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Greenough River Solar Farm comes to life

Stage two of the Greenough River Solar Farm project has reached practical completion, with the 30MW expansion fully commissioned and generating power.

The first stage of Greenough River Solar Farm, a 10MW facility commissioned in 2012, was Australia's first utility scale plant.

With the addition of a further 30MW of capacity, the 40MW solar farm will make a significant contribution to Western Australia's renewable energy generation portfolio.

juwi Renewable Energy completed the main works of the solar farm and balance of plant works, with Western Power completing the connection to the upgrade works.



New stage 2 solar panels in the front and rear blocks with stage 1 panels visible in the middle

BEI General Manager Tom Frood said he was thrilled to see completion of the solar farm, despite the hurdles over the past 12 months.

“Despite the challenges associated with COVID-19 and RCR Tomlinson going into administration, the recontracted project has been completed substantially on time and on budget,” Mr Frood said.

Stage 2 uses single axis tracking, rather than fixed solar panels, and this will see the new expansion generate nearly four times as much electricity as Stage 1, but with only twice the land footprint.

Many Western Australians were employed in the construction of the expanded facilities and local contractors also played an important role in the project.

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

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Editors note: copies of the images are available on request.

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 an initial 255MW 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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