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Greenough River Solar Farm expansion on track

Stage two of the Greenough River Solar Farm project is progressing well and remains on track for energisation in the second quarter of 2020.

The Greenough River Solar Farm is a project by Bright Energy Investments (BEI) and is the first utility-scale solar plant to be constructed in Australia.

The initial 10MW facility operates south of Geraldton in Western Australia, and is being expanded by further 30MW.

Australian-based juwi Renewable Energy has been engaged to complete the works for stage two of the project.



New stage 2 solar panels mounted on their tracking systems with stage 1 panels visible in the distance

BEI General Manager Tom Frood said he was pleased to see the visible development of the project.

“Progress is becoming quite clear on the site now with the installation of the posts nearly complete and tracking systems and panels going up rapidly. We expect stage 2 to be generating by the second quarter of next year,” Mr Frood said.

During construction over 300,000 solar panels will be installed.

Unlike the stage 1 facility, which has fixed solar panels, the stage 2 solar panels are mounted on a single axis tracking system which follows the sun to provide more electricity generation in the mornings and afternoons.

When complete, the 40MW facility will generate enough electricity to power around 19,800 Western Australian homes.

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About Bright Energy Investments

Bright Energy Investments (BEI) is focussed on the development of large-scale renewable energy projects in Western Australia. Established in April 2018, BEI is an investment vehicle established between WA electricity generator and retailer Synergy, global infrastructure investment fund DIF and industry superannuation giant Cbus, to develop up to 210MW of renewable energy projects.

The BEI portfolio currently includes the Greenough River Solar Farm in the state's Mid-West, the Albany Grasmere Wind Farm in the Great Southern Region and the development of the 180MW Warradarge Wind Farm near Eneabba which is expected to be recognised as one of the best renewable energy projects in the country.

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