



This image is an artist's impression of a typical BESS facility. Design and scale may vary.

GIDDI BESS

ib vogt is proposing to develop the Giddi Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Project across an 18-hectare site at 59 Rowells Road, Trafalgar East, which is currently hosting industrial scale sheds and associated infrastructure for a goat dairy, and some feed growing.

What's involved?

The proposed Giddi BESS project would include:

- Battery Energy Storage System: A 360MW 4-hour BESS
- substation and associated switchyard: Connecting into an existing 220kV Rowville to Yallourn transmission line that runs through the property, so no additional transmission lines would be required
- some prefabricated style buildings for control, operation and maintenance of the BESS
- water storage tanks.

A second stage, including a solar hybrid facility may occur, but will have a separate consultation and approvals process.

The BESS is being established to support the electricity grid and provide more on-demand dispatchable energy as the nearby coal fired generators reach end-of-life, and renewable energy sources take their place.

The site has been selected based on:

- adjacent access to high capacity transmission infrastructure
- good separation from neighbours (around 1 km)
- minimal visual or environmental impact due to sitting on previously disturbed industrial land
- no native vegetation removal is required
- cul-de-sac location with low traffic and native vegetation providing visual screening.



The BESS is located in Trafalgar East, just under 4km north west of Moe Race course.

The project requires approval under the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*. Accordingly, ib vogt submitted a Planning Permit Application (PPA) to the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) on 18 December 2025. The application process includes undertaking of environmental assessments, including:

- ecology
- landscape and visual impacts
- contamination and hazards
- fire risk
- flood and hydrology
- geotechnical
- historic heritage
- Aboriginal cultural heritage
- noise and vibration
- traffic

The PPA is currently in the preliminary stages of assessment by the department, and will be referred to Baw Baw Shire Council and Country Fire Authority for comment.

What does the planning permit application process look like?



Community information session

ib vogt will be hosting a community information session to meet our team and share details about the Giddi BESS project. We will have different project information and maps that will allow you to have a personal discussion about the project with our technical specialists.

This means that you can attend at any time during open hours, giving you the opportunity to ask the project team questions, express any concerns, and contribute ideas for the proposed community sharing program.

Date: Tuesday 24 February 2026

Location: Trafalgar Public Hall,
34 Contingent Street, Trafalgar

Time: 4-7pm

If you'd like to share your views, please complete the online survey via the QR code or the link until the 8 of March 2026.

survey.zohopublic.com.au/zs/CYj356



Community benefits

The project will make an annual financial payment to a community benefit fund. We are working with a number of community groups to identify new initiatives that we may be able to support that would provide long-term benefits to the community. We would like to hear your ideas.

To know more

Please go to the project website www.giddibess.com.au, or

Contact the project team on **1800 739 274** or email giddibess@ibvogt.com to be added to our subscriber list and receive updates on the project and information about the community information session.

About ib vogt

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