



#### Update

Ib Vogt submitted a Scoping Report for the project to the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPCI) in December 2024. In response DPCI published the "Planning Secretaries Environmental Assessment Requirements" (SEARs) on 13 March 2025. The SEARs sets out the full scope of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) required to gain approval under the State Significant Development (SSD) guidelines.

The SEARs and associated agency requirement documents are available at:

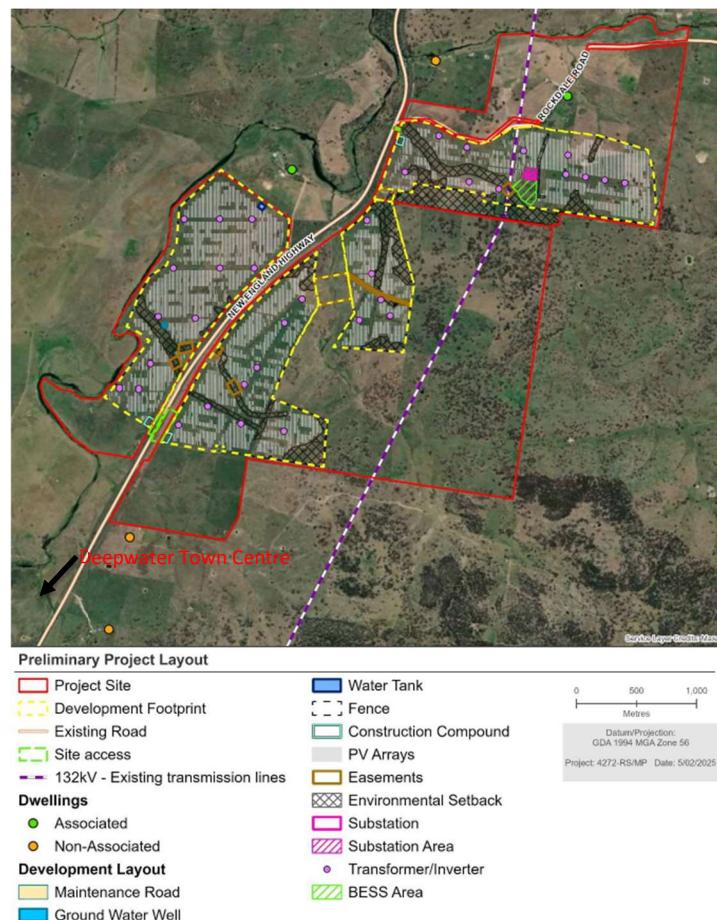
<https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/deepwater-hybrid-solar-farm>

#### Planning approval process

Ib Vogt is undertaking numerous studies and reports as specified under the SEARs. We are targeting to have this submitted to DPCI by November 2025. Once DPCI have reviewed and accepted the completeness of the submission, it will be made available for public exhibition and feedback.

#### Indicative Layout

The following is the indicative layout that is being considered for planning approval. This may change as part of the planning approval process.



#### Community Information Sessions

On May 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> we completed the latest round of Community information sessions in Glen Innes, Deepwater and Tenterfield. We anticipate holding another round of information sessions to coincide with the public release of the Environmental Impact Assessment.

## Community Benefits

We continue to work with key stakeholders on refining the proposed community benefits arrangements that will become available once the project starts commercial operations. This includes:

- Contributing to the upgrade of community facilities in Deepwater town
- Providing training scholarships to indigenous youth
- Contributing towards environmental restoration projects
- Establishing a community fund for future community based projects.

## About ib vogt

ib vogt is a German company headquartered in Berlin that specializes in developing solar farms. We have been active in Europe since 2002 and in Australia since 2016. We employ approximately 900 people in 33 countries having built over 4.3 GW of solar farms to date, and another 8.4GW in various stages of development. In Australia, we have completed the development of 7 solar farms in NSW and Victoria. For more information, please see our website: <http://www.ibvogt.com>

## Next Steps

We are currently working through the list of studies that will be made available for the public exhibition. These include:

- Traffic and Transport management plan
- Economic Impact Assessment
- Agricultural Impact Assessment
- Visual Impact assessment
- Noise Assessment

and a number of others

## To Know More

- Please go to the project website [deepwatersolarfarm.com.au](http://deepwatersolarfarm.com.au), or
- Contact us by email at [deepwater@ibvogt.com](mailto:deepwater@ibvogt.com) if you have any questions or to be added to our subscriber list so we can notify you of events like the community information session