



www.bsg.org.au/solarfarmlandhost-EOI

If you are completing this form, you believe that you have a subset area of land that could be available for a community scale solar farm. Thanks – we need lots of amazing community people like you!

Before completing this form please ensure that you have read the Community Scale 2 MW Solar Farm Private Land Identification Process and Requirements document available on the Bendigo Sustainability Group website at <https://www.bsg.org.au/community-energy/community-solar-farm/>

This form is quite detailed because we need to ensure that we investigate in more detail only the best suitable sites available. Please complete this form as best you can but feel free to contact us with any queries. The information you provide is preliminary only and we will discuss it further with you preferably in person during a site inspection. Thanks!

1. Name

2. E-mail

3. Phone

4. Residential Address

5. Do you have solar PV installed on the house in which you live?

6. Address / location of land?

7. Is the land located: within the City of Greater Bendigo?

on the Bendigo side of adjacent local government areas?

other location?

8. Do you own the land? If not, please provide details.

9. For how many years have you and/or your family owned / occupied the land?

10. Age range of current owners (circle answer)

11. Do you and/or someone else live on or very close to the land?

12. What is the total area (hectares) of your relevant land holding?

13. What is the land area size you have directly available for locating a community scale solar farm?

6 to 10 hectares	More than 10 hectares
------------------	-----------------------

Comments

14. Land access to a constructed public road:

a) Is there a constructed public road immediately adjacent to the land? If so advise if bitumen or unsealed in comments below.

b) Is road capable of accommodating large trucks up to semi-trailers? Comment below.

c) Is construction of an access track required to get to land? If so advise length (in metres) to access a made public road in comments below.

d) Would you be comfortable with limited public access directly from the public road for the purposes of information sharing, education, engagement and an electric vehicle charge point?

Comments

15. Access to a Powercor 22 kV three phase distribution network powerline (3 wires) (tick as appropriate);

a) The powerline passes directly through the land tick

b) The powerline is immediately over the other side of the road tick

c) There is not a powerline nearby tick

d) A powerline extension would be required – state required length (in metres) to reach the land in the other comments below? tick

e) Please provide the number listed on a relevant nearby existing power pole.

Other Comments:

16. Land form:

- a) Please describe the land and any features in your own words?

- b) Is the land to be offered generally or entirely cleared of trees and native high value vegetation (where known)? Please describe.

- c) Are there any patches of native vegetation and/or water courses that would need to be avoided and requiring additional land area?

- d) Do you believe there would be opportunities to enhance the ecological values of the site and adjoining areas through a community scale solar farm project? Please describe

17. Land use:

- a) Please describe the current use of the land?

- b) Is the land currently grazed by sheep and if so who manages the livestock?

- c) If not, could the land be grazed by sheep and who would manage?

18. Surrounding land use – please describe the use of your surrounding land and also other neighboring land beyond your ownership?

19. Land terrain:

a) Is the land flat?

Yes / No

b) Is the land gently and reasonably consistently sloping towards the north or north-west (not more than 3% slope)?

Yes / No

Comments - please describe.

20. Land sub-surface to a depth of 1.5 metres:

a) Please tell us in your words as best you are able, what you understand the subsurface material to be? Include soil types, hardness of ground, presence of subsurface and surface rock etc.

b) If you have suitable knowledge, please advise if you believe the subsurface material would be suitable for the mechanical driving of support piles / posts to a depth of 1.5 metres for supporting the solar array?

21. Is the land shadowed by current or proposed adjacent structures or natural features?

Yes / No

If yes, please explain

22. Land zoning and overlays (if known):

a) What is the zoning of the land?

b) Does the land have any likely restrictive planning scheme overlays (such as environmental, European or Cultural heritage, bushfire etc).

23. Community and neighbours:

a) Are you well connected with immediate neighbours and the nearby community and are these mutually positive relationships?

b) Do you believe that adjacent and nearby neighbours would embrace a community owned renewable energy facility?

c) Do you believe anyone within visual range of the land and/or the nearby community would object to a community scale solar farm at this location?

d) Any other comments or advice?

24. Regarding legal access to the land for a Community Scale Solar Farm would you be willing, subject to satisfactory and mutually agreeable details, to:

a) Enter into an Option to Lease?

b) Enter into a 25-year Lease with options to extend?

Comments.

25. Why are you interested in hosting a community solar farm? Please tick all that strongly apply:

To receive the lease payments for the land;

To support the creation of local jobs and keep our money circulating locally within Central Victoria;

To help address climate change and global warming and thus reduce severe weather impacts;

Because community owning and operating its own electricity generation infrastructure will have many community educational and social benefits;

Because it will strengthen our region and encourage communities to work better together;

Other (please comment below);

General comments.

26. Would you be proud to host a community owned solar farm on your land?
Please describe in your own words.

Yes / No

27. Is there anything else you would like to add?
Any other comments?

|

Thanks very much for completing the survey. We will be in touch with you soon.

If you have any queries or difficulty filling out this form, please contact:

Chris Weir chrisw@bsg.org.au

0400 043 300

Chris Corr chrisc@bsg.org.au

0427 148 270