Blind Creek Solar Farm

Project update - October 2026



The Blind Creek Solar Farm and Battery project is a renewable energy development by Octopus Australia

The Project comprises a 300MW solar farm and a 243MW Battery Energy Storage System that will contribute to Australia's clean energy transition.

The project will generate enough energy to power around 120,000 homes once operational.

What's happened in the last quarter?

Construction is progressing smoothly. Works completed in the last quarter include:

- Completed all civil works including internal roads, earthworks and clearing and grubbing
- Completed all civil works for the substation area including substation bench, switching station bench, laydown area and substation access road
- Completed all piling works, with 84,646 piles installed
- Tracker installation progressing well with 70% completed
- Started solar module installation, with 60% out of 505,992 installed
- All DC (direct current) cable trenches have now been completed. These trenches will carry electricity from the solar panels to the project's electrical equipment
- Low voltage (LV) trenching is more than halfway complete, with over 15.4 kilometres of the required 29.3 kilometres finished
- Medium voltage (MV) trenching is also progressing strongly, with over 17.1 kilometres of the required 24.1 kilometres completed
- Trenching for the DC-to-DC converter and battery energy storage system (BESS) infrastructure is underway, with 27 of 90 sections completed
- Foundations for all 90 Power Conversion Units (PCUs) have now been completed, with 2,520 screw piles installed. These units help convert electricity generated by the solar panels into a form that can be used by the electricity network
- Foundation works for the Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) are also progressing well, with 63 of the 90 foundation pads completed
- All 90 PCUs have now been delivered to site, meaning the major equipment needed for the project's power conversion system is in place and ready for installation
- All main solar farm equipment has been delivered. Batteries are planned for delivery early 2027

What's upcoming in the next quarter?

Works upcoming in the next three months include:

- Complete all mechanical works including tracker and module installation
- Complete all BESS foundations
- Continue with PV electrical works and testing
- Continue with BESS civil and electrical works
- Continue with cold commissioning activities
- Commence mechanical and electrical works in substation
- Delivery of main transformers and harmonic filters for the substation
- Commence civil works for the permanent O&M buildings

What to expect

As we conduct these works, you may notice the following:

- **Noise and dust** – There may be varying levels during work hours. We will monitor and manage both in line with environmental guidelines..
- **Vehicle movements** –Construction traffic volumes will increase slightly and will be delivering materials and equipment to and from the site.

Construction hours

7am to 6pm, Monday to Friday

8am to 1pm, Saturday

Please note, vehicle movements to and from site may occur either side of these working hours to allow for return travel.

Community

The Blind Creek Solar Farm team visited the Bungendore Farmers Market in August to share project updates. Thank you to everyone who stopped by for a chat.

To support the Bungendore Preschool, GRS donated toward upgrading the infrastructure. This funding will help create a bright, nurturing environment where local kids can learn and play.

Octopus Australia and GRS were proud to sponsor the Bungendore Mudchooks as they hosted the ACT Brumbies and NSW Waratahs at the Bungendore Sports Hub on Sunday 13 September.

We recently welcomed members of the Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council for a site tour of the Blind Creek Solar Farm.

The Blind Creek Solar Farm project team will be at the Bungendore Show on Sunday 25 October. If you have any questions, or would like to meet the team, please come along.

Local contractor spotlight: Divall's Earthmoving

For more than 50 years, Divall's Earthmoving has been proudly serving the Southern Tablelands, growing into one of the region's leading civil construction, earthmoving, transport, quarrying and concrete businesses.

Employing around 350 people, Divall's is a family-owned local company committed to creating jobs, supporting local suppliers and investing back into regional communities.

At the Blind Creek Solar Farm and Battery, Divall's has been engaged to complete key civil works, bringing decades of local experience and practical problem-solving skills to help deliver the project. Every Divall's team member working on the project lives locally, ensuring project benefits stay within the region.

The company's involvement has helped support ongoing local employment while giving workers valuable experience in the growing renewable energy sector. Divall's believes local contractors play a vital role in major infrastructure projects, combining regional knowledge with a long-term commitment to the communities where they live and work.

"Projects like Blind Creek create important opportunities for local businesses, local workers and the wider economy. We're proud to be contributing to a major renewable energy project in our own backyard." – Mell Hayes, Divall's Project Manager for the Blind Creek Solar Farm

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