

Northern Quartz Campus

Project update – May 2026

Solquartz and Private Energy Partners are committed to keeping the Woodstock community informed about our Townsville region projects – here is the project update for May 2026.

Lansdown Solar North and Lansdown Solar West

We have progressed planning for two proposed solar projects in the area and recently named them – **Lansdown Solar North**, which is at the northern (Barrington) end of Rowe Road, and **Lansdown Solar West**, at the southern end of Rowe Road. This includes considering wet season ecology studies, completed in early 2026, and refining project plans to align with new Queensland State Code requirements.

The solar projects will power our Northern Quartz Campus, proposed for the Lansdown Eco-industrial Precinct. The Northern Quartz Campus incorporates the Supernode North BESS and Metallurgical Silicon Production Facility.

More information about the solar projects is included in the attached fact sheet, and details about how to contribute to the projects' Social Impact Assessments (SIAs) are over the page.

SIA update

Independent consultancy Elliott Whiteing has completed the voluntary region-wide SIA – you can view key assessment findings at northernquartzcampus.com.au. More information about project-specific SIAs is provided below.

Supernode North BESS SIA

We delivered the Supernode North BESS SIA to Townsville City Council in March. The SIA incorporates feedback from Woodstock locals, Traditional Owners, and Townsville region organisations, businesses, and government agencies. We are grateful for the time and effort taken by people to provide their input.

The SIA informed the negotiation of our Supernode North BESS Community Benefits Agreement (CBA) with Townsville City Council. The Supernode North CBA includes our proposed Community Partnership Program, and will ensure benefits are shared locally and deliver lasting value for the Townsville region and Woodstock area. We are pleased to advise the Supernode North CBA was finalised and executed in April.

We submitted the Supernode North SIA and CBA to the Queensland Government's State Assessment and Referral Agency as part of the project's Development Application (DA) in late April. The SIA and CBA will be published on SARA's website once the DA has been accepted as properly made. Once published, we will provide a link at northernquartzcampus.com.au.

Lansdown Solar North and Lansdown Solar West SIAs

We would like to invite the community to share their views about the potential impacts and benefits of the solar projects at a SIA workshop. The workshop will be facilitated by Roundtable Engagement and Communications, who is supporting Elliott Whiteing to deliver the SIAs.

Venue: Woodstock Sport and Recreation Club

Date: Tuesday 9 June 2026

Time: 4pm for 4:30pm start until 7pm

Format: First-up you'll hear about the solar projects from the project team, before Elliott Whiteing and Roundtable seek SIA input from attendees.

RSVP: Register to attend before Wednesday 3 June by contacting Roundtable at community@roundtablecomms.com.au or 0475 065 105

Traditional Owner engagement update

We recently signed a Partnership Agreement and Cultural Heritage Management Agreements (CHMAs) with the Bindal People, who are the Traditional Owners of the land our projects are proposed to be located.

The Partnership Agreement recognises the Bindal People's enduring connection to Country and establishes frameworks for respectful, ongoing collaboration throughout the life of our projects. It will deliver tangible, long-term opportunities for Bindal People, including access to and caring for Country initiatives, cultural heritage and values protection and enhancement, and training, employment and contracting opportunities.

The CHMAs outline how cultural heritage will be identified, protected, and managed at our project sites to respect the Bindal People's cultural values, knowledge, and ongoing connection to Country throughout the life of the projects.

Australia Government environmental assessment update

The Department of Climate Change, Energy, and Environment and Water has completed their assessment of the Supernode North BESS and Metallurgical Silicon Production Facility. This assessment considered project impacts on Matters of National Environmental Significance (MNES), which include protected animals, plants, habitats, or places outlined in the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cth)*.

Both projects were determined Not a Controlled Action, meaning the Department accepted they will not have significant impact on MNES. The decision was based on a review of detailed field surveys carried out by independent ecologists between 2023 and 2025. These surveys helped shape project designs that avoid large-scale habitat clearing and include buffer zones around waterways.

Find out more

If you have any questions or would like to give us feedback about our projects or the way we engage with you, please contact us on:

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