

Environment and Social Impact Assessment Summary

Wandoan South Solar Stage 1

This Environment and Social Impact Assessment summary has been prepared to support Wandoan South Solar Stage 1 (WSS1). WSS1 is the first solar PV stage in the Wandoan South Project. Stage 1 is a 167MWp/125MWac PV plant, located in Woleebee, Queensland, approximately 30 km south-west of the township of Wandoan. A summary of the environment and social impact assessment for WSS1 is provided below.

Environment Considerations

Environment related impacts and controls are considered and assessed as part of the Development Application process and prior to construction of each stage of the Wandoan South Project.

A terrestrial flora and fauna survey was undertaken prior to development and the assessment determined that the site had limited significant environmental features. Remnant vegetation areas and watercourses are designated as exclusion zones, provided buffers, and protected from development. A project specific Construction Environment Management Plan has been developed to control and monitor environmental impacts and an Operation Environmental Management Plan will be implemented during commercial operations.

A Cultural Heritage Management Agreement has been executed between Vena Energy Australia (VEA) and the Iman #4 for WSS1. Cultural heritage surveys have informed locations of exclusion zones which are excluded from development and provided buffers. An Indigenous Relations Management Plan has been developed and a full time Caring for Country officer (Iman representative) has been assigned during the construction phase of WSS1.

The project has an expected lifespan of 30 years. At the end of life, the project will either be decommissioned, and the land returned to a pre-construction standard or re-energised.

Social Considerations

VEA have engaged with the local community prior to the development of the first stage of the Wandoan South Project and continue to engage with the local community and other relevant stakeholders across the development of each stage.

WSS1 project updates are communicated to the local community in the form of community information packages and construction update newsletters which are delivered via letterbox drops and outlined on the project website.

A Stakeholder Engagement Plan has been developed for the Wandoan South Project and a Community, Stakeholder and Communications Plan has been developed specifically for the construction phase of WSS1. A project specific grievance mechanism has been developed to provide a clear and transparent framework for addressing grievances relating to the WSS1 project. Communication methods (email and telephone) can be accessed on the project specific webpage.

Vena Energy's policies specifically the Corporate Social Responsibility Manual and Environmental Social and Governance Policy were assessed by an independent third party and found to be aligned with international human rights and labour rights policies. A PV module supplier that complies with United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, and the Core Conventions of the International Labour Organization (ILO) was selected for the delivery of PV modules for WSS1.