



Cultana Solar Farm

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Welcome to the latest edition of the Cultana Solar Farm newsletter! Since our last edition the project has had two important milestones - receiving formal Development Approval from the SA Government, and signing agreements with our partner Shanghai Electric. Our team is now working with Shanghai Electric to complete all the necessary planning work required to deliver this project efficiently and effectively. This per-construction planning is nearly complete, and we're excited to announce that construction is set to begin in Q3 2019. With a strong focus on innovation and best practice when it comes to the environment, SIMEC Energy Australia (SEA) is pleased to announce that we will be implementing two key processes during the construction of the solar farm. Some of these innovations include:

- **Vegetation Flattening** - Where possible, we will be flattening the native vegetation instead of clearing and grubbing. This will reduce dust and enable the vegetation to recover much faster after the construction is completed.
- **Cardboard Mulching** - The project has partnered with a garden mulching supplier to recycle all of the cardboard produced from this project and turn it into mulch.

Shanghai Electric will soon start finalising their project delivery plans and put together the team of workers, contractors and suppliers required to deliver this exciting renewable energy project. This will be the first project delivered under SEA US\$1 Billion renewable energy generation commitment and we cannot wait to see it deliver job and economic growth benefits for the Whyalla community, and for it to deliver clean renewable energy at globally competitive prices for the benefit of all South Australians.

Initial Concept Development Approvals EPC Contract Final Approvals Construction Energisation

Community Benefit Fund

With construction planned to start in the coming weeks, it's now time to set up the committee that will administer the Cultana Solar Farm Community Benefit Fund. This fund will be provided by SIMEC Energy Australia to support local community based organisations and projects.

The Committee will be made of a representative from SIMEC Energy Australia, Whyalla Council and 3 members of the local community. These local community member positions will rotate every 12 months to enable a fair and just decision-making process.

If you're an active participant in the Whyalla community and want to help decide which projects or community organisations receive our grants, send your expression of interest to info@cultanasolarfarm.com.au. The committee will be confirmed before the end of the 2019 with the first grant submissions in early 2020.

Who is Shanghai Electric?



Shanghai Electric is a multinational power generation and electrical equipment manufacturing company headquartered in Shanghai.

The company traces its roots to 1880, and is a large-scale comprehensive equipment manufacturing group with a focus across the three areas of energy equipment, industrial equipment and integrated services. It is committed to providing customers with green, environmentally friendly, intelligent and interconnected technology integration.

Shanghai Electric has been chosen as the Engineering, Planning and Construction (EPC) partner due to their superior skills in delivering large scale solar projects and their strong commitment to the local communities in which they operate. SEA is looking forward to continuing to work with Shanghai Electric to deliver this important project.



Whyalla Community Survey

We recently conducted a phone survey of the local Whyalla community using respected research company Mint Research to gauge how well we are aligned with the Whyalla Community values.

The results came back largely positive, and confirmed that the things we have put the most focus in are also your biggest concerns.

- Cultural Heritage
- Native Vegetation
- Dust
- Impact on businesses
- Increased Traffic

We are happy to see these results confirm that our team has been listening and will continue to do so as we move into the construction phase of the project. Our team will now ensure your expectations are met during construction.

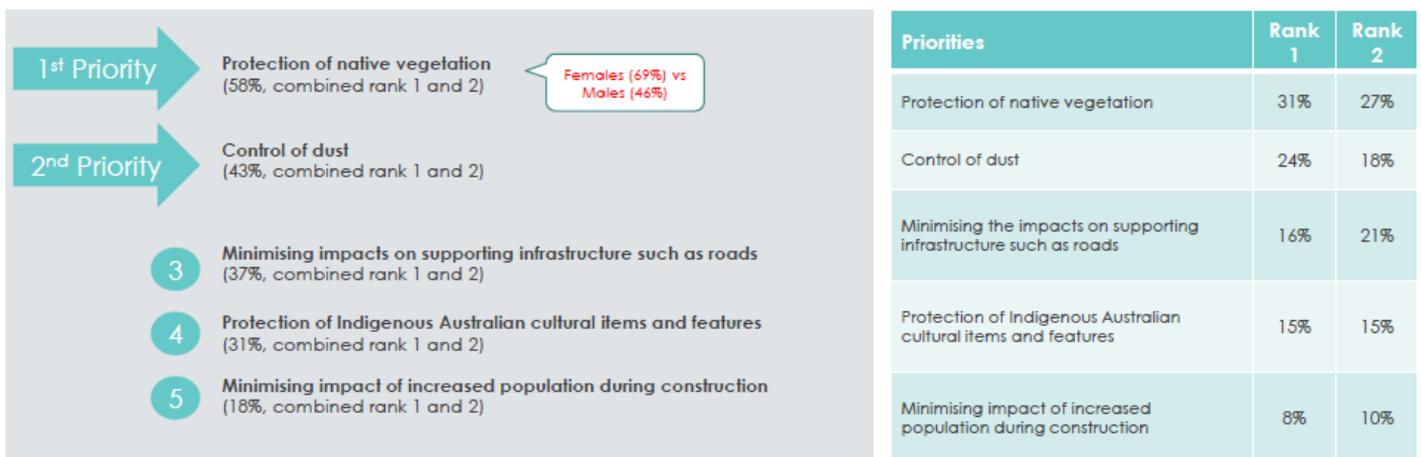


Image showing some of the results from the MINT Research survey conducted in early 2019

Local Employment

SIMEC Energy Australia and Shanghai Electric are committed to employing a workforce of as many local workers as possible. Whilst Shanghai Electric is a multinational organisation, the company will only be supplying a small project management team with the rest of the workforce coming from local sources. Shanghai Electric's recruitment partners will start their search in the local Whyalla Community for the following roles before moving into the wider region, State and then Country.

- Electricians
- Logistics experts
- Pick and packers
- General Labourers with experience in
 - Solar Farm installation
 - General large scale construction
 - Good and solid work ethic
- Machine operators
- Quality assurance
- Health and Safety

If you think you hold the required skills to fulfil one of these roles, please contact us on 1300 409 928 or info@cultanasolarfarm.com.au

Local Suppliers

We are looking to the local Whyalla community (where possible) to supply the necessary equipment, consumables and services required to deliver the Cultana Solar Farm project, before we extend our search into other regions.

We are looking for businesses who supply the following products or services:

- Machinery and equipment hire
- Licensed electrical contractors
- Civil contractors
- Bulk recruitment
- Storage Huts
- Transport
- Catering
- Security
- Fencing
- Quality control and assurance

If you think your business can meet the needs of one or more of the products or services above, please contact us on 1300 409 928 or info@cultanasolarfarm.com.au