

Australian Industry Participation (AIP) plan Summary - Operations Phase

1. Facility Details

Designated operator: ACEN NESF HoldCo Pty Ltd

Facility name: New England Solar and Battery Energy Storage System

Description of the facility: Enter project description here

ACEN New England Solar Pty Ltd (ACEN) is proposing to construct New England Solar with approximately 720 MW capacity across two solar fields and Battery Energy Storage System with approximately 200 MW/2hr, and potential to an additional 1200MW/2hr capacity near Uralla in the New England region of NSW. Rows of solar photovoltaic (PV) panels will be installed on a single axis tracking system that follows the path of the sun, and collocated rows of grid-connected battery racks. ACEN Australia to stage the development of New England Solar in the following distinct stages and timing:

- Stage 1a: Construction of a 400 megawatt (MW) solar farm within the Northern Array (completed Feb 2024);
- Stage 1b: Operation of the 400 MW solar farm in the Northern Array (commenced Jan 2024);
- Stage 2a: Construction of a 320 megawatt (MW) solar farm within the Central Array (early works commenced in 2024);
- Stage 2b: Operations of the 320MW solar farm in the Central Array (no date at this stage);
- Stage 3a: Construction of 200MW/2hr BESS (commenced in 2024);
- Stage 3b: Operations of 200MW/2hr BESS (Proposed to commence in 2026);
- Stage 4a: Construction of 1200MW/2hr BESS (no date at this stage);
- Stage 4b: Operations of 1200MW/2hr BESS (no date at this stage);
- Stage 5: Decommissioning.

Note construction and operation start times are indicative only due to various approval pathways, and may be subject to change.

Facility location: Uralla, NSW

Link to facility information: www.newenglandsolarfarm.com.au

Operator contact for procurement information: Richard de Bruin, 0447 010 124, info@newenglandsolarfarm.com.au

Other operators involved in the facility: A contractor may be engaged to provide operation and maintenance services for the Project.

2. Opportunities to supply Goods and Services

Expected opportunities	Opportunities for Australian entities	Opportunities for non-Australian entities
Goods		
Nil		
Services		
Operation and Maintenance Services Note that ACEN does not anticipate key goods and services of \$1 million and above during the initial 2-year operations phase. However, should there be key goods and services of \$1 million to be procured, the actions committed in the AIP plan will be implemented.	Yes	Yes

Disclaimer: The information provided in the table above is based on an initial assessment by the company. Any questions or issues should be raised with the facility contact.

Explanation for item(s) in list above where it is indicated 'No Opportunities for Australian entities'

N/A

3. Standards to be used in the facility

- Australian Standards will be used for the project.

4. AIP activities to be undertaken by the Operator

- ACEN intend to engage a Contractor to perform operations and maintenance of the Solar Farm during the initial years of operation. The Operations and Maintenance Contractor will be responsible for procurement of all operations and maintenance procurement. Compliance with this AIP Plan and Australian Jobs Act 2013 will form part of the Operations and Maintenance Contract, including appointment of a procurement contact officer for operational opportunities and promote their contact details on the project website (www.newenglandsolarfarm.com.au) and/or the Contractor's specific website.
- Potential suppliers to the project can register their interest to participate in the operations and maintenance of the project via the project website – <https://newenglandsolarfarm.com.au/contact-us/>. This register of suppliers will be shared with the Operations and Maintenance Contractor.
- ACEN will require the Operations and Maintenance Contractor to comply with this AIP Plan, which will include the implementation of a documented formal policy and plan for AIP including the collection of evidence for the production of the Compliance Report.

5. AIP activities to be undertaken by procurement entities

- ACEN will require the Operations and Maintenance Contractor to comply with this Plan including the publication of requirements tenderers must satisfy in order to tender for the supply of key services for the initial operation of the facility.

- Where appropriate and feasible, ACEN will require the Operations and Maintenance Contractor to contract with local suppliers for the operations and maintenance services, even if the services require upskilling of the business and local workforce due to the limited availability of businesses and individuals with experience in the operation and maintenance of a solar farm.
- Where appropriate and feasible, the Operations and Maintenance Contractor is to arrange discussions with global manufacturers briefing them on the capabilities and past achievements of Australian entities engaged on in the operations and maintenance of the project and other potentially capable Australian suppliers, where known.
- Where appropriate, the Operations and Maintenance Contractor is to encourage foreign suppliers to engage with and undertake technical consultations with Australian entities engaged on the project and other potential and capable Australian manufacturers.