

## PROPOSED SPRINGDALE SOLAR FARM

This newsletter aims to provide ongoing updates to the local community for the Springdale Solar Farm proposal.

### ‘RESPONSE TO SUBMISSIONS’ SUBMITTED

RES submitted the Response to Submissions (RtS), planning report, to NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) on 31 May 2020. DPIE accepted the RtS and put it on public display on 2 June 2020.

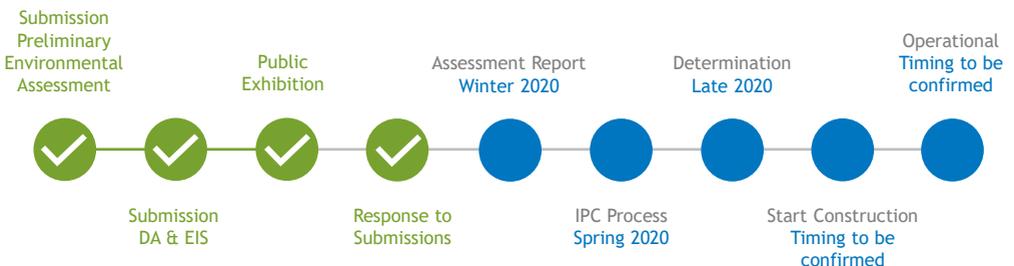
DPIE will now spend several week reviewing and seeking feedback from the agency consultees before completing their planning assessment of the solar project. The completed Assessment Report will be available for public review and will also be passed to the Independent Planning Commission (IPC) for the next stage of Springdale Solar Farm’s planning process.

The IPC will be the consent authority for Springdale Solar Farm, following the project’s receipt of more than 25 objections.

The indicative timeline set out below is still RES’ understanding of probable timings for the project’s planning determination.

With travel restrictions being relaxed, the RES project team will be making further site trips over the months of June/July 2020. Reach out if you are keen to discuss the project. Our contact details are overleaf.

### INDICATIVE TIMELINE:



## PROJECT CHANGES - LAYOUT & DURATION

Following review of community and stakeholder feedback, RES have made where possible, adjustments to the project. These changes are set out in detail in a separate planning report also submitted to DPIE on 31 May 2020. The Amendment Report is also available for review on DPIE's major project website.

Project changes include; the reduction in the overall solar panel area, reorientation of the substation with additional asset protection zone, reconfiguration of internal tracks linking the solar development areas and an extension in the operational life of the project from 30 years to 35 years.



Revised layout along south side of Tallagandra Lane

## OUR COMMUNITY

RES are keen to demonstrate that a project such as the Springdale Solar Farm can have a lasting positive impact on the local community. We believe we should start out how we mean to continue, with support for community projects and essential services from early in the Solar Farm's development.

The Sutton Rural Fire Brigade, as the closest RFS to the project, have been identified by RES as an essential service provider in the community. Following the recent period of prolonged bush fires in neighbouring communities and further afield, we are acutely aware of and grateful for the great work the RFS continues to do, to help keep rural communities safe, during more and more extreme fire seasons.

RES' Development Project Manager, Steve Reid, and Communications and Stakeholder Engagement Manager, Susan Findlay Tickner recently caught up with representatives from the Sutton Fire Brigade to discuss a local approach to fire risk management. Steve is pictured below with President, Graham Hemsworth (left) and Group 4 Captain Ron Hardy (right).

Reflecting the value that RES places on our local fire services, we have donated \$5000 to the Sutton Rural Fire Brigade with our thanks.

