



WEASEL PLAINS RD

Image: Weasel Plains Road

Weasel Solar Farm

PROJECT UPDATE - MARCH 2026

We are pleased to provide you with an update on the approvals process, recent work on site in preparation for construction and how we have continued engaging with neighbours and the broader community.

We welcome the community's interest in this project as the Weasel Solar Farm progresses.

Approvals progress

Work is continuing to prepare the project for the next stage of the planning and approvals process. The project team is currently working on finalising the detailed design for the project which is located 9 kilometres north of Bothwell.

Preparations are also underway to lodge a grid connection application with TasNetworks. This application is an important step in demonstrating how the proposed solar farm will connect to and operate within the existing electricity network.

As part of this process, detailed grid modelling is underway. This technical work assesses how electricity generated by the solar farm would interact with the broader network and ensures the connection meets all required engineering and operational standards.

The studies that support the grid connection application are being completed by specialist engineers and consultants with experience in renewable energy projects and electricity networks.

These investigations are a standard part of project development and help ensure the design of the solar farm is robust, safe and compatible with the Tasmanian electricity grid.

Approvals process



The planning permit can be viewed here: <https://centralhighlands.tas.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/Council-Agenda-July-2025.pdf>

The latest

Site investigations

While the project has not yet entered the construction phase, several early-stage technical investigations are taking place to support project design.

In the coming weeks, geotechnical investigations will begin across parts of the project area. These investigations involve specialist engineers collecting soil samples and assessing ground conditions to inform the design of foundations and infrastructure.

The work typically involves small drilling rigs and temporary equipment that will move across different areas of the site. The information collected helps engineers understand soil composition, drainage conditions and ground stability. These investigations are standard practice for infrastructure projects and help ensure the final design is safe, durable and suited to local conditions.

Aerial surveying

Alongside the investigation work, aerial surveying of the project area has recently been completed.

This surveying by Arthur Moehrke Surveys, a local Tasmanian business, helped create detailed mapping of the site and supports the design and engineering process.

New site office established

One of the farmhouses on Dungrove has recently been fitted out as a temporary site office by Office National.

This space allows engineers, consultants and project staff to coordinate investigations and planning activities while working in the Bothwell area.

Procurement

Procurement planning for key components of the solar farm is also underway.

The project team is identifying potential suppliers and contractors who may support the development and construction phases of the project. This early planning helps ensure the solar farm can source high-quality equipment and experienced contractors when required.

As the project moves closer to construction, there will be further opportunities for contractors and service providers to be involved. Where possible, the project team will seek to work with local and regional businesses and keep the community informed about opportunities as they arise.

For inquiries, email group.procurement@gamuda.com.au.

Community engagement

Since August 2025, the project team have continued speaking with neighbours and local stakeholders to share updates and answer questions about the solar farm.

This has included conversations with neighbouring landholders as well as communication with community members who have expressed an interest in the project.

Last year, Gamuda Engineering participated in the Bothwell District High School Careers Expo, providing an opportunity to showcase careers in renewable energy for students in the district.

Gamuda Engineering also sponsored and participated in the 2026 Sheep Station Cup, providing an opportunity for Gamuda Engineering and Alternate Path to meet the community and build local networks.

If you have questions or would like to talk to someone directly, please contact Camilla Hamilton at the contact details below.



Image: Gamuda Engineering generously donated a scale model mobile crane to Bothwell District High School at the 2025 Careers Expo and presented a second model as a prize to the student who asked the best question.

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