



## MIRIAM VALE SOLAR FARM AND BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM

*Have your say on our  
Community  
Partnership Program*

Our proposed Community Partnership Program will share project benefits with the Miriam Vale community and, more broadly, the Gladstone Region. We have some ideas to guide development of the program, but locals know their community better than anyone. Your ideas and feedback will help us create a program that has long-lasting benefits to meet the needs of your community – today and into the future.



## About the Miriam Vale Solar Farm and Battery Energy Storage System

PEP is proposing to build a Solar Farm and Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) about 6km by road south-west of the Miriam Vale town centre.

If approved, built and fully operational, the Solar Farm will produce about 1,200 gigawatt-hours per annum. This energy will feed into Powerlink Queensland's electricity network. The proposed BESS will store excess energy generated at the Solar Farm, and surplus energy from the network. The stored energy can then be used during peak demand periods.

The projects are in the planning and approval stages and, if approved, construction is due to start in 2026. The Solar Farm and BESS are expected to be operational from early 2028 for about 30 years.

The Solar Farm and BESS will bring significant benefits to the region by prioritising employment of local people and procuring goods and services from local businesses where possible. This includes supporting small businesses to tender for contracts. We will also support regional emergency services as required.

As part of our project planning, we are looking for other ways to make tangible, long-lasting contributions to the local community and welcome your input.

## Investing in Miriam Vale and surrounding communities

If the Solar Farm and BESS proceed, we propose two types of community investment for the life of the projects – a Community Partnership Program and a Neighbour Program.

We would allocate \$500/megawatt (MW) per year\* to the Community Partnership Program from the start of construction and throughout operation and decommissioning. This is about \$200,000 per year and \$6 million over the expected 30-year life of the project.

We will consult with our site neighbours separately to develop the Neighbour Program.

\*These figures were calculated using industry standards and based on a 400MW Solar Farm. They will be reviewed and amended according to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and any Queensland Government policy or good practice directions.

## Our proposed Community Partnership Program

### BENEFITS FOR THE COMMUNITY

We propose community partnerships focus on delivering benefits in the following areas:

#### Community enhancement

To strengthen local economic opportunities and liveability for a broad cross section of the community.

#### Health and wellbeing

To contribute to a healthier, happier local community.

#### Environment

To help maintain and protect the natural environment.

#### Reconciliation

To develop initiatives in consultation with local Traditional Owners.

#### Education and skills

To increase the knowledge and skills of local people, encouraging them to participate in local industry.

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

We propose supporting events, initiatives, and training and development opportunities that:

- have a **measurable positive impact** in the community or environment
- are **inclusive and accessible** and do not discriminate against or disadvantage anyone
- support a **demonstrated need** within the community
- are **sustainable** and provide ongoing benefits to the community
- will be **delivered safely**.

### PROGRAM STRUCTURE

We propose a flexible program with different types of community partnerships including:

- **one-off, long-lasting community investments** for infrastructure or initiatives such as a communication tower, playground and exercise equipment in parks, community programs and upgrades to community-funded facilities
- **bi-annual funding** for community events and initiatives such as the local rodeo, sporting programs and activities that boost the visitor economy
- **training and development opportunities** to increase local skills through school-based and adult traineeships, scholarships and apprenticeships.

### ASSESSING PARTNERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

We propose the community has a say in assessing partnership applications. One way of doing this is to form a **Community Reference Group (CRG)**, with representatives from a broad cross section of the community. The CRG might also provide feedback to PEP about the Solar Farm and BESS throughout construction, operation and decommissioning.

If the community supports this idea, PEP will call for expressions of interest for CRG membership and, once formed, the group will develop Terms of Reference to outline how the CRG will operate, including its purpose, membership duration and meeting frequency.



**Have your say on  
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Partnership Program**

There is no single approach for delivering a Community Partnership Program and that is why we would like your input.

### COMPLETE OUR SURVEY USING ONE OF THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS:

- Online at [miriamvalesolarfarm.com.au/community](https://miriamvalesolarfarm.com.au/community) or by scanning the QR code
- On a hard copy and return:
  - by scanning and emailing to [info@miriamvalesolarfarm.com.au](mailto:info@miriamvalesolarfarm.com.au)
  - to the counter at either Miriam Vale, Bororen, Agnes Water or Turkey Beach Post Offices
  - by post to PO Box 842 GPO Brisbane 4000
- Call us on 1800 975 039 and we will take your feedback over the phone

The survey will close on **Friday, 23 May 2025**. Once we have collected your feedback, we will let the community know what we heard and develop a local Community Partnership Program based on local views.





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### Need more information?

For more information about our projects, or to register to receive updates, contact us on 1800 975 039 or email [info@miriamvalesolarfarm.com.au](mailto:info@miriamvalesolarfarm.com.au) or [info@miriamvalebess.com.au](mailto:info@miriamvalebess.com.au)

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