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Social Impact Assessments Townsville region projects

Solquartz and Private Energy Partners have commissioned Social Impact Assessments (SIAs) for our proposed Townsville region projects located at Woodstock. These include:

- Supernode North Battery Energy and Storage System (BESS) and a metallurgical silicon production facility (including biochar plant) within our Northern Quartz Campus, located in the Lansdown Eco-Industrial Precinct
- two proposed solar farms north-west of Woodstock.

The assessments include a Regional SIA and individual project-specific SIAs. The SIAs are being undertaken by independent consultants to evaluate how these projects may affect nearby communities. A key component of the assessments includes seeking the views of local people.

About Social Impact Assessments

Queensland project proponents are required to undertake an SIA for:

- wind farms, large-scale solar projects and battery storage facilities being assessed under the *Planning Act 2016*
- projects undergoing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) under the *State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971* or *Environmental Protection Act 1994*.

An SIA assesses possible project impacts and benefits to nearby communities including amenity, community values, employment, housing, health and wellbeing, and local business opportunities. Further information on Queensland's SIA process is available in the *Social Impact Assessment Guideline 2025* on the Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning website.

Regional SIA

The voluntary Regional SIA will consider the social impacts and benefits of Solquartz and Private Energy Partners' projects in the Townsville region. This approach will ensure our projects have positive regional social outcomes such as: protecting the values of local communities and Traditional Owners; a focus on community safety, health and wellbeing; prioritising local employment and local business opportunities; addressing population influx and demand for skilled labour; planning for increased housing and accommodation needs; and ensuring ongoing meaningful engagement with communities across the Townsville region, with a focus on the Woodstock community.

Project-specific SIAs

Following completion of the Regional SIA, project-specific SIAs will be undertaken in accordance with the above SIA Guideline.

The SIAs will consider the guideline's five key matters including:

- community and stakeholder engagement
- workforce management
- housing and accommodation
- local business and industry procurement
- health and community well-being.

SIAs will be developed in accordance with each project's approval requirements under the *Planning Act 2016*. They will include a Social Impact Management Plan (SIMP) that outlines how Solquartz and Private Energy Partners will ensure each project's negative social impacts are mitigated and benefits are maximised.

The findings of the Regional and project-specific SIAs will be shared with the community.

Share your views

The SIAs are being conducted by consultants from Elliott Whiteing, who will be supported by Roundtable Engagement and Communications. They will organise meetings and workshops with local community members and groups, Traditional Owners, Council, government stakeholders and other interested community members.

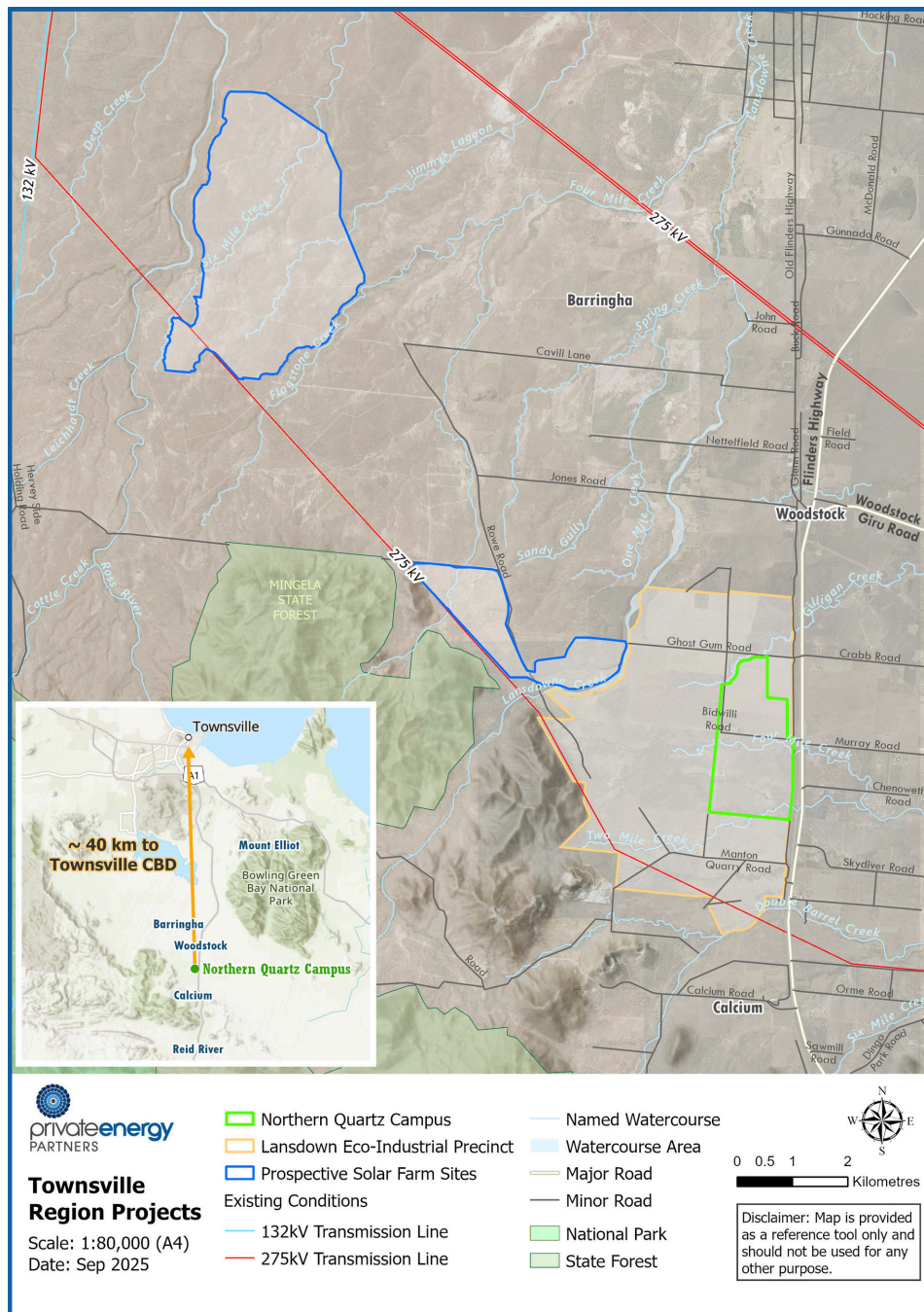
If you would like to be involved, please contact the SIA team on 0475 065 105 or community@roundtablecomms.com.au to register your interest, and they will provide you with further details.

About our projects

Our projects are located in and around the Lansdown Eco-Industrial Precinct (LEIP), south of Woodstock. They include:

- **Northern Quartz Campus**, which is being developed by both Private Energy Partners and Solquartz and incorporates the Supernode Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), metallurgical silicon production facilities, and a biochar plant. Construction of these projects is planned to commence in 2026 and be completed in 2029.
- **Prospective solar farm sites**, which Private Energy Partners is assessing for suitability to provide energy to Northern Quartz Campus.

Project locations



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