

Dear [Community/Stakeholders/Readers],

We are thrilled to announce that we have officially submitted our planning application for the development of a battery energy storage project of capacity 500MW/1000MWh in Dederang! This marks a significant milestone in our commitment to renewable energy and a sustainable future for our community.

Project Overview

Our proposed BESS will significantly contribute to Victoria's target of reducing emissions by 90% by 2035 and transitioning to at least 6.3 GW of energy storage capacity, enough to power half of Victoria's current homes at peak energy use.

It will also provide substantial benefits to the local community, supporting around 50 full-time construction jobs at peak and up to 10 contractors annually, and increase revenue for local service providers such as food, fuel, and accommodation.

Following the feedback received, it also offers the advantage of potentially shared access with the neighboring proposed BESS project, the Dederang BESS, which is being developed by Mint Renewables.

Based on the feedback received, Trina Solar is committed to exploring ways to collaborate with the Dederang BESS, aiming to ensure that benefits from both projects are effectively distributed and provide maximum value to the community. Details on how these benefits will be shared will be finalized before the project's construction begins.

The planning application process is an essential step toward making this vision a reality. We anticipate a review period of 10-12 weeks, during which we'll be working closely with agencies and authorities to address any questions and provide updates.

Project Update

Kiewa Valley BESS has been assessed against the relevant provisions of the Planning Scheme and applicable guidelines for energy facilities. Here's the high-level summary:

- **Ecology:** Ecological impacts are minimal and acceptable, with only 0.216 hectares of native vegetation affected.
- **Agriculture:** The site has low agricultural significance and is not within an irrigation district.
- **Bushfire:** Bushfire risk will be managed to an acceptably low-level following CFA guidelines. Following community recommendations, the project has been relocated to an area outside the bushfire zone. Moreover, the design includes comprehensive fire management systems, including a Battery Management System (BMS) and perimeter fire breaks, to effectively mitigate potential fire hazards.
- **Noise impact:** Noise levels will comply with the EPA Noise Protocol and the equipment we proposed includes silent kit, ensuring no adverse effects on nearby sensitive receptors.

- **Visual impact:** the proposal can sit within the landscape and not result in any significant visual impacts to sensitive receivers or public realm locations. Landscape screening will further soften the views to the site, which will include native trees from the area.
 - **Traffic:** The traffic assessment has been completed to evaluate the potential impacts and ensure safe access to the site. A detailed Traffic Management Plan (TMP) be prepared once the project design is complete.
 - **Hydrology:** The site has been designed with multiple basins and water tanks to manage the waterflow and the fire water run-off systems has been included in the event of a BESS fire.
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Community Benefit Fund

Trina is committed to establishing a community fund upon the commencement of the project's operations. Our intention, subject to your feedback, is for the fund to be managed by a community-led committee. To ensure the fund's structure and governance best meet the needs of your community, we respectfully seek your input.

How You Can Get Involved

We value the input of our community and want to keep you informed every step of the way. Here's how you can get involved:

1. **Submit Feedback:** Our website features a dedicated section for feedback where you can share your thoughts and concerns directly.
 2. **Sign Up for Updates:** Stay connected with us by subscribing to our email updates. We'll share milestones, events, and all the latest developments.
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Join Us in Building a Brighter Future

The transition to renewable energy is not only essential for our environment, but it also opens new opportunities for innovation and sustainable growth in Dederang. Together, we can make a positive impact on our community and planet.

Thank you for your support and interest in this project. We look forward to moving forward with you!

Best regards,
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