WATTA WELLA RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS

Project Information Sheet 1

COMMUNITY BENEFITS

RES work closely with communities surrounding all our projects to ensure tangible community benefits are realised. It is anticipated that a Community Benefit Fund, which sees annual financial investment provided to local initiatives for the lifetime of the project, will be established as part of the development of these projects. Community Benefit Funds are established to support improved community wellbeing, including funding for community facilities, educational opportunities, local conservation projects, and events.

Other project benefits will likely include:

- Improved access to affordable and clean energy for the people of VIC.
- Investment in local infrastructure such as roads and power facilities .
- Local employment and procurement opportunities during both the construction and operation of the projects.

For further information on the community benefits associated with the projects please refer to the project website.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

RES will be contacting relevant local and state government agencies, local landholders, local businesses, service providers, and community group representatives in order to better understand community views and perspectives. We value your input, so if you would like to receive further information on any of the Watta Wella projects, would like to provide feedback, or you would like to get involved in community engagement activities please contact us on the details below. Meetings with members of the project team can also be directly arranged (pending Government COVID guidelines and restrictions).

We look forward to your ongoing participation and involvement.

- Watta Wella Project: info.wattawella@wattawella-renewableenergy.com.au
- Nathan Kelly (Development Project Manager): 0422 605 068
- A Have Your Say form is also available on the website www.wattawella-renewableenergy.com.au

INTRODUCTION

This information sheet provides an introduction to the Watta Wella Renewable Energy Projects being developed by RES. It also provides an overview of next steps in the planning and assessment process and details on how you can be involved.

The Watta Wella Renewable Energy Projects consist of three projects, a wind farm, a solar farm and a battery facility. The Projects are co-located approximately 12 km east of Stawell, immediately north of the Bulgana Green Power Hub (developed by Neoen), within the Northern Grampians Shire Council area.

WHO IS RES?

RES (Renewable Energy Systems) is a private, family owned company headquartered in the UK with almost 40 years experience in planning, building, and operating renewable energy projects. We have developed and / or built close to 21 GW of renewable energy capacity worldwide and we support and operational portfolio of assets exceeding 7GW.

Active in Australia since 2004, locally RES is engaged in the development of wind, solar, and battery energy storage projects. RES additionally offers quality specialist construction and asset management services to a diverse range of customers. Recent RES projects in Australia include the Murra Warra Wind Farm (VIC), Emerald Solar Farm (QLD), and Ararat Wind Farm (VIC).

WATTA WELLA SOLAR FARM

The proposed Watta Wella Solar Farm will involve the construction, operation, and maintenance of a 62.5 MW solar farm (subject to final design) set over approximately 170 hectares of land.

The solar farm would connect into the upgraded Bulgana Substation and in turn feed into the existing 220kV transmission line via this substation. It is proposed to utilise bi-facial solar modules to generate energy from both the front and back of the panels. Panels are likely to be a maximum of 5 metres high and will be spaced to support ongoing use of the land for grazing.

To enable the transfer of energy, other relevant infrastructure will be established within the site including an onsite substation, inverters, staff facilities, and warehousing.

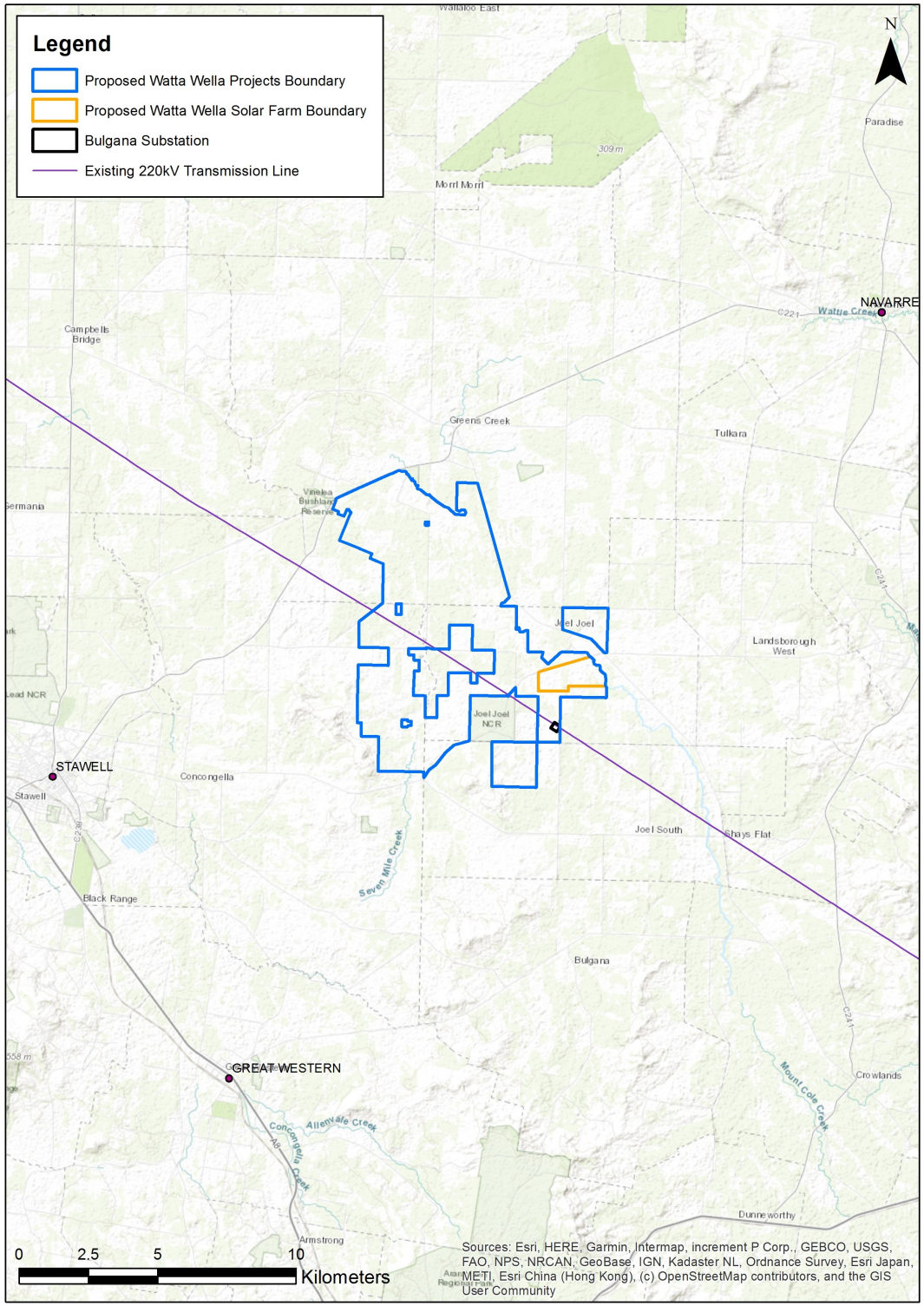
WATTA WELLA BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE FACILITY

The proposed Watta Wella Battery Energy Storage Facility will have a capacity of up to 400MW / 1200MWh set over approximately 10 hectares of land.

The facility will be a standalone battery and will connect into the nearby Bulgana Substation via high voltage overhead lines.

The storage facility will enhance the capabilities unlocked by the Western Victorian Transmission Network Project (WVTNP), allowing more renewable energy to be transferred on the network through capturing peaks of renewable energy output, helping renewable energy to better service peak demand, and helping to ensure the security of supply in the grid.

More information is available at:
www.wattawella-renewableenergy.com.au



WATTA WELLA WIND FARM

The proposed Watta Wella Wind Farm will have a capacity of approximately 315 MW (subject to final design) and include approximately 45 wind turbines set over approximately 5,200 hectares of land. The proposed wind farm, occupying approximately 2% of the total land area, extends over 15 freehold properties. Watta Wella Wind Farm is expected to generate enough electricity to supply around 265,000 VIC homes.

If developed, the Watta Wella Wind Farm would include the construction and operations of wind turbines up to 255m high (top of blade rotation) with a maximum blade length of 89m. Other infrastructure on the site will include ancillary infrastructure for the wind farm (e.g. hardstands, tracks, electrical reticulation etc.), a substation and transmission connection. The wind farm will connect into the Bulgana Substation, which is being upgraded as part of the Western Victorian Transmission Network Project.

PROJECT STATUS

To date, RES have progressed a number of detailed environmental, transport, engineering, cultural heritage, and social impact studies to determine the suitability of the wider site and locality to host the Watta Wella Renewable Energy Projects.

Agreements have been secured with the relevant landowners and RES is actively progressing towards the submission of a planning approval application for each project.

Currently, we are expecting to lodge an EES referral for the project in September with a planning application to follow in Q4 2021.