

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

Community Information Session – thank you

We held the first project Community Information Session on Saturday 13 June. Thank you to everyone who attended and shared feedback about the project and what matters to the local community.

Key feedback themes about the project include:

- safety and fire protection
- environmental management (noise, light and vegetation)
- uses for Uriarra Homestead
- opportunities for community partnerships.

We are using this feedback to help shape project planning.

We will hold another Community Information Session in Uriarra later this year. At this session, we will provide you with an update on how planning for the project is progressing, including the results of independent technical assessments on noise and fire safety.

We will provide further details about the Community Information Session closer to the time.

Community Partnership Program

We want to be a good neighbour and create long-term, positive impacts for the communities in which we operate.

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

In the coming months, we will launch a consultation program to seek local views to support the development of the Community Partnership Program framework. We will contact you ahead of the consultation program commencing.

Environmental assessment

We have referred the project to the Department of Climate Change, Energy, and Environment and Water to assess whether it may affect nationally significant plants, animals, habitats or places. These are known as Matters of National Environmental Significance under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).

Land management update

We are committed to maintaining the existing agricultural use of Uriarra Station, while we progress planning for the energy storage system.

We have been working with Ray White Yass on a leasing program, and we are in the final stages of securing a lessee.

Uriarra Homestead – future use

We recognise the history and importance of the Uriarra Station homestead to the local community and broader region.

We are currently considering the homestead's long-term use to ensure it is well maintained and used in a way that benefits the community. In the interim, we have engaged external providers to make sure the property is well-kept. We will continue to provide updates on the planned use of the homestead in future communications.

Please get in touch with us

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