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# Walla Walla Solar Farm

## Overview

Leading Australian solar developer, FRV Services Australia (FRV), has successfully delivered a utility-scale solar farm near Walla Walla, approximately 40 km north of Albury in NSW.

The Walla Walla Solar Farm is now completed and fully operational, supplying clean, renewable energy to the national electricity grid.

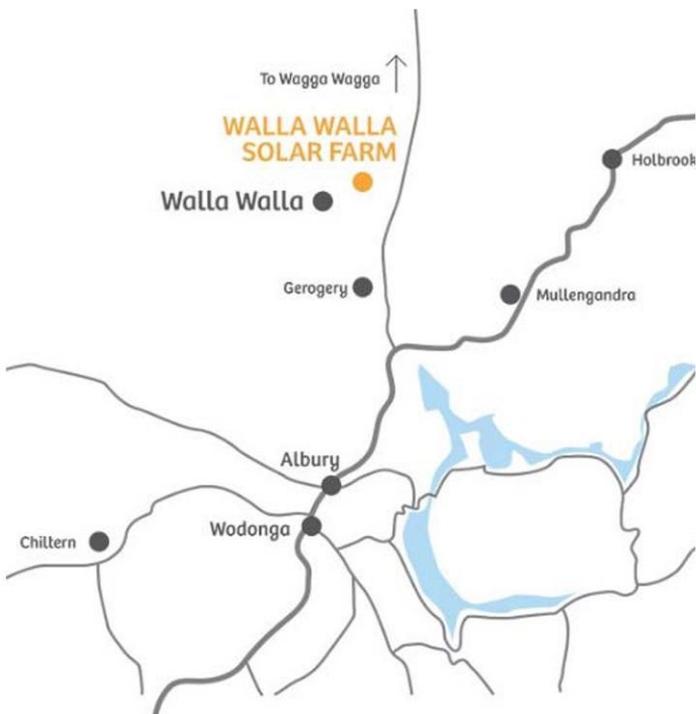
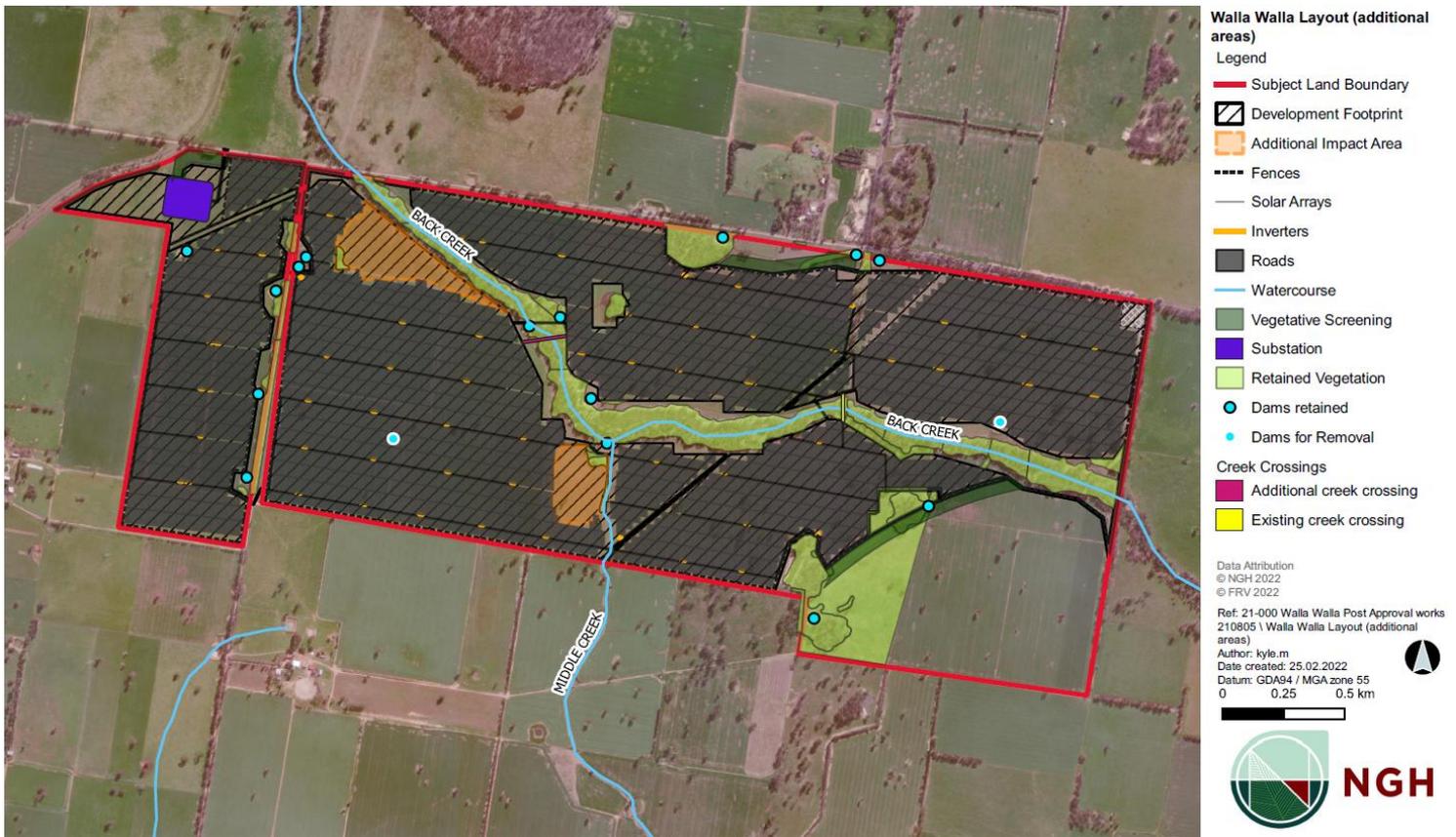
The solar farm consists of approx. 700,000 solar panels installed across the 605-hectare site. The solar farm has a 300-megawatt (MW AC) capacity of clean, renewable energy – enough to power approx. 90,000 NSW homes.

*Community engagement remains a key priority as FRV transitions into the long-term operational phase.*

*FRV continues to maintain open communication with residents and stakeholders.*



# Map of the Project



Solar farm location

The project site is well located for exporting the solar farm’s renewable energy into the existing national electricity grid – avoiding the need to build additional transmission infrastructure – a significant additional cost for project developers and electricity customers.

The site is across freehold land, owned by two separate landowners. Land use has transitioned smoothly into dual-use farming, with sheep grazing now resumed beneath and around the solar arrays. The land is within a Rural Farming Zone, and changes to land zoning are not required. The site is not irrigated and has not been designated as important agricultural land.

## Project Timeline



## The Solar Farm

The Walla Walla Solar Farm uses the latest in solar energy generation technology. Ultra-absorbent solar panels with anti-reflective coatings are installed on tracking systems that allow them to rotate and follow the sun. This enables them to capture the maximum amount of sunlight possible, increasing the efficiency and output of the solar farm.

Design and layout of the Walla Walla Solar Farm is in accordance with local planning laws and has specifically aimed to minimise environmental, cultural heritage and neighbour impacts.

### Visual appearance

Typically, solar farm developments are relatively unobtrusive as they are low profile. Solar panels are installed at a maximum height of 4.85 m. The project retains most mature vegetation within the site, and additional vegetation screens are planted to protect the amenity of nearby residents.

To connect to the grid, the solar farm uses an existing transmission line easement which runs parallel with the western boundary of the site to connect to the 330 kV Jindera to Wagga Wagga power line.

## Environment

FRV is committed to environmentally sensitive development and the protection of local flora and fauna. A detailed ecological assessment of the site was undertaken, and the solar farm has been designed to minimise environmental impact. Most mature native vegetation within the site has been retained, and any vegetation which cannot be retained has been offset in accordance with NSW biodiversity legislation. The construction and ongoing operation of the Walla Walla Solar Farm are managed around existing waterways to ensure minimal impact on water flows in the area.

### Community Value

Construction of the Walla Wall Solar Farm provided a significant boost to the regional economy.

The solar farm created approximately 250 jobs during the construction phase, and FRV instructed its contractors to hire local workers and use local businesses wherever possible.

During operations, the solar farm will employ up to 16 FTE which would reside locally to the project.

Additional, indirect benefits continue to flow to the local economy over the life of the project, including accommodation, meals, transport, materials and service.

## About FRV

FRV Services Australia Pty Ltd is a subsidiary of Fotowatio Renewable Ventures, (FRV).

FRV is a leading global developer of renewable energy solutions for a cleaner and more sustainable future.

Since entering the Australian market in 2010, FRV has initiated multiple large-scale solar farm developments in NSW, Victoria, South Australia and QLD. This includes the Royalla Solar Farm near Canberra that was the winner of the first ever solar ACT government auction.

FRV's track record includes:

- A trusted reputation as a leader in our field with a proven track record of over 12 years successfully delivering renewable energy solutions.
- A respected international team with more than 130 highly qualified professionals from all over the world.
- Development and construction of 1GW dc of installed power for the generation of sustainable and clean energy
- Successful project financing of more than US \$3 billion with more than 20 of the world's leading financial institutions

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*Walla Walla Solar Farm delivers clean,  
zero emissions electricity to meet the region's  
growing energy needs.*

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