



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Adani Whyalla solar farm receives construction go-ahead**

South Australia is one step closer to delivering its next large-scale solar farm with pre-construction approval now granted to Adani Renewables Australia for the project.

The solar project will be located approximately 10km from Whyalla, at a vacant site which is near 400 hectares in size, delivering up to 140MW and 300,000 MWh of power each year.

Adani Renewables Australia CEO, Jennifer Purdie, said the project has now received all the necessary approvals to commence construction, making it the most progressed large-scale solar project in the Whyalla region.

"With all our approvals received we are now in the process of finalising commercial negotiations with customers," Ms Purdie said.

"We recognize the aspirations of South Australians to deliver a reliable energy network through renewables.

"Adani Renewables Australia is eager to provide energy solutions to this ambition by contributing to an energy mix that is reliable, secure and affordable for all customers as we transition to a low emissions future.

South Australian Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment David Ridgway welcomed Adani's investment and said the State's Upper Spencer Gulf region has quickly become a national focal point for renewables energy projects.

"This is another welcome investment for Whyalla in particular as the investment of near A\$200 million will create up to 150 construction jobs at the peak of construction and up to five ongoing jobs for the life of the project," Mr Ridgway said.

Whyalla Mayor Lyn Breuer welcomed the state government approval and said it further confirmed Whyalla as the emerging renewable energy hub of South Australia.

"We've been working with Adani on this project to gain all the necessary approvals and put a lease agreement in place," Mayor Breuer said.

"This State Government approval is another step forward for what will be another significant solar farm project in Whyalla.

"We congratulate Adani Renewables on this milestone and look forward to construction starting on this project with hopefully lots of local jobs created during the building stage and in the running of the facility."

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Adani Renewables is currently writing Power Purchase Agreements direct with corporate customers and a commercial decision on the project will be announced in QTR 3, with operations expected to commence in 2019.

South Australian Business Manager, Peter Gayen, said Adani Renewables Australia was looking forward to exploring new energy solutions with industry through wind, battery and pump storage projects in the future.

"The Whyalla solar farm is our first project in South Australia, but it's just the beginning. We are working with South Australia's businesses on the Whyalla solar farm and look forward to working with them on other future projects to deliver affordable renewable energy solutions that will ultimately drive down electricity prices."

The Whyalla solar farm is Adani Renewables Australia's second solar project, with construction on their first solar farm in Rugby Run, Queensland, due for completion later this year.

The Rugby Run Solar Farm will supply 65MW of renewable power in phase 1, with the capacity to expand up to 170MW.

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