

TOWNSVILLE REGION PROJECTS – A regional approach to Social Impact Assessment



DELIVERING BETTER REGIONAL OUTCOMES

In addition to statutory project-specific Social Impact Assessment (SIA) obligations, our voluntary Regional SIA was completed to:

- ✓ understand community values, fears and aspirations
- ✓ assess possible social impacts and benefits of our projects
- ✓ ensure projects have positive social benefits and outcomes
- ✓ support future project planning.



SEPT 2025 - SCOPE
Define SIA scope with Townsville City Council and Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning.



LATE 2025 - RESEARCH
Analyse the Woodstock and Townsville region and the potential impacts and benefits of our projects.



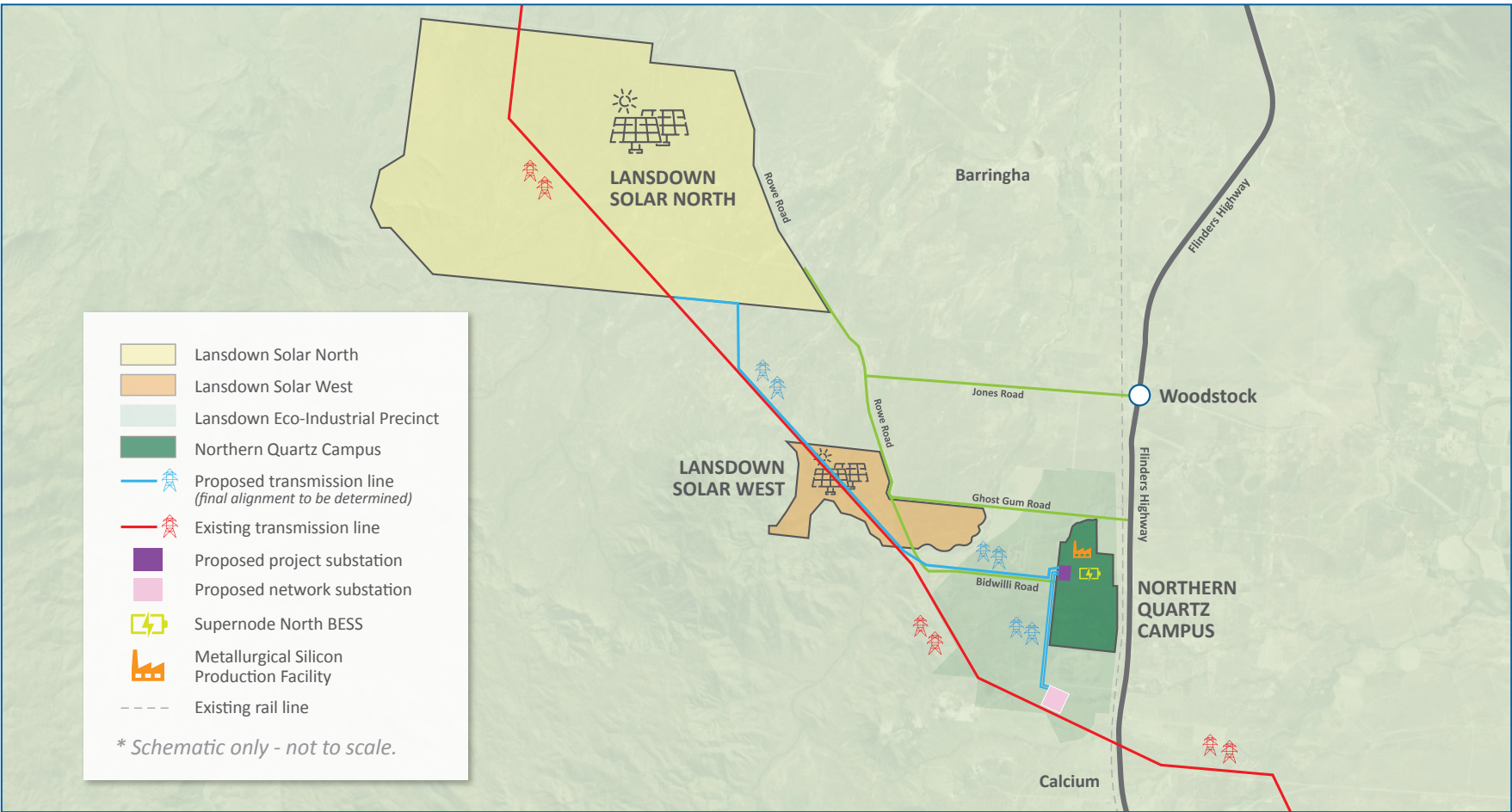
OCT TO NOV 2025 - ENGAGE
Seek input from Woodstock community, Traditional Owners, Townsville organisations and local and state government agencies.

400 households, businesses, organisations and government agencies invited to participate	7 workshops	70 participants, including
	4 meetings	30 Woodstock community members
	2 information sessions	



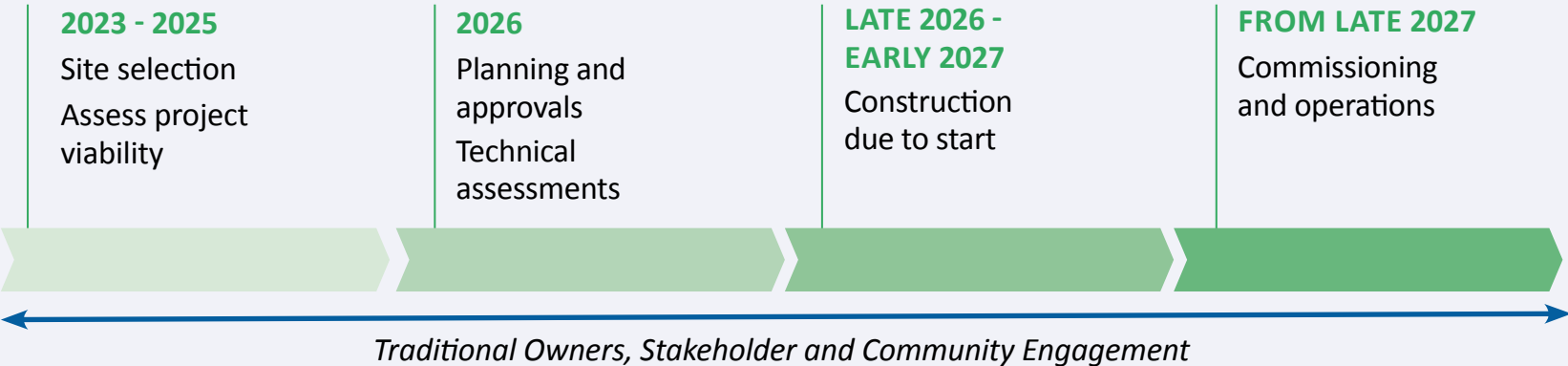
MAR 2026 - REPORT
Finalise the Regional SIA and share key findings with the community and stakeholders.

Private Energy Partners and Solquartz are planning a sustainable North Queensland-based, Australian-made, quartz to silicon supply chain using plantation timber and renewable energy.



PROPOSED TIMELINE

**Dates are indicative only and subject to change.*



WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO COMMUNITY AND STAKEHOLDERS

WOODSTOCK COMMUNITY

- » rural lifestyle, character and values
- » local employment and business opportunities
- » improved local infrastructure such as roads and communications
- » investing in community facilities
- » addressing local traffic conditions and community safety concerns
- » protecting the Ross River catchment and the natural environment
- » local benefits

TRADITIONAL OWNERS

- » greater access to Country
- » opportunities to co-use land
- » cultural recognition
- » training and employment pathways
- » business opportunities
- » environmental and land management opportunities

TOWNSVILLE COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

- » working with industry and proponents to maximise project benefits
- » sharing data on workforce planning, training and skills shortages
- » developing accessible procurement processes for local businesses
- » working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples' training and employment networks
- » partnering with environmental organisations to support wildlife and waterways
- » exploring local research partnerships

LOCAL AND STATE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

- » Community Benefit Agreement and Community Partnership Program to support local priorities
- » keeping emergency services informed about workforce planning and site design
- » upgrading/maintaining infrastructure impacted by the projects
- » supporting local mental health services
- » training and mentoring programs

MITIGATING IMPACTS AND MAXIMISING BENEFITS



Develop a Community Benefit Agreement and Community Partnership Program to support local programs and initiatives.



Implement a Neighbour Benefit Program to ensure residents who may experience negative impacts will also benefit from the projects.



Invest in Woodstock community facilities and services.



Provide workforce accommodation that could create a legacy of affordable housing in Townsville.



Develop recruitment and training strategies that target key groups including young people, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, and unemployed people.



Build local and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander business capacity to benefit from projects.

NEXT STEPS

- ✓ Implement benefits and mitigate impacts in consultation with community and stakeholders.
- ✓ Develop a Community Benefit Agreement in consultation with Townsville City Council.
- ✓ Develop four project-specific SIAs and Social Impact Management Plans to avoid or reduce social impact and maximise community benefits.
- ✓ Implement our Community Partnership Program and Neighbour Benefit Program with people who live closest to our projects.
- ✓ Continue engaging with the Woodstock community and key stakeholders.

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