

Public Notification
For Information Only - Hopeland Solar Farm, Hopeland, QLD
(EPBC2023/09684)

The following notice is published pursuant to Section 95B(2) of the *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Act 1999* (EPBC Act).

Pacific Partnerships Pty Ltd is seeking approval under the 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.

Public comments on the Preliminary Documentation were sought for a period of 10 business days from 27 January 2026 until 10 February 2026. One submission was received.

Copies of the response to the submission received and the amended Preliminary Documentation will be available for viewing only for a period of 10 business days from Thursday 26th March 2026 to Thursday 13th April 2026 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>

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