



Australian Government

Australian Industry
Participation Authority

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Australian Industry Participation Plan Summary - Project Phase

Nominated project proponent: The Trustee for Solar River I Project Trust

Project details

Name: Solar River Project

Location: Located between Burra and Morgan in South Australia

Type: Electricity facility

Purpose: Establish new facility

Capital expenditure: \$500 million - \$1 billion

Description: Located between Burra and Morgan in South Australia, the Solar River Project is a large-scale hybrid solar & battery project that will be capable of exporting approximately 256MW into the South Australian network and 210MW of solar energy. Solar River's DC-coupled battery configuration allows for expansion of battery capacity with no impacts on the performance of facility. The Project site and transmission easement traverses land north of the Goyder Highway at Maude and the Traditional Lands of the First Peoples of the River Murray and Mallee Region to the south of The Project. The Project will connect to ElectraNet's transmission network through the Bunday substation, requiring an approximate 25km, 275kV transmission line. The Project has been issued a Development Approval (inclusive of the main project site, 275kV transmission line easement and connection infrastructure) and has completed a grid connection agreement with ElectraNet. Now The Project is working through a minor variation to reflect the planned connection to Bunday substation. The Project construction is expected to commence in late 2025 and is due to start supplying electricity to South Australian electricity users in 2027. The Project currently is at the stage to finalise procurement contracts with the shortlisted OEM and construction parties.

Completion date: 14 Sep 2027

Key goods and services

Indicative list of key goods and services to be acquired for the project:

Key goods and services	Opportunities for Australian entities*	Opportunities for non-Australian entities	Explanation for no opportunities for Australian entities
Battery Energy Storage System including battery, PCS and control system supply	Yes	Yes	
Photovoltaic system (PV) supply	Yes	Yes	
PV trackers and connections	Yes	Yes	
PV installation	Yes	No	
BESS installation	Yes	No	
Balance of Plant Civil Works	Yes	No	
Balance of Plant Electrical Works	Yes	No	
Transmission Line design and construction	Yes	No	
Connection Point substation Electrical Works	Yes	No	
HV Transformers	Yes	Yes	

* An Australian entity is an entity with an ABN or ACN

Project standards:

Australian
International

Supplier information and communication

Project proponent's contact person for supplier enquiries:

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Project proponent website: <https://zebre.com.au/projects/solar-river-hybrid/>

Project opportunities website: <https://zebre.com.au/projects/solar-river-hybrid/>

Supplier engagement and communication actions :

Conduct supplier information briefings on project opportunities and bid processes
 Issue media releases or ASX announcements on project developments and opportunities
 Develop and distribute a supplier information guide for the project
 Directly contact suppliers with information on project opportunities and bid processes

Building Australian industry capability

Supplier capability development actions:

- Recommend suppliers undertake training and/or accreditation
- Support supplier of innovative solutions

Global supply chain integration actions:

- Support suppliers to register with global supplier databases
- Provide references for high performing suppliers

Feedback process for unsuccessful bidders:

The Project Proponent encourages appointed procurement entities to provide constructive feedback to unsuccessful Australian bidders. Additionally, the Project Proponent will require these entities to submit a summary report outlining their vendor relationship management activities.

Australian Industry Participation Plan Summary - Operations Phase

Nominated facility operator: The Trustee for Solar River I Project Trust

Facility details

Name: Solar River Project

Location: Located between Burra and Morgan in South Australia

Type: Electricity facility

Key goods and services

Indicative list of key goods and services to be acquired for the new facility:

Key goods and services	Opportunities for Australian entities*	Opportunities for non-Australian entities	Explanation for no opportunities for Australian entities
BESS maintenance and service	Yes	No	
PV maintenance and service	Yes	No	
Gardening service	Yes	No	
Transmission Line maintenance and service	Yes	No	

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Facility standards:

Australian
International

Supplier information and communication

Facility operator's contact person for supplier enquiries:

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Facility operator website: <https://zebre.com.au/projects/solar-river-hybrid/>

Facility opportunities website: <https://zebre.com.au/projects/solar-river-hybrid/>

Supplier engagement and communication actions :

Promote project opportunities through industry associations
Conduct supplier information briefings on project opportunities and bid processes
Issue media releases or ASX announcements on project developments and opportunities
Directly contact suppliers with information on project opportunities and bid processes

Building Australian industry capability

Supplier capability development actions:

- Recommend suppliers undertake training and/or accreditation
- Provide market intelligence to suppliers
- Transfer new product and process technology to suppliers

Global supply chain integration actions:

- Support suppliers to register with global supplier databases
- Provide references for high performing suppliers

Feedback process for unsuccessful bidders:

The facility operator encourages procurement entities to provide constructive feedback to unsuccessful Australian bidders, fostering transparency and continuous improvement. Additionally, the facility operator will require procurement entities to submit a summary report outlining their vendor relationship management practices.