

Media Release

AGL and Someva Renewables to collaborate on the development of Pottinger Energy Park in NSW

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AGL and Someva Renewables have today announced a Joint Venture (JV) to develop Pottinger Energy Park, which is expected to consist of a 1.2 GW wind farm, 300 MW solar farm, and 500 MW / 2000 MWh battery energy storage system (BESS).

The proposed Pottinger Energy Park is located 60 kilometres south of Hay and 75 kilometres north of Deniliquin in NSW and is located within the NSW Gazetted South West Renewable Energy Zone.

The project is in the early stages of development with preliminary community engagement and planning application underway.

AGL Chief Operating Officer, Markus Brokhof, said the proposed project and partnership with Someva Renewables would represent a significant development in AGL's renewable and firming portfolio build out as the company transitions to a renewable future.

"We are exploring the development of a significant wind, solar and battery project at the Pottinger Energy Park as we seek to accelerate options to develop projects that will contribute to our ambition of adding 12 GW of new renewable generation and firming capacity to our portfolio by the end of 2035," he said.

"As we progress our plans in partnership with Someva, we will engage regularly with the local community, Traditional Owners, and business and environmental groups to understand their feedback to assist us to develop a project that will benefit the region."

Someva Renewables' Managing Director, Jamie Chivers said: "The Pottinger Energy Park could play an important role in NSW's energy transition by providing reliable renewable energy for up to 830,000 average NSW homes while also delivering an economic boost to the Riverina," he said.

"As part of our co-design process, Someva has been engaging with the local community for over two years. During this time, we've been buoyed by the support the Pottinger Energy Park has received from local landowners, Traditional Owners, local businesses, local councils and the broader community. We're excited to be working with AGL on this project and look forward to delivering an industry leading renewable energy project for NSW."

Someva Renewables, a 100 percent Australian owned renewable energy developer, is leading the design, community engagement and regulatory approval process for the Pottinger Energy Park development. If approved, construction on the Pottinger Energy Park could commence in 2026, potentially creating up to 800 construction jobs and 60 ongoing jobs through operation.

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At AGL, we believe energy makes life better and are passionate about powering the way Australians live. Proudly Australian for 185 years, AGL supplies around 4.3 million^[1] energy and telecommunications customer services. AGL is committed to providing our customers simple, fair and accessible essential services as they decarbonise and electrify the way they live, move and work. AGL operates Australia's largest private electricity generation portfolio within the National Electricity Market, comprising coal and gas-fired generation, renewable energy sources such as wind, hydro and solar, batteries and other firming technology, and gas production and storage assets. We are building on our history as one of Australia's leading private investors in renewable energy to now lead the business of transition to a lower emissions, affordable and smart energy future in line with the goals of our Climate Transition Action Plan. We'll continue to innovate in energy and other essential services to enhance the way Australians live, and to help preserve the world around us for future generations.

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About Someva Renewables

Someva Renewables is an 100% Australian-owned, NSW-based renewable energy company that works with landowners, communities, and industry leaders to deliver the clean, affordable and reliable energy that will power Australia's future. Someva carefully selects renewable energy projects before working with communities, leading technical advisors and industry partners, to deliver truly industry-leading renewable energy projects.

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 $^{^{[1]}}$ Services to customers number is as at 31 December 2023.