



# Warwick Solar Farm

## June 2019 update

### What is the status of the project?

Construction of the UQ Warwick Solar Farm project is approaching the halfway point.

The installation of about 30,000 piles has been substantially completed. UQ and Lendlease would like to thank our neighbours for their patience and understanding while this work has been undertaken. A small amount of piling work will be required in the coming months, and all efforts will continue to be taken to mitigate any disruption.

Work to install the tracker technology and support structures has recently commenced, and installation of the first solar panels will follow shortly. The tracker technology allows the panels to follow the sun from east to west during the day, enhancing the project's efficiency.

Preliminary design for powerline extensions to connect the solar farm to the National Electricity Market has been completed. Further information about this work and opportunities for feedback are provided in the attached flyer.

### Vegetation planting

The planting of trees and shrubs on the site has been suspended due to the ongoing severe drought conditions being experienced across the Southern Downs.

Further planting, including in-fill planting on the western and northern boundaries, is expected to recommence in spring 2019, subject to weather conditions and the availability of recycled water.

### Construction schedule

As with any major construction project, some activities have been running ahead of schedule, and others slightly behind. An updated construction schedule is provided below. These dates are a guide only, and are subject to change. Factors such as weather can have a significant impact on scheduling.

Installation of site offices and fencing	Complete
Clearing and minor earthworks	Complete
Planting of vegetation screening	See below
Perimeter and internal roads	May – Sept
Upgrade to Freestone Rd and Robinson Rd intersection	July – Aug
Installation of piles	Complete
Installation of trackers and panel supports	Jun – Sept
Solar panel installation	Jun – Sept
Inverter installation	Aug – Sept
Connection works (including power lines)*	July – Sept

*\*subject to permits*

### Feedback and further information

For construction-related matters, Lendlease can be contacted via the project hotline **1800 717 383** or by email [warwicksolarfarm@lendlease.com](mailto:warwicksolarfarm@lendlease.com).

For general enquiries, email [warwicksolar@uq.edu.au](mailto:warwicksolar@uq.edu.au).

Project updates and other information are also available on the project website: [sustainability.uq.edu.au/warwick-solar-farm](http://sustainability.uq.edu.au/warwick-solar-farm)

### UQ in the community

UQ is pleased to be an official sponsor of the 2019 Jumpers & Jazz Festival. We are also excited to share that the electric vehicle charging station being jointly developed by UQ and the Southern Downs Regional Council on Acacia Avenue is under construction and is due to open to the public in July.



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