

Invitation for Public Comment

Hopeland Solar Farm, Hopeland, QLD (EPBC2023/09684)

Pacific Partnerships Pty Ltd is seeking approval under the Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Act 1999 (EPBC Act) to construct and operate a solar farm and Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Project at Lot 2 on RP117442 with a grid connection of 1.2 km to Western Downs Substation at Lot 4 on RP176346, Hopeland, Queensland. The project is located 33 km south-east of Chinchilla, Queensland (EPBC2023/09684).

The proposed solar and BESS project was determined a controlled action under the EPBC Act with assessment by Preliminary Documentation. The controlling provisions are listed threatened species and communities (Section 18 and 18A of the EPBC Act), including the Koala (*Phascolarctos cinereus*), Grey snake (*Hemiaspis damelii*), Dunmall's snake (*Furina dunmali*), Corben's long-eared bat (*Nyctophilus corbeni*), and Brigalow (*Acacia harpophylla* dominant and co-dominant) threatened ecological community.

In accordance with section 95A(3) of the EPBC act, public comments are now invited on Preliminary Documentation for a period of 10 days from **27 January 2026** until **10 February 2026**. Hard copies of the Preliminary Documentation will be available at the following locations:

Chinchilla Library – 68-86 Heeney Street, Chinchilla Queensland 4413

State Library of Queensland – Stanley Place, South Brisbane Queensland 4101

Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (Canberra) – John Gorton Building, King Edward Terrances, Parkes ACT 2601. (Please arrange a viewing by contacting Epbc.Referrals@dcceew.gov.au and quote EPBC2023/09684).

The documents can also be viewed in electronic form at:

<https://www.hopelandsolar.com.au/our-project/environmental-approvals>

Written submissions should be directed to: Pacific Partnerships, PO Box 1077, Fortitude Valley QLD 4006. Email submissions should be directed to:
contactus_hopeland@hopelandsolar.com.au

All comments must be received by **5pm AEST Tuesday 10 February 2026**. Persons with special needs (e.g. for whom English is a second language or who have a vision impairment) may contact the Pacific Partnerships Hotline at 07 3543 3212 for assistance in accessing the material.