

This is an update on planning for the Gladstone State Development Area (SDA) Energy Hub. The project is sponsored by Quinbrook and is being developed by Quinbrook's project development and delivery arm, Private Energy Partners.

The project is being planned to support reliable energy supply and future industry in the Gladstone region.

Planning is progressing

Planning for the project is progressing, with environmental assessment, design, grid connection, land, gas connection all moving forward. The project remains in development and is subject to all required approvals.

Environmental assessment update

Managing the impact of the project on the environment is important to us.

We have been undertaking preliminary investigations and working with a range of experts to better understand the ecological and environmental values of the project site. This has helped us to understand the extent of potential impacts and design appropriate mitigation and management measures.

In April, we referred the project to the Australian Government's Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water to determine whether it requires assessment under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).

This process considers whether the project could affect Matters of National Environmental Significance, such as nationally protected plants, animals, habitats and places.

In July, the Australian Government determined the project is a 'controlled action' under the EPBC Act. This means the project will undergo an environmental assessment as part of the approval process. The assessment will consider potential impacts on nationally protected animals, habitats and other environmental values, and includes opportunities for community input.

Social Impact Assessment and Community Benefit Agreement update

We are committed to being a good neighbour and creating positive, long-lasting benefits for the Gladstone region and local communities because of the project. To enhance our understanding of the region and the

community we undertook a voluntary Social Impact Assessment (SIA) for the project, which was finalised in early 2026.

We would like to thank everyone who provided feedback during the assessment period.

The SIA is now being used to inform the negotiation of a voluntary Community Benefit Agreement (CBA) for the project, with Gladstone Regional Council.

The voluntary CBA will be aligned with Council's *Renewable Energy Community Benefits Sharing Policy*.

It is likely the CBA will include a Community Benefit Sharing (CBS) program. The CBS program, formerly known as the Community Partnership Program, will ensure the Mount Larcom, Yarwun and surrounding communities will directly benefit from the project.

We will keep you updated on the development of the voluntary CBA as it progresses.

Community Information Session #3

Save the date – our next project Drop-In Community Information Session will be held on Saturday 24 October, 9am-12noon, in Mount Larcom. The session will be an opportunity to meet with the project team and find out the latest information about the project. We will provide reminders well before the session.

Mount Larcom Show – thank you for having us

We were pleased to support the 2026 Mount Larcom Show through a bronze sponsorship and volunteering our time at the main entry gate. We appreciated the opportunity to be part of the show and look forward to supporting future community initiatives in the local community as development of the project progresses.

Please get in touch

If you would like more information about the project, please get in touch – we would be happy to help. You can reach us at:

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