

# Tully Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)

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**We are pleased to inform you that the public notification period for the Development Application for the proposed Tully BESS will take place from 21 September until 12 October.**

We submitted the project's updated Development Application (DA) to the State Assessment and Referral Agency (SARA) in June following changes to the planning framework for battery energy storage projects.

The 15 business day public notification period is your opportunity to provide formal feedback on the project to SARA. Details on how you can do this, and our program of upcoming community drop-in sessions, are on page 2 of this newsletter.

## **A big milestone for our community partnership**

In May, Cassowary Coast Regional Council Mayor Teresa Millwood and RWE Renewables Australia CEO Dan Belton signed the \$3.45 million Community Benefit Agreement.

The agreement was co-designed by RWE and Council and informed by the project's Social Impact Assessment and feedback from the local community.

Importantly, it means that the Tully community will share the project's benefits, and it ensures that local initiatives and priorities are supported.

## **We've opened our doors in Tully**

Another highlight in May was the official opening of the Tully BESS office on Butler Street by Mayor Teresa Millwood and Gulngay Elder Uncle Clarence.

The office gives locals the chance to learn more about the project and explore employment, procurement and community opportunities.

You'll find us at 3/24 Butler Street, near the Commonwealth Bank, so if you see the doors open, please drop in and have a chat.

## **And, of course, the Tully Show!**

It was great to catch up with the local community at the Tully Show in July. The stand gave us another opportunity to update the community on the Tully BESS, answer questions and hear directly from locals about the project.

And no Tully Show visit would have been complete without the Tully Scouts' famous doughnuts!

**Bal Saini**

Project Manager - Tully BESS

## **At a glance**



**Located** about 140km south of Cairns, near the Tully Powerlink substation



Planned capacity of **200 megawatts** - **4-hour duration**



About **188 battery units**



Power about **15,000 homes** for **4 hours**



Development footprint is about **9 hectares**



**EPBC Referral** decision no further assessment required



**Planning permit** - Development Application submitted Q2 2026



Construction scheduled for **2027** and operations in **2029**



**60 jobs** during construction and up to **3 ongoing jobs** during operations



**\$3.45 million Community Benefit Agreement** executed with Cassowary Coast Regional Council

# Public Notification Period

The 15 business day public notification period for the Tully BESS Development Application **starts Monday 21 September** and **ends Monday 12 October**.

## Have your say

You can make a formal submission to the Queensland Government's State Assessment and Referral Agency (SARA).

There are three ways to do this:

- **Online:** Find the Tully BESS application on the Queensland Government planning portal and select 'Make a submission' reference 2606-52806
- **Email:** [renewablesplanning@dsdip.qld.gov.au](mailto:renewablesplanning@dsdip.qld.gov.au)
- **Post:**  
State Assessment and Referral Agency Planning Group  
Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning  
PO Box 15009  
City East QLD 4002

## Community drop-in sessions

We are holding community drop-in sessions at the **Tully BESS Project Office – 3/24 Butler St Tully** (near the Commonwealth Bank).

Copies of the Development Application and associated studies will be available to review.

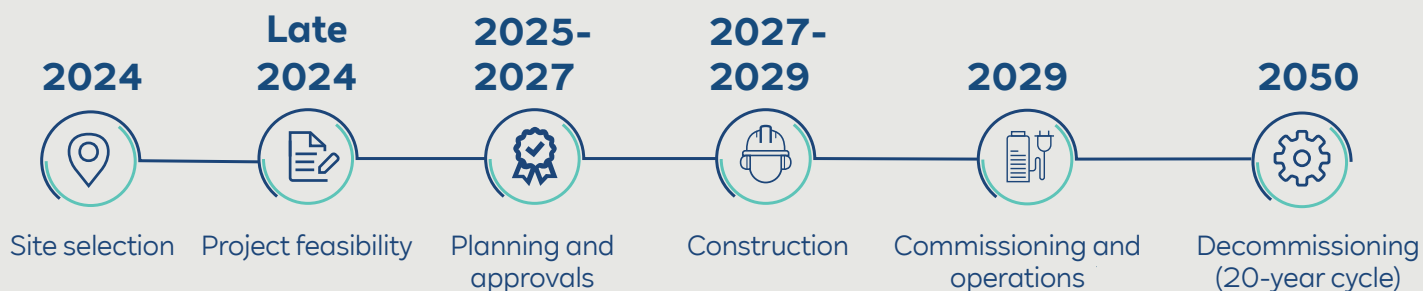
The office will be **open from 23 September to 7 October, between 9am and 5pm and will be closed on Mondays**.

Appointments outside these hours are available on request – our contact details are below.

Drop in and meet the team – we welcome your feedback and any questions about the project or the public notification period.

We look forward to seeing you in person.

## Project timeline



*Project timeline is indicative only and subject to change based on planning approvals, grid connection requirements, procurement, and construction conditions.*



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*RWE Renewables Australia respectfully acknowledges the Gulngay people, the Traditional Owners of the lands where the Tully BESS is proposed, and pay our respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging.*