



Australian Jobs Act 2013

AIP Plan reference code: NBB9FKCD

Australian Industry Participation Plan Summary - Project Phase

Nominated project proponent: RICHMOND VALLEY SOLAR AND BESS PTY LTD

Project details

Name: Richmond Valley Solar Farm

Location: Myrtle Creek NSW

Type: Electricity facility

Purpose: Establish new facility

Capital expenditure: \$500 million or more

Description: The Richmond Valley Solar and BESS project is a proposed solar farm and battery energy storage system (BESS) located in the Northern Rivers region of New South Wales, approximately seven kilometres to the east of the town of Rappville in the Richmond Valley LGA. The Project involves the installation, operation, maintenance and decommissioning of up to 500 megawatts of DC solar electricity generation and BESS of approximately 2,200 megawatt hours capacity. The project will also include supporting infrastructure, inverters to convert DC to AC electricity, a substation, switching substation and transmission lines to the nearby Transgrid transmission network. As of December 2024, the project is in the final stages of securing its planning and environmental approvals from the NSW Departments of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure. Once these approvals are in place, the project is expected to commence detailed engineering design, enabling procurement processes to commence. All procurement entities that are appointed will be contractually required to comply with, and report against, the approved AIP plan.

Completion date: 01 Mar 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
Supply, installation and commissioning of solar/battery components	Yes	Yes	
Civil balance of plant works	Yes	No	
Engineering design services	Yes	Yes	
LV cable design and installation	Yes	Yes	
HV design and installation of substation/s and switchyards	Yes	Yes	
operations and maintenance	Yes	Yes	
Plant hire	Yes	No	
Transport	Yes	No	
Labour hire	Yes	No	
traffic management services	Yes	No	
Material Supply	Yes	No	
Supply of fuel/oil	Yes	No	
Accommodation, meals and entertainment	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 Martha O'Connor-Velez
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Project proponent website: <https://arkenergy.com.au/solar/richmond-valley/>

Project opportunities website: <https://arkenergy.com.au/solar/richmond-valley/>

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:

- Provide market intelligence to suppliers
- Encourage joint ventures and alliances between suppliers
- Support supplier development initiatives of industry associations or governments

Global supply chain integration actions:

- Provide references for high performing suppliers

Feedback process for unsuccessful bidders:

The procurement entity/ies will offer feedback to unsuccessful Australian bidders for the project. Feedback will include relevant training, skills, areas for improvement, capability and capacity development. When the procurement entities notify unsuccessful suppliers, opportunity for feedback will be offered.

Australian Industry Participation Plan Summary - Operations Phase

Nominated facility operator: RICHMOND VALLEY SOLAR AND BESS PTY LTD

Facility details

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Location: Myrtle Creek NSW

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
Operation and Maintenance Services	Yes	No	
Ancillary Services (Cleaning, Security, Waste Management, Pets control etc)	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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