


Project Newsletter


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Goyder Renewables Zone is a large hybrid renewable energy project proposed for the area around Burra, in the Goyder region of South Australia.

The Zone consists of two separate projects:


Goyder North


 To be built in multiple stages north of Burra


 Up to 99 turbines; stage 1 generating ~300 MW

 Expected to start construction mid to late 2026


Includes Goyder Battery:


 To be built in 2+ stages; located next to ElectraNet's Bunday Substation


 Stage 1: 227 MW / 907 MWh

 Stage 1 construction began in early 2026

Goyder South

 To be built in multiple stages south of Burra

 Stage 1: 75 turbines currently generating 412 MW

 Stage 2+: in development; approved for wind, solar and battery storage



Have a Great Community Project?

Applications for Neoen's Goyder Renewables Community Benefit Fund opens in mid-May 2026.

Neoen is firmly committed to sharing benefits with the local communities living near its renewable energy projects.

The Community Benefit Fund is an open and competitive grants process to sponsor smaller-sized community initiatives. Applications are submitted through the *Smartygrants* platform.

What does a successful application look like?

One that demonstrates broad community benefit, and from an entity with a non-government ABN. Community organisations without an ABN may choose to partner with another group to auspice under them.

Please note, under Australian Tax Office rules, sporting clubs applying for funds purely for sports' sake are ineligible to apply – benefit to the wider community

outside that sports club must be demonstrated. We are aware that sports clubs are part of the fabric of a rural community, so please speak to us to help maximise your chances of meeting the criteria.

The next round of the Community Benefit Fund applications will open mid-May until the end of June 2026.

Please keep an eye on our website goyderenergy.com.au for a link to the *Smartygrants* platform.

Last year, eighteen community organisations within the Regional Council of Goyder benefitted from a share of Neoen's \$100,000 Community Benefit Fund. We look forward to a robust number of applications in 2026!

Please reach out to Fiona at the local Neoen office in Burra for assistance with preparing or submitting your application:

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Years of Environmental Work Behind Goyder North Approvals

We are pleased to share that Neoen has recently received approval under the federal *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act* for the Goyder North Wind Farm. This follows a separate approval of our application to the Native Vegetation Council late last year, marking two major milestones since our last community update.

These approvals are the result of several years of rigorous on-ground environmental surveys and detailed planning, alongside a comprehensive assessment process by both State and Federal regulators. This work has focused on minimising, mitigating and carefully managing impacts on the local environment.

Protecting native vegetation

The project's native vegetation application was independently assessed by the Native Vegetation Council, with input from the community and the Department for Environment and Water (DEW) Native Vegetation Branch.

Approval was granted by the Native Vegetation Council with conditions, including the requirement to deliver a Significant Environmental Benefit that outweighs the impacts. This includes the permanent protection of a 1,300 hectare site under a Heritage Agreement, which will be actively managed to improve the quality and extent of native vegetation and the site will be protected in perpetuity.

Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation

Following public exhibition of the draft documentation late last year, we carefully reviewed submissions from the community, DEW and local Landscape Boards. This feedback informed a series of updates and improvements before the final assessment materials were exhibited in January.

Approval has been granted with conditions that set clear requirements for how the project must be built and operated to protect matters of national environmental significance.

This includes:

- Targeted management plans for species such as the Pygmy Blue-tongue Lizard
- Protection of Iron-grass Natural Temperate Grasslands
- Establishment of new environmental offset areas

These offset areas will be permanently protected and managed to deliver a net environmental benefit for native species over the long term.

Aberdeen Workers Accommodation

A Temporary Camp, with Long-Term Community Benefits

The Regional Council of Goyder, with Neoen Australia, is exploring a proposal for temporary worker's accommodation at the former Aberdeen Football Oval on the outskirts of Burra.

If progressed, the site would include essential services such as roads, water, electricity, wastewater and stormwater systems. Importantly, the infrastructure is planned with the future in mind and could support a caravan or RV park, in line with long-term community plans.

The proposal is not expected to impact

existing activities at the site including golf, tennis, dog obedience or the revegetation nursery.

Planning and approvals

The proposal is currently in the approvals process under the *Hydrogen and Renewable Energy Act 2023*.

Council recently invited community feedback (18 February–18 March), which is being reviewed and will inform the final Environmental Impact Report and Statement of Environmental Objectives before submission to the Department for Environment and Water in mid April.

Respecting Burra's heritage

The project has also been carefully assessed with a focus on protecting Burra's nationally recognised heritage values.

Working with the Council and independent heritage specialists, changes were made to the project layout, including the removal of eight turbines from the south-western area, to help reduce visual impacts, particularly around the Cornish Mine Site.

The final layout was assessed as not adversely impacting the heritage values of the area. Consideration of Burra's World Heritage nomination was also included in the supporting documentation as part of the EPBC approval process.

Ongoing environmental and site studies

As we move closer to construction of Stage 1, we are continuing on-ground studies to inform the final design and how the project is delivered.

Recent work has included:

- Water studies to assess groundwater conditions and identify safe, sustainable limits for water extraction during construction, helping to protect the local water table.
- Ecological surveys, primarily focused on identifying suitable offset sites and developing management actions that will provide a net environmental benefit.

- Cultural heritage surveys undertaken with Ngadjuri Nation and the First Peoples of the River Murray and Mallee Region to identify sites of cultural significance and develop measures to avoid or minimise impacts.
- European heritage surveys to identify historic sites across the project area and develop plans to manage and minimise impacts. Identified sites were predominantly 19th-century structures, likely used as huts, dwellings and farm outbuildings, reflecting the early pastoral history of the Mid North.
- Geotechnical investigations to better understand ground conditions, which will inform the detailed design of the project.

What happens next?

We're aiming to appoint a construction contractor around mid-year, with early sitework expected to begin in the second half of the year.

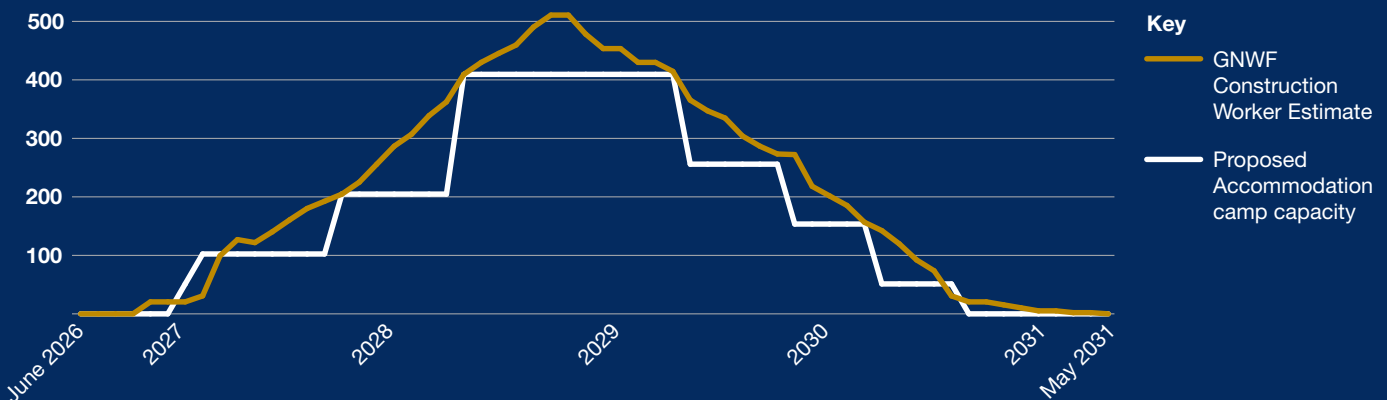
Stage 1 is expected to include 48 turbines, along with a transmission line connecting to ElectraNet's Bunday substation.

As the project progresses, our team will continue to be active and available in the community. If you'd like more information or have any questions, you're welcome to drop into the Neoen office:

7-9 Commercial Street, Burra

Tuesdays and Wednesdays

or call Fiona: **0438 864 498**



What would it look like?

The accommodation will support construction of the Goyder North Wind Farm from 2026 and would operate for up to five years. It would be made up of transportable units and developed in stages, in line with workforce needs. The peak construction workforce is expected for around 18 months.

Supporting infrastructure includes:

- A new access point from Barrier Highway
- Water/electricity services upgrades

- A packaged wastewater treatment system
- Stormwater and flood management measures.

Supporting the local community

Being close to Burra supports local businesses and services. The camp is expected to include shared facilities such as recreation areas, a dining space and laundry. It will also reduce pressure on existing local accommodation and create opportunities for local providers where possible.

We encourage local businesses to register their interest in supplying goods and services to the camp: goyderenergy.com.au/work-with-us.

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Preparing for Construction

Following the finalisation of the Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) Contract in December 2025, Goyder Battery Stage 1, located north-east of Robertstown, has been ramping up as the team prepares for site mobilisation, currently scheduled for August 2026.

The project is being delivered in partnership with UGL and Tesla, who have worked with Neoen on a number of battery projects across Australia. Tesla will supply and commission the Megapack 3 battery units, while UGL will deliver the supporting infrastructure, including civil works, underground electrical systems and the project substation and transmission connection.

Local jobs and supplier opportunities

On 3 March 2026, Neoen, Regional Development Australia and UGL hosted a supplier and jobseeker information session in Eudunda.

The session provided an opportunity for local businesses and jobseekers to learn more about the Goyder Battery project and the types of employment and contracting opportunities that may be available during construction. Around 30 community members attended, taking the opportunity to speak directly with the project team, ask questions and understand how they may be able to get involved.

Accommodation

As construction of the Goyder Battery and Goyder North Wind Farm approaches, planning is underway to support the temporary construction workforce. This includes identifying local accommodation options through an Expression of Interest (EOI), alongside a temporary accommodation camp for the wind farm workforce.

The camp has been carefully sized to house a portion of workers, helping to ease pressure on existing local accommodation while still creating opportunities for local providers to be involved.

An Expression of Interest (EOI) process is currently open to identify suitable local accommodation. The information collected will be shared with contractors as they begin securing accommodation for the construction period.

Approvals

As we move closer to construction, the project team is continuing to progress approvals and preparatory work.

Throughout 2025, a range of environmental, cultural heritage, geotechnical and engineering studies were completed to support the project design and ensure construction is carried out responsibly.

This work helps:

- Inform the final layout of infrastructure
- Protect environmental and cultural values
- Confirm ground conditions for construction

We're also continuing to work closely with landowners, community and government agencies to help minimise impacts and maximise local benefits.

What happens next?

Over the coming months, the focus will be on finalising design, completing remaining approvals and preparing for construction to begin in August 2026.



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