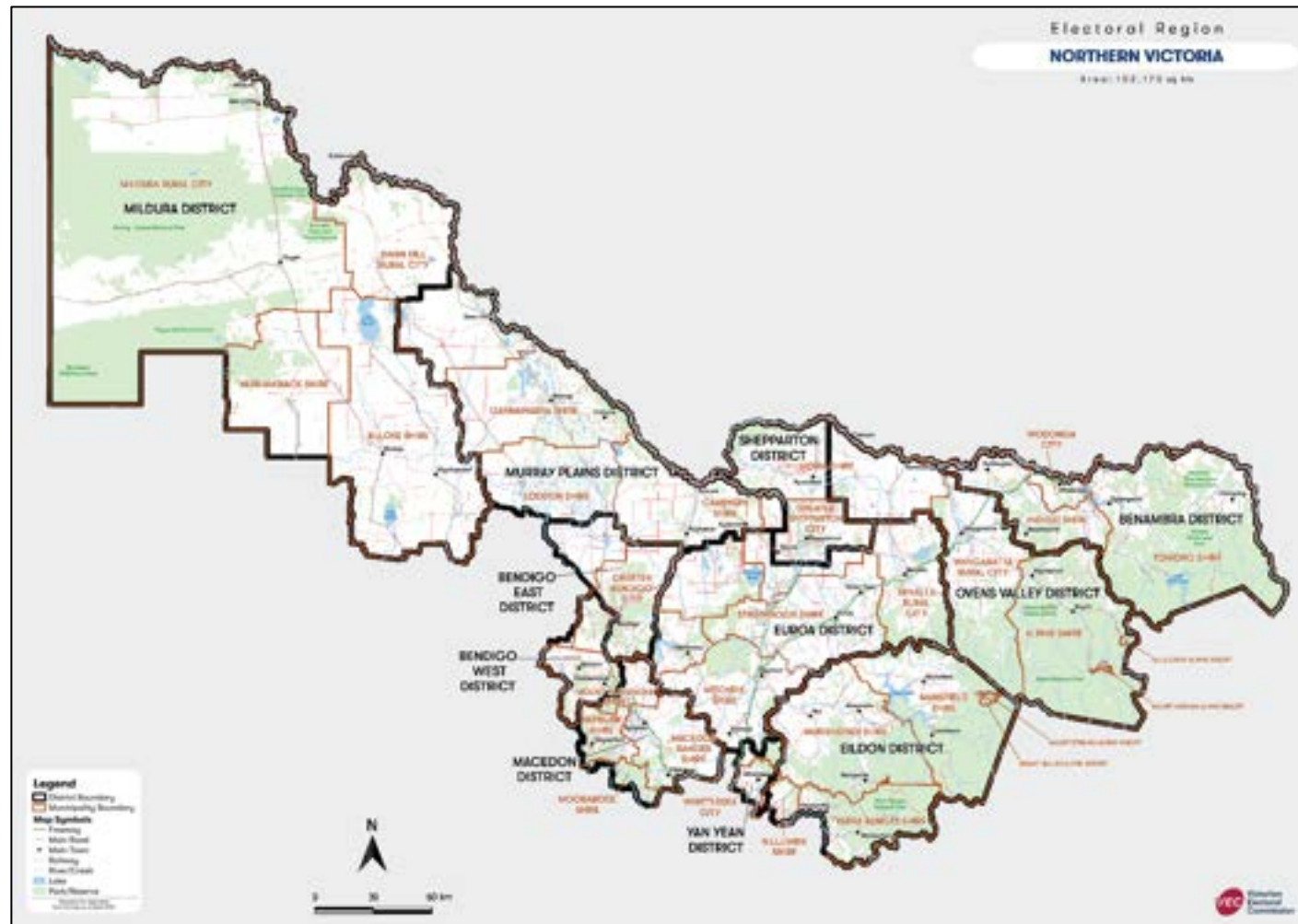


Figure 5 Northern Victorian Electoral borders

2.3 Federal electorate

The **Federal Electoral Division of Mallee** encompasses Mildura, Ouyen, Swan Hill, St Arnaud, Warracknabeal, Stawell, Horsham and Maryborough, with Mildura representing the main regional city within this division.

The Division of Mallee covers a vast area in northwestern Victoria, including the city of Mildura, Swan Hill, Horsham, and surrounding rural areas. It is one of the largest electoral divisions in Australia by land area. It is approximately 81,962km² making it predominantly rural with significant agricultural and natural landscapes.

The division includes a mix of rural towns, farming communities, and smaller settlements. Agriculture is the backbone of the region, with industries like horticulture, viticulture, and cropping being prominent.

Division of Mallee is traditionally a safe seat for the National Party. The current Member of Parliament (as of 2025) is Anne Webster² of the Nationals, who has represented the division since 2019. Historically, Mallee has been a stronghold for the National Party, although other parties, including the Liberals and independents, occasionally contest the seat.

3. Key Stakeholders

3.1 Near neighbours

There are no neighbours within 4 km of the project site, which is reflective of the project area's suitability and minimal impact to neighbouring households.

Edify is committed to maintaining open and consistent communication with local community members during the post-approval (pre-construction) phase of the development. This engagement will continue throughout the construction phase, ensuring stakeholders are informed and involved.

Planned consultation methods include:

- Letterbox drops,
- Telephone conversations,
- House visits, and
- Community Information Sessions.

These efforts aim to keep the community updated and address any concerns promptly, fostering transparency and collaboration throughout the project's progression.

3.2 Near Community Groups and Business's

Group	Brief description
Mildura Regional Development Mildura Regional Development - VRCA	MRD promotes economic development, tourism, and innovation in the Mildura region. Their work focuses on sectors like agribusiness, tourism, and education.
Sunraysia Mallee Ethnic Communities Council https://Smecc.org.au	SMECC focuses on supporting multicultural communities in the region





² [Anne Webster MP Home](#)






<p>Landcare Group</p> <p>Cabarita Inc — Victorian Landcare Gateway</p>	<p>Cabarita Community Inc and Landcare Group is "For Community by Community" working on local environmental projects and general awareness with a high focus on Lake Hawthorn the heart of our community. We work on broader advocacy for local issues as well as partnering with Mallee CMA, Lower Murray Water, Mildura...</p>
<p>Mallee Sustainable Farming</p> <p>Home - Mallee Sustainable Farming</p>	<p>MSF unites farmers, researchers, and innovators to transform low-rainfall Mallee regions in Australia into sustainable, profitable farming landscapes through targeted research, development, and extension activities.</p>
<p>Mallee Catchment Management Authority</p> <p>Mallee CMA – Mallee Catchment Management Authority</p>	<p><i>The Mallee CMA's primary responsibility is to ensure that natural resources in the region are managed in an integrated and ecologically sustainable way. We are the peak body for the delivery of natural resource programs in the Mallee. Our work is based on science and delivered through meaningful partnerships with government agencies, local organisations such as Landcare, and community groups in the Victorian Mallee</i></p>
<p>Australian Table Grape Association</p> <p>Australian Table Grape Association Inc.</p>	<p><i>The Australian Table Grape Association (ATGA) is the peak industry body representing the nation's table grape industry.</i></p>
<p>Mildura Fruit Company</p> <p>Mildura Fruit Company - Packer & Exporter of Fresh Citrus</p>	<p><i>MFC has been operating for over 100 years in Mildura, marketing produce for more than 120 growers in the horticultural regions of north western Victoria.</i></p>
<p>Mildura and District Little Athletics Centre</p>	<p><i>Community athletics provider for children aged 3-17, who can participate in a wide variety of athletic events.</i></p>
<p>Rotary Clubs</p> <p>Irymple: Club details My Rotary</p> <p>Mildura Deakin: Club details My Rotary</p> <p>Red Cliffs My Rotary</p>	<p><i>Rotary members believe that we have a shared responsibility to take action on our world's most persistent issues. Our more than 45,000 clubs work together to: promote peace, fight disease, provide clean water, sanitation, and hygiene, save mothers and children, support education, grow local economies and to protect the environment.</i></p>
<p>Mildura Historical Society</p> <p>Mildura and District Historical Society Inc.</p>	<p><i>The Society was formed in 1955 and since then has undertaken the enormous task of collecting, cataloguing and documenting all that is historically significant, to be preserved for future generations. In addition the society has published books and has number available for sale. Photos from our collection may be inspected and copies ordered.</i></p>

3.3 Council Representatives

The authority responsible for considering the Development Application was Mildura Rural City Council (the Council). The Council will continue to play a critical stakeholder role, which Edify's project manager and delivery team continue to engage with on a regular basis. During post approval (pre-construction) phase of the project, Edify will collaborate further with Council during the preparation of the project's Workforce Accommodation Strategy and Local Participation Plan. Further, Council must also be consulted during the preparation of the Traffic Management Plan and Construction Environment Management Plan.

3.3.1 Mildura Rural City Council

Council Offices	
Mildura Rural City Council PO Box 105 Mildura 3502 03 5018 8100 mrcc@mildura.vic.gov.au	
Councillor	
Cr Helen Healy (Mayor)  helen.healy@mildura.vic.gov.au	Cr Ali Cupper (Deputy Mayor)  ali.cupper@mildura.vic.gov.au
Cr Katie Clements  katie.clements@mildura.vic.gov.au	Cr Glenn Milne  glenn.milne@mildura.vic.gov.au
Cr Ian Arney	Cr Jodi Ewings

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Cr Greg Brown  greg.brown@mildura.vic.gov.au	Cr Troy Bailey  troy.bailey@mildura.vic.gov.au
Cr Rebecca Crossling  rebecca.crossling@mildura.vic.gov.au	

3.3.2 Complementary Members of Parliament

At present, no communication has occurred with any Members of Parliament regarding the Project. While it's currently deemed unnecessary to involve or inform MPs of key Project milestones during the planning phase, engagement strategies will be reevaluated as we progress into the post-approval (pre-construction) phase.

3.4 Emergency Services

Country Fire Authority will be engaged with during the life cycle of the Development, including during design development, Development Application and preparation of the required management plan. Edify continuously evaluates and improves emergency preparedness and response plans based on lessons learned from drills, incidents, and feedback from emergency services and the community.

Service	Address	Telephone
Red Cliff Country Fire Authority	29 Jamieson Ave, Red Cliffs VIC 3496	(03) 9262 8444
NSW Rural Fires Service	58-60 Mitchell Ave, Dareton NSW 2717	(03) 50274422

Service	Address	Telephone
Swan Hill CFA	116-118 McCallum St, Swan Hill VIC 3585	
Mildura Base Public Hospital	216 Ontario Ave, Mildura VIC 3500	02 5022 3333
VIC State Emergency Service	70 Twelfth St, Mildura VIC 3500	13 25 00

3.5 Traditional Owner Group

The local Indigenous community is represented by the First People of the Millewa Mallee Aboriginal Corporation (FPMMAC), who are the traditional custodians of the land associated with the project.

The FPMMAC are a community of family groups. Individuals within FPMMAC identify as Latji Latji and Ngintait. The FPMMAC group is not formed based on language group identity.

To expand cultural activity with the FPMMAC, Edify will:

- Develop employment & economic opportunity On-Country.
- Develop & support cultural activities.
- Expand traditional languages knowledge and use.
- Expand our Aboriginal community.

Contact	Responsibility	Address	Telephone	Email
Mr. Arty Smith	General Manager	PO Box 10382 Mildura Vic, 3500	0419 831 198	https://fpmmac.com.au/contact-us/#

4. Engagement Protocols and Procedures

Community engagement with stakeholders will continue to be undertaken using five methods as follows:

1. continued direct contact with neighbours
2. the establishment of an online portal
3. regular meetings to be scheduled at various Project milestones
4. newsletters to coincide with meetings; and
5. open days with the public and school groups once operations have commenced.

As a general principal, all outward communications will include a description of how to access the latest information on the project so stakeholders can maintain an up-to-date understanding of progress and activities.

4.1 Communications management

4.1.1 Project Infoline, website and email

A project website has been established ahead of any construction activities with a direct link to the Edify Energy homepage.

<https://edifyenergy.com/project/nowingi-solar-power-station/>

The website contains project-specific contact details including a dedicated project hotline with contact name project email address.

4.1.2 Project contact database

A contact database has been used as the main reporting and monitoring tool for project communications. The outcomes of any contacts will be used to update ongoing stakeholder management information within this plan, to:

- record community and stakeholder contacts and interaction
- record the issue and distribution of letterbox drops, project updates and notifications
- act as a management tool for recording complaints, enquiries, issues and responses, and
- provide monthly reports on stakeholder and community contact and issues management.

4.1.3 Distributing information about the project

Information will be distributed via face-to-face meetings, phone calls or electronically from a project specific email address.

4.1.4 Communicating with stakeholders about the potential impacts of the project

Messaging to stakeholders needs to be consistent and aligned with the messages outlined in this document.

4.2 Encouraging community and stakeholder feedback

Community and stakeholder feedback has been encouraged and the feedback email address and information line will be made freely available at any public interaction.

Where feedback is received and the contact details of the person leaving feedback are known, confirmation and, where appropriate, a response to that feedback should be made within 10 days.

4.3 Taking, recording and responding to community feedback, enquiries or complaints

All complaints received will be investigated and responded to within three (3) business days, where practical. At a minimum, confirmation of receipt of any complaint should be made within 48 hours and a response provided within 10 days.

For any complainant who provides their details, a written response to the complaint will be provided within 14 days.

A record of complaints will be made and reported on at an aggregate level.

A template Complaints Register is provided in Appendix A.

5. First Nations Engagement Protocols

Edify is committed to establishing respectful relationships with local and neighbouring First Nations communities and sees this as the foundation of building trust and meaningful relationships. The physical resettlement of communities away from lands they are connected with, barriers or restricted access to communication tools and lower levels of trust between developers and First Nations groups means that successful engagement with these communities can often be more nuanced and requires a specialist focus.

The details outlined here are additional steps that Edify takes to overcome specific challenges that some of these community's face.

5.1.1 Identifying local groups

Conduct desktop research of the local area to identify and map:

- Traditional Owners/Custodians/First Nations groups
- Contact representative organisations (Land Councils/Aboriginal Corporations/Councils/Etc.)
- Understand preferred methods of engagement prior to contacting groups
- Learn about community aspirations, often found on Registered Aboriginal Parties websites.
- Research and gauge the impacts of previous projects on these communities.

5.1.2 Initial Engagement

Once initial identification has been completed and engagement begins ask the community for the methods of communication they prefer and if there are other groups or people with whom should be speaking to. Where there are multiple First Nations groups, we must ensure we engage fairly with all and in a transparent manner. We are prepared to be flexible and adaptable to local cultural needs and in regard to timeframes. We identify opportunities to involve First Nations communities within the project early, and through all project stages. Feedback received is to be implemented into project planning and designs.

5.1.3 Information Sharing

Many First Nations organisations suffer from under-resourcing or limited access to communication materials when compared with the wider community. Whilst the ideal information sharing approach will vary for each group, establishing a long-term successful relationship starts with building capacity and knowledge within the local community. At Edify we strive to provide clear, concise and comprehensive information about the project, risks and benefits. A consistent approach to the community is required to build trust and otherwise avoid engagement fatigue, a risk that is exacerbated within First Nations communities. Materials provided must be accessible and contain all relevant information and provided in a variety of mediums.

6. Activities Undertaken

6.1 Consultation Throughout Planning and Development Approval

6.1.1 Government

Edify has established and sustained regular communication channels with representatives from Mildura Regional Council. These ongoing discussions have explored avenues for continued collaboration between Edify and the Council to support the community throughout the construction and operational phases.

6.1.2 Transmission Network Provider

Edify has maintained consistent engagement with the transmission network service provider, AusNet Services, since 2017 on numerous Edify projects, including this Project. Such engagement includes various teleconference meetings and numerous emails to clarify inverter model selection, power system model information, Generator Performance Standard package details and general technical details required to complete the project's Connection Application.

6.2 Proposed future Community and Stakeholder Consultation

6.2.1 Post DA Approval / Pre-construction engagement.

Through the Project's development, Edify proposes to undertake numerous community and stakeholder activities. This may include.

1. Public Meetings:
 - Host town hall-style meetings at accessible venues within the community
 - Provide presentations outlining the project details, goals, and potential impacts.
 - Allocate time for Q&A sessions to address concerns and gather feedback.
2. Stakeholder Workshops:
 - Conduct focused workshops with key stakeholders, including local businesses, community groups, and government representatives.
 - Facilitate discussions on specific aspects of the project to gather targeted input.
 - Collaboratively explore potential opportunities and challenges.
3. Online Surveys:
 - Develop an online survey to reach a broader audience and gather feedback from those unable to attend in-person events.
 - Include questions regarding community priorities, concerns, and suggestions for project implementation.
4. Information Sessions:
 - Organise information sessions at local community centres, libraries, or other public spaces.
 - Display project materials, maps, and visual aids to provide accessible information to interested individuals.
 - Offer opportunities for one-on-one discussions with project representatives.
5. Stakeholder Interviews:

- Conduct individual or small group interviews with key stakeholders, including local leaders, business owners, and community advocates.
- Use interviews to gain deeper insights into specific stakeholder perspectives and concerns.

6. Social Media Engagement:

- Utilise social media platforms to disseminate project updates, event invitations, and relevant information.
- Encourage community members to share their thoughts, questions, and feedback online.

These sessions will provide Edify's potential future project partners to:

- Provide opportunities for ongoing engagement and communication throughout the project lifecycle.
- Establish mechanisms for stakeholders to remain informed and involved in decision-making processes.
- Commit to transparency and accountability by addressing feedback and concerns in a timely manner.

By implementing this proposed consultation plan, Edify aims to ensure that the Project reflects the needs, priorities, and aspirations of the local community and stakeholders, ultimately fostering greater support and collaboration for its successful implementation.

6.2.2 Engagement leading into Construction.

Edify proposes to work with the EPC contractor to develop a consultation programme leading up to construction and during construction of the project.

This will be similar to the points noted in Section 5.2.1 but would expand on previous consultation undertaken and how community concerns have been addressed and key issues typically raised by communities during construction projects, including:

- Community Safety.
- Traffic congestion and traffic routes.
- Any proposed noise impacts.
- Visual Impacts; and
- Outline of environmental management.

7. Financial close and NTP activities

The following activities are contemplated to occur at or around the time of financial close.

7.1 Financial Close Media Release

A media statement will be released with key project partners to announce the financial close of the Project.

Edify Energy publishes all relevant press releases and links to partner media on its website (www.edifyenergy.com). Edify Energy shall also notify associated media and communications channels including but not limited to RenewEconomy, the Clean Energy Council, the local paper(s), and collaborate with project partners who are perhaps better connected in respect of the broader press.

Edify Energy notified the Council, local MP, the QLD Renewable Energy Advocate and related entities and take advantage of their own media and communications initiatives.

As always, Edify Energy personnel will seek to maximise coverage leveraging their own networks on LinkedIn, X, Instagram and Facebook.

7.2 Community Update, Supplier Forum and Job Notices

A formal presentation communicating key facts and project timelines would be more suitable than a drop-in session, and the event should be combined with a supplier forum, to attract and inform local businesses that may wish to participate in the services and various delivery aspects of the construction and operation of the project.

It is somewhat standard practice to hold a “supplier forum” in the local community with a view to maximising local content of project delivery. It would be most efficient to hold a single community update forum and supplier forum as a combined event.

Edify Energy’s own ‘database’ of interested individuals and suppliers should be included on the invite list.

The event should be held jointly by Edify Energy and EPC Contractor, and the latter should be primarily responsible for fielding employment and supplier enquiries.

EPC Contractor should have in place prior to the forum, an appropriate online portal/body-hire agency which can be advertised as the means to registering an interest.

Council may also have the capability to advertise vacancies and tenders on its own website on behalf of the Project.

8. Ongoing Commitments

The following are contemplated throughout construction to commercial operation of the Project.

8.1 Monitoring and Updating the Plan

The plan will be monitored on an ongoing basis by the Edify project execution team and will be updated as required to ensure the document provides an accurate reflection of community consultation activities and outcomes as the project progresses. Once the pre-construction phase commences, Edify's project execution team will report regularly throughout construction to Edify's internal management, the project's equity partner and lenders.

Other regular reporting will be undertaken as required by our conditions of consent and any other relevant approvals. Refer to section 8.3 for details of our communication to community regarding key project milestones.

8.2 PR and media

8.2.1 Project Website

Irrespective of any media and PR requirements, it is good practice to maintain a project website which, throughout construction, will contain the following and be kept up to date:

- project plans
- planning permit conditions
- key milestones
- how suppliers and local members can participate in the project
- complaints register (Appendix B) and
- how complaints about the development can be made

8.2.2 Media

Otherwise from a PR perspective, the website should ideally be kept up to date with:

- key media announcements and press releases (e.g., financial close, commencement of construction, energisation/commissioning, COD, etc.)
- regular images and/or time-lapse photography through construction, and
- notices of community events, sponsorships etc.

8.3 Ongoing PR and Media

The following represents potential milestones for ongoing PR and media throughout Project construction:

Milestone	Funding Agreement Milestone	Edify Energy website & social media	Other stakeholder websites	General media release	Local press	Site event	Landlord/ neighbour updates
Financial Close	Notice to Proceed	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
EPC mobilisation	NTP (shortly after)	✓	✓		TBC		✓
Ground-breaking	NTP (shortly after)	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
First battery delivery	Delivery of Major Equipment	✓			TBC	TBC	
School visits	N/A	✓			✓	✓	
Final battery delivery	Delivery of Major Equipment				TBC	TBC	
Transformer delivery	Delivery of Major Equipment				✓		✓
Commence commissioning	Completion and Connection of the Project	✓		✓	✓	✓	
First generation	Completion and Connection of the Project	✓		✓	✓		
Full output	Completion and Connection of the Project	✓		✓	✓		
Commercial operation	Commercial Operations Commenced	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

8.4 Council Meetings

It will be prudent to keep Council aware of key milestones, particularly where they relate to approvals and certification requirements, such as access road works/inspections, management plan sign-off, over-size deliveries, issuance of construction and occupation certificates etc, so that Council is informed and expedient in its approvals. This can be achieved via ad-hoc email/telephone communication with Mildura Council

It has been possible to request Council to submit general community updates on behalf of the Project, via its website and social media platforms.

Appendix A – Complaints Register

Date _____

Project	Nowingi Solar Power Station
Issue type	

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Appendix B – Consultation Register

Item	Theme	Detail	Timing	Comment
1	First Nations	Introductions to meet and prepare for cultural & heritage surveys	08/10/2024	Attendees: - Edify - EcoLogical Australia (Archaeological consultants) - First People of the Millewa-Mallee Aboriginal Corporation
2	First Nations	Aboriginal Cultural & Heritage Surveys	21/10/2024 until 30/10/2024	Attendees: - Edify - EcoLogical Australia (Archaeological consultants) - First People of the Millewa-Mallee Aboriginal Corporation
3	Landowner	Project updates and general discussion on community benefit initiatives	23/10/2024	
4	Council Engagements	Project updates and general discussion on community benefit initiatives	02/04/2025	Attendees: - Edify - RPS (Planning Consultants) - Mildura Rural City Council
5	Landowner	Project updates and general discussion on community benefit initiatives	02/04/2025	
6	Community Engagements	Project updates to inform Country Fire Authority (CFA) volunteers and service staff	01/05/2025	Attendees: - Edify - CFA
7	Community Engagements	Engagements to consider Community Benefit Funding for the Sunraysia Mallee Ethnic Communities Council (SMECC)	14/05/2025	Attendees: - Edify - SMECC

