



## Australian Jobs Act 2013

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# Australian Industry Participation Plan Summary - Project Phase

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**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 2026 and is due to start supplying electricity to South Australian electricity users in 2028. The project is independently funded, without reliance on any government grants. However, this project has executed revenue underwriting agreement with the Commonwealth. The proposed financial close pathway includes an onshore EPC contractor as the principal contractor for the electrical and civil design and construction of energy storage facility and transmission line. And another onshore EPC contractor for solar facility design and construction. The Project currently is at the stage to finalise procurement contracts with the shortlisted OEM and construction parties. The project is anticipating finance close by the first half of 2026.

Completion date: 30 Jun 2028

## 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 and Connection	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	
Domestic Transportation	Yes	No	

\* 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:

**Contact person name** Eric Sun  
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Project proponent website: <https://zebre.com.au/projects/solar-river-hybrid/>

Project opportunities website:

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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
- Encourage Australian entities to undertake research and development and innovative activities

### Global supply chain integration actions:

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

### Feedback:

The project proponent will ensure that its procurement entities offer, and if requested, provide feedback to Australian entities whose bids to supply key goods or services for the project have not been successful. Feedback will include recommendations about any relevant training, skills capability and capacity development.

# Australian Industry Participation Plan Summary - Operations Phase

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**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	
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:

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:

The project proponent will ensure that its procurement entities offer, and if requested, provide feedback to Australian entities whose bids to supply key goods or services for the project have not been successful. Feedback will include recommendations about any relevant training, skills capability and capacity development.