

Northern Quartz Campus

Project update – September 2025

Thank you to those who were able to attend our community information session at the Woodstock Sport and Recreation Club on 23 July. We hope our August project update, which included the topics raised at the session, was useful and reflected the feedback provided by community members who attended.

Our Private Energy Partners and Solquartz team has been busy since the session, and we're excited to share an update on a few topics we think the community will be interested in.

Supernode North Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Development Application

We have now submitted the Material Change of Use Development Application (DA) to Townsville City Council for our Supernode North BESS (part of our Northern Quartz Campus projects), located in the Lansdown Eco-Industrial Precinct (LEIP).

The DA includes studies relating to flooding, ground water, noise, air quality, visual amenity and other topics. These reports outline suggested mitigation measures to minimise and manage potential impacts. You can access the reports via the Development Application page on the Townsville City Council website.

This is an Impact Assessable DA, which means there will be a Public Notification period when you will be able to comment on the DA materials. Townsville City Council will assess our application and may ask for additional information to complete the assessment. The Public Notification period will be advertised by the project in due course. However, we encourage community feedback anytime and you can contact us via the details at the bottom of this update.

We will continue to share new and updated information with you, as project planning progresses, via future community information sessions, project updates and our website.



Artist impression of the Supernode North BESS. Please note the Water Retention Pond is proposed to manage stormwater runoff on site.

Social Impact Assessment engagement

We have engaged experienced and independent consultants, Elliott Whiteing and Roundtable Engagement and Communications, to undertake Social Impact Assessments (SIA) of our projects. The SIA process, which commenced in early September, will investigate and report on the impacts and benefits of Northern Quartz Campus projects (including Supernode North and the Metallurgical Silicon Production Facility), and two solar farm sites, which Private Energy Partners is currently investigating on Rowe Road.

The SIA process incorporates research, analysis and engagement with community members and stakeholders to seek local views on potential project impacts and benefits, and mitigation and enhancement measures.

We would like to invite you to participate in one of two SIA community workshops:

Date: 15 October 2025

Time: 1 – 3pm and 5 – 7pm

Venue: Woodstock Sport and Recreation Club

If you would like to attend the workshop, please email community@roundtablecomms.com.au or call Roundtable on 0475 065 105 before Wednesday, 8 October, to register your interest. More information about the SIA process, and the location of our projects, is included in the attached Fact Sheet.

Proposed Community Partnership Program – get involved

We are exploring opportunities to make tangible, long-lasting contributions to the local community through a Community Partnership Program. We'd like the community to help us develop the program and will soon seek input from local people to ensure the program supports local priorities. If you would like to contribute your ideas for our Community Partnership Program, please contact us.

Feasibility study launched for Northern Quartz Campus polysilicon plant

A landmark feasibility study to assess the development of our proposed solar-grade polysilicon manufacturing facility (an Australian-first) is underway, backed by a recent grant from the Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA). The facility is proposed as one of our Northern Quartz Campus projects. We will continue to keep you updated on planning as it progresses for this facility.

Next Community information session

Our next information session will be held on **Wednesday 12 November 2025, 2-6pm** at the **Woodstock Sport and Recreation Club**. We hope you can add this to your calendars so you can meet the project team for a chat and afternoon tea.

In the meantime, we welcome your ideas and feedback at any time and invite you to subscribe to receive regular project updates.

Contact us

- **Email:** community@private-energypartners.com
- **Phone:** 1800 975 039 (Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm)
- **Website:** www.solquartz.com.au – scan the QR code to the right

