

Scoping Report submitted

October 2021

A Scoping Report for the Birriwa Solar Farm and Battery project has been submitted to the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE), outlining key elements of the project.

All solar farms in NSW of around the same scale as the Birriwa Solar Farm are assessed as State Significant Developments under Part 4 of the NSW Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

The lodging of the Scoping Report is an important first stage in this assessment process. The report provides the local community with preliminary technical information and an environmental assessment on the project. It also outlines how UPCVAC will engage with stakeholders and the local community and provides information on the environmental assessments to be carried out.

Upon receipt of the Scoping Report, the Department will now be expected to issue its Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) for the project in November. The SEARs will set out issues that must be addressed in an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the project.

The EIS will cover all facets of the project impact, from environmental through to social.

An important element of the EIS development will be listening to local community views and where we can, make changes to our project proposal.

You can access the Scoping Report on the [Major Projects page on the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment website](#).

In the meantime we encourage people to [register for regular updates](#) from our project team.