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Independent Planning Commission of NSW approves Pottinger Energy Park

Someva Renewables and AGL Energy have today welcomed The Independent Planning Commission of NSW's (IPC) decision to approve the development of Pottinger Energy Park in NSW's South West Renewable Energy Zone (SW REZ).

To be jointly developed by Someva Renewables and AGL Energy, the IPC's approval means Pottinger Energy Park could generate up to 1,300 megawatts (MW) of renewable energy from 247 wind turbines – all supported by a battery of up to 500 MW / 2000 MWh. At its peak, Pottinger Energy Park could power the equivalent annual needs of approximately 830,000 average NSW households.

The IPC's approval comes after Pottinger Energy Park was [awarded](#) an 831 megawatt (MW) Access Right in the SW REZ by EnergyCo in April 2025. While Pottinger Energy Park has IPC approval for up to 1,300 MW, the Access Right allows an initial 831 MW to proceed.

The initial phase of construction on Pottinger Energy Park, pending final investment decision, is expected to begin in late 2026 and will see approximately 831 MW of capacity built in line with the Access Right issued by EnergyCo. The initial phase of development will include the construction of up to 140 wind turbines supported by a 400 MW / 1,600 MWh battery connected to the Project EnergyConnect transmission network.

Jamie Chivers, Managing Director of Someva Renewables said: "Today's approval from the IPC is a landmark moment for this project and the Riverina region. Pottinger Energy Park is a transformational project that will not only play an important role in NSW's energy transition, but also provide a major boost to communities throughout the Riverina," said Mr Chivers.

"We're proud of the deep community support Pottinger Energy Park has received since Someva Renewables and AGL first started meeting face to face with landholders, local councils and the broader community in 2021. I'd like to thank all of those involved in the project to date – including our joint venture partner AGL, our project hosts and neighbours, local landholders, the Edward River and Hay Shire Councils as well as local First Nations, business and community groups."

"We also note the IPC's conditions of consent and look forward to working with our partners at AGL to implement these requirements through construction and operation. While today is a landmark day, the hard work of building an industry-leading wind farm that helps to transform NSW's energy system while delivering for the local community now begins," said Mr Chivers.

AGL General Manager, Power Development, Travis Hughes said: "We welcome planning approval from the IPC for the Pottinger Energy Park. Pottinger is one of the largest renewable energy projects in AGL's development pipeline and planning approval is a crucial milestone as we progress our plans with our development partner, Someva, ahead of a potential final investment decision in 2026."

At its peak, Pottinger Energy Park could deliver up to 900 construction jobs and 55 ongoing operational roles.

Pottinger Energy Park has been developed in close collaboration with the local community, receiving widespread support and recognition for its commitment to community co-design. With strong backing from the Hay Shire Council and Edward River Council, and a comprehensive Community Benefits Program established, Pottinger Energy Park is expected to deliver substantial direct benefits to the community of at least \$26 million across 30 years. This is in addition to tens of millions in indirect benefits such as host and neighbour payments and broader economic stimulus through new job and business creation.

Jamie Chivers added: “From the outset, Pottinger Energy Park has been about working with the local community to ensure the benefits of renewable energy are shared throughout the region. From supporting more resilient and sustainable local farming operations, to improving local infrastructure, protecting the iconic Plains Wanderer species, and providing direct benefits to local councils, community and First Nations groups, we’re looking forward to continuing to develop Pottinger Energy Park with the region’s long-term prosperity in mind.”

To find out more about Pottinger Energy Park visit www.somevarenewables.com.au/pottinger

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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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About AGL Energy

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¹ Services to customers number is as at 31 December 2024.