



# Trafalgar East Hybrid Solar Farm

**ib vogt** is proposing to develop the Trafalgar East Hybrid Solar Farm project across a 360-hectare site at 59 Rowells Road and 363 Embletons Road, Trafalgar East.

## What's involved?

The project is being delivered in two stages. Stage 1, known as the Giddi Bess project, consists of a 360 MW battery energy storage system (BESS) and supporting infrastructure. ib vogt submitted the Stage 1 planning application in December 2025, which is currently under review by the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP). Public submissions for Stage 1 closed on 29 June 2026.

A separate planning application has been under development for Stage 2 – Trafalgar East Hybrid Solar, which proposes:

- a 200 MW Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)
- a 200 MW solar array
- inverters and transformers

- prefabricated buildings for control, operation and maintenance
- a 220 kV substation
- internal access roads
- perimeter boundary fencing.

Like Giddi BESS, the site has been selected due to its proximity to existing transmission infrastructure, good separation from neighbouring properties, and its location on previously modified land.

## What does the planning permit application process for Stage 2 look like?

A Planning Permit Application for Stage 2 will be submitted to the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) in August 2026.

The approval process included detailed technical studies covering areas such as:

- Ecology and biodiversity
- Landscape and visual impacts
- Noise and vibration
- Traffic and transport
- Fire risk and safety
- Flooding and hydrology
- Cultural heritage
- Glint and Glare assessment



## Community engagement and feedback

We have been actively engaging with local communities and landholders to better understand community views and priorities as the project progresses.

Through these conversations, we have heard a range of perspectives. Key topics raised include:

- Traffic and road safety during construction
- Noise, dust and other construction-related impacts
- Visual changes to the landscape
- Use of agricultural land for renewable energy
- Fire risk and safety
- Potential impacts on local businesses, farming activities, and the character of the area.

**In response, we are continuing to work directly with neighbouring landholders and stakeholders** to gain feedback and better understand site-specific concerns.

We are also planning for the site to continue supporting agricultural activities alongside the project. The solar farm layout is being designed to enable sheep grazing among the panels, **helping maintain productive farmland while generating clean energy.**



We will continue to share how community feedback is informing project design and decision-making.

## Community benefits

The project is expected to deliver a range of benefits to the local area.

ib vogt is proposing to establish a community benefit fund, which would provide ongoing financial contributions to support local initiatives and projects. Potential opportunities include:

- Community infrastructure upgrades (e.g. community halls)
- Support for local organisations and programs
- Environmental and sustainability initiatives.
- Indigenous skills training scholarships.

We are seeking Expressions of Interest from community members to join a **Community Reference Group** to make recommendations for this funding.

To receive an application package and further information, please register your interest by emailing [giddibess@ibvogt.com](mailto:giddibess@ibvogt.com)



## Community information session

ib vogt will be hosting a community information session to meet our team and share details about the Trafalgar East Hybrid Solar Farm 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:** Monday 3 August 2026

**Location:** Trafalgar Community Centre, 105 Princes Highway, 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 14 August 2026.

<https://survey.zohopublic.com.au/zs/3PDN4X>



## To know more

Please go to the project website [www.giddibess.com.au](http://www.giddibess.com.au), or

Contact the project team on **1800 739 274** or email [giddibess@ibvogt.com](mailto: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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