

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROCESS SUNDOWN SOLAR FARM

SSD-8911



New South Wales Government
Independent Planning Commission

The Independent Planning Commission will determine whether or not the development application for the Sundown Solar Farm project should be approved and, if so, with what conditions.

A panel will review the whole-of-government assessment of the application and seek the community's views by inviting written submissions and verbal submissions via a public meeting at the **Elsmore Memorial Hall on Wednesday 1 July 2026**.

WHAT TO EXPECT FROM THE PROCESS

1. Case commencement

Our website has a ['case page'](#) for the Sundown Solar Farm application where all the documents that the panel will consider can be accessed by the public. We have sent an email to everyone who has previously made a written submission to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) to inform them of submissions opening.

If you wish to be notified of further updates, please email us at submissions@ipcn.nsw.gov.au and include the case name.

2. Submissions & speaker registrations

We are accepting written submissions regarding this application from all interested parties until 11:59pm AEST on Wednesday 8 July 2026. You can make a written submission and/or register to speak at the public meeting on our website. See below for the times and location details of the public meeting.

3. Stakeholder meetings & site inspection

The panel will meet separately with local councils, DPHI and the applicant to seek additional detail about the application. A full transcript of these meetings will be published on our website. The panel will also inspect the proposed project site and visit the local area and a record of these visits will be accessible on our website.

4. Public meeting

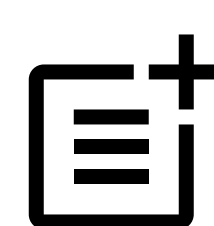
The public meeting will be held in person at the Elsmore Memorial Hall on Wednesday 1 July 2026 and livestreamed on the Commission's [YouTube channel](#). At the public meeting, members of the community will be able to make a verbal submission and the applicant may be invited to describe any recent changes to the proposed development. Anyone wishing to present at the public meeting must pre-register on the [Commission's website](#) using the speaker registration form by 12:00 noon AEST on Wednesday 24 June 2026.

5. Determination

When the Commission makes its decision about the application, the decision will be published on our website and all those who participated in our process will be notified. We will publish a **Statement of Reasons for Decision** that includes how community views were taken into account. Once the Commission determines a development application, it can only be revisited if a Court appeal is filed.



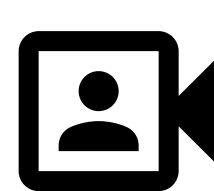
HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?



Written submissions: Individuals or groups can make written submissions through the Commission's website. Submissions will close at 11:59pm AEST on Wednesday 8 July 2026.



Verbal submission at the public meeting: Registered speakers can present at the meeting in person or over the telephone, and may choose to have slides shown on a screen during their presentation. If so, these slides must be provided to the Commission at least five days in advance.



Viewing the public meeting: Members of the community can either observe the meeting in person or view a livestream of the meeting via the Commission's website. If you miss either the meeting or the livestream, you can watch it later on the Commission's YouTube channel or read the transcript. The Commission aims to publish these within two days of the public meeting.

KEY DATES

- Speaker registrations close at 12 noon on 24/06/2026
- Written public submissions close 11:59pm on 08/07/2026
- Verbal submissions via a Public meeting at Elsmore Memorial Hall 10:00am 01/07/2026

Please note that if the demand for either in-person or virtual attendance is low, the Commission may opt to conduct the meeting either entirely virtually or entirely in person. Similarly, if the demand for speaker timeslots is limited, Commission may opt to hold stakeholder meetings instead with those that have registered. These flexible arrangements ensure as many people as possible can be heard by the Commission Panel, whilst making best use of public resources.

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