

PROJECT UPDATE

This update explains how development and planning is progressing for the Flat Rock Energy Storage project in Uriarra, ACT.

Community Partnership Program

We are proposing a Flat Rock Energy Storage Community Partnership Program to share the benefits of the project with Uriarra and nearby communities, if the project is to proceed.

We hope that this program will create long-term, positive impacts for the community, and we want your ideas to shape it.



We want to hear from you

As we begin developing the program, we want to hear about your needs and priorities to help ensure they are reflected in the program framework.

You can share your ideas by completing our online survey at flatrockenergystorage.com.au or by speaking with the project team in person at our upcoming Drop-In Community Information Session. The session will provide an opportunity to meet the project team, learn more about the project and discuss how the Community Partnership Program could be structured and delivered.

If you are unable to attend the session, you can still provide feedback by completing the online survey. Hard copies of the survey will be available at the community information session or by emailing community@private-energypartners.com.

Project capacity update

As planning progresses, we are continuing to refine the design of the project. The BESS is currently expected to have a capacity of approximately 520 megawatts (MW) with up to eight hours of total storage, although this may change as the design is finalised.

Drop-In Community Information Session



Saturday 17 October 2026



9:00am–12:00pm
(drop-in at any time)



Uriarra Village Community Centre
Jim Bradley Crescent, Uriarra Village

Coffee will be available



Design update

We are progressing site layouts and completing initial noise and bushfire studies, in-line with ACT Government requirements. We will have information about the outcome of these studies at the Saturday 17 October Drop-In Community Information Session.

Site investigations underway

Site investigations are underway to inform the design of the project. These investigations include survey and ecological assessments. Geotechnical drilling to understand existing ground conditions are scheduled to commence in late 2026.



Screen planting along Mountain Creek Road.

Land management update

We are in the final stages of appointing an agistee to maintain Uriarra Station as a working farm. We are also working with the ACT Government to finalise a Land Management Agreement for the property and engaging with Farm FireWise to review bushfire preparedness, including management plans, access tracks, and fire prevention and response measures.

Planting underway

The project has been designed to avoid the removal or disturbance of mature trees.

In August, we engaged local ACT company *Environmental Restoration Design and Planting* to establish an initial five-hectare native habitat corridor along Uriarra Road. Around 280 native trees and 860 native shrubs will connect two existing areas of mature vegetation, improve habitat and provide natural visual screening for the project over time. We are working with other ACT local environmental organisations to explore future community planting opportunities.

Environmental assessment update

The Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water has reviewed the project under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).

Following this review, the project has been determined to be 'Not a Controlled Action'. This means that the project is unlikely to have a significant impact on nationally protected animals, plants and animal habitats. As a result, the project does not require further assessment or approval under the EPBC Act. However, the project still remains subject to other government approvals.

Environmental studies will continue as part of the ACT planning process and will be a key design consideration.



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Contact us

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