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Strontian Solar Farm & BESS Project Overview



Solar Capacity
370MW



335MW/670MWh
Battery Energy
Storage System
(BESS)



Strontian Road, Sandigo



670 Hectares site area



Access to site from Sturt Highway
via Strontian Road

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State Significant Development

SEARs

Strontian Solar Farm & BESS Project

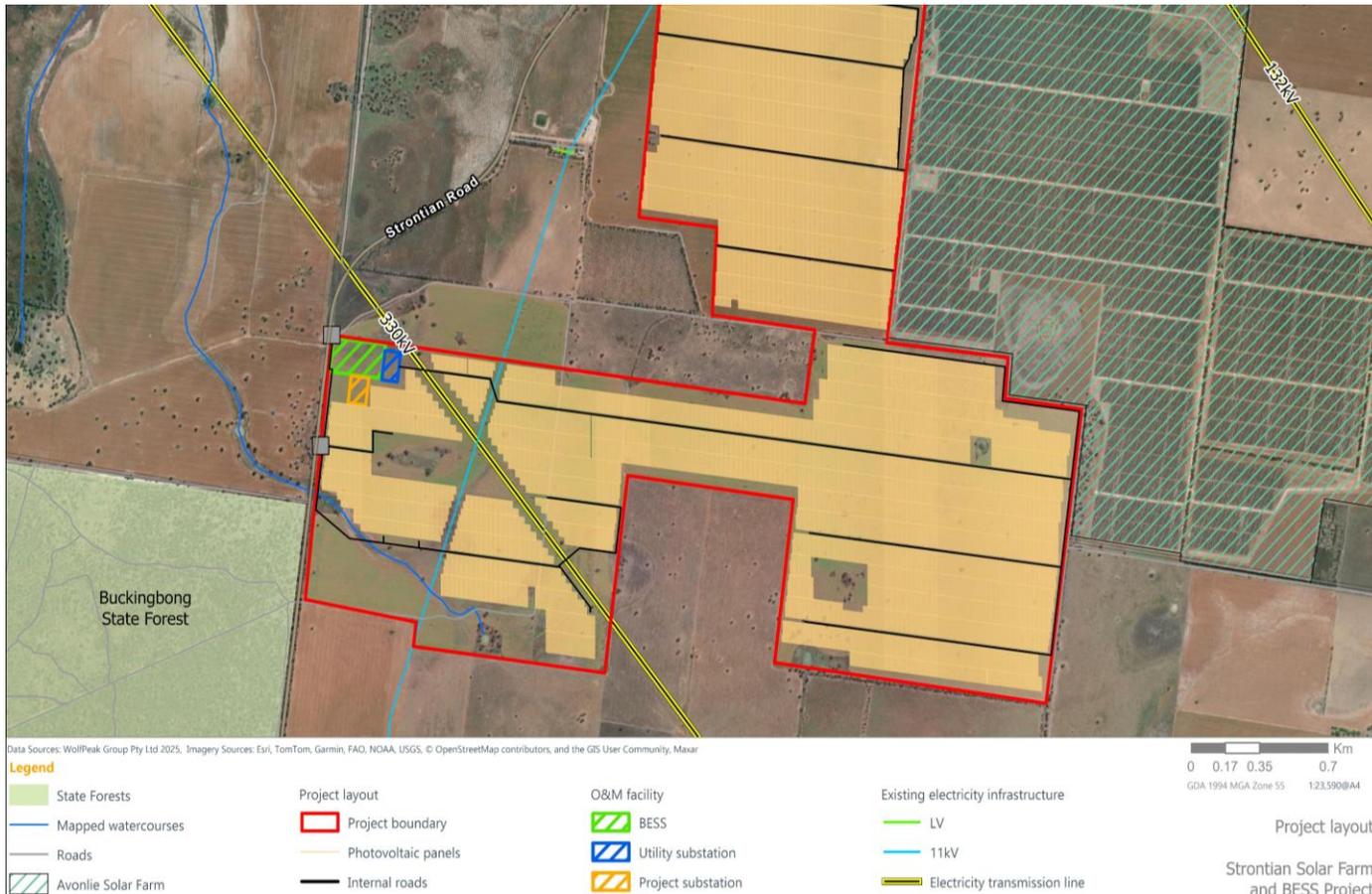
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Strontian Solar Farm & BESS



The Proposed Strontian Solar Farm & BESS project is located at Strontian Road, Sandigo, within the Narrandera Local Government Area. The site is adjacent to the existing Avonlie Solar Farm.

This location was selected due to:

- The availability of suitable land.
- On-site electricity grid connection.
- Grid connection has spare capacity.
- Minimal off-site impacts.
- Optimal solar resources in the region.
- Positive community support for renewable energy projects.
- Existing land use quality and the capacity to rehabilitate post-decommissioning.
- Ability to continue agricultural production with sheep grazing during operational phase.

Development Timeline

Strontian Solar Farm has completed preliminary site surveys & submitted the Scoping Report, commenced community and stakeholder engagement, and commenced the grid connection application with Transgrid for connection to the electricity transmission network.

The Scoping Report for the project has been submitted to the NSW Department of Planning, Housing & Infrastructure for review in anticipation of receiving the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEAR's) in November.



Biodiversity Assessment

A Preliminary Biodiversity Assessment has been completed as part of the Scoping Report.

The project has been designed to avoid and minimise impacts on biodiversity. Threatened ecological communities identified on site have been excluded from the development footprint to reduce potential impacts on native vegetation and habitat. Biodiversity impacts will primarily comprise removal of paddock trees with further detailed surveys to be completed as part of the EIS preparation.

The project is also being referred to The Federal Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) for assessment under the EPBC Act.

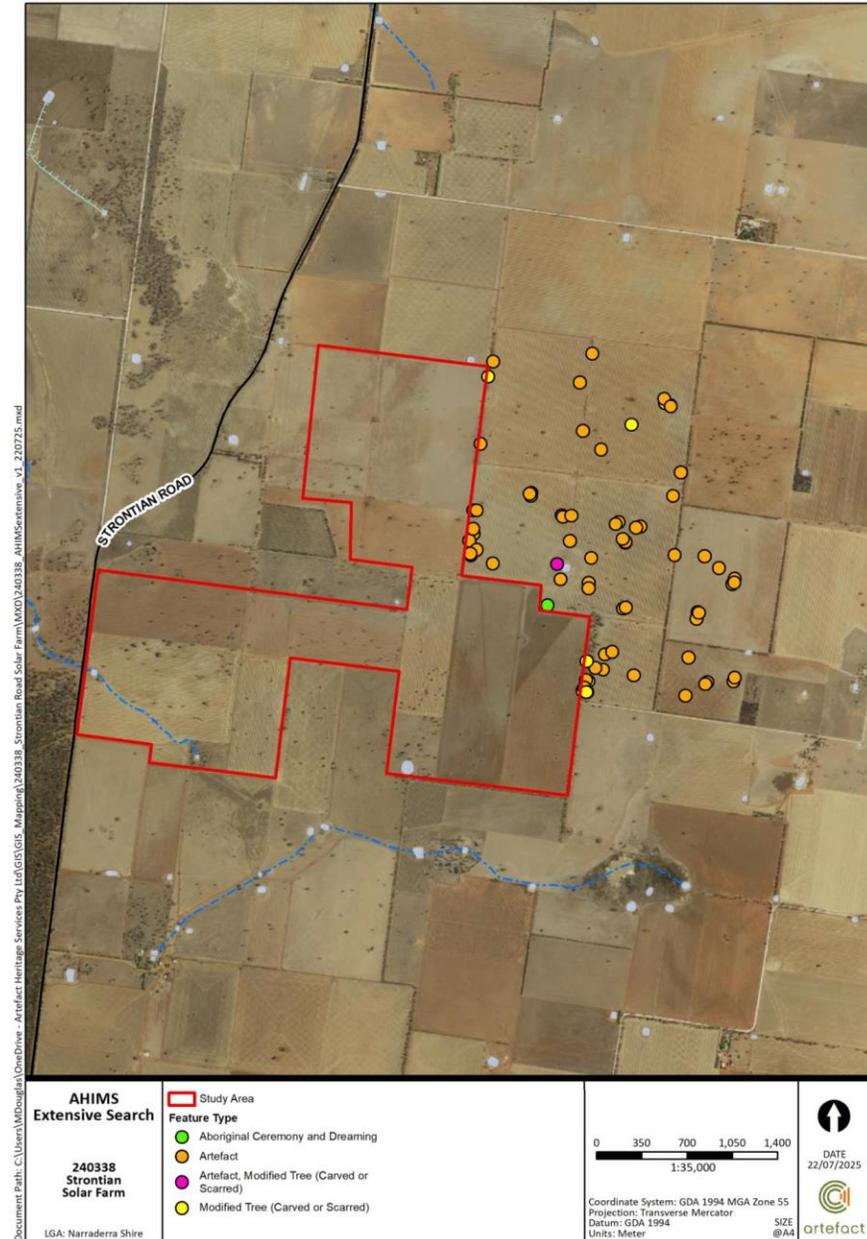


Aboriginal and Historical Heritage

A Preliminary Aboriginal Cultural Heritage and Historic Heritage Assessment has been prepared by Artefact as part of the Scoping Report.

Based on the AHIMS search and previous archaeological assessments at the Avonlie Solar Farm, the study area is assessed as likely to contain Aboriginal objects. No Aboriginal objects have been identified within the study area, but the closest AHIMS is within 43 metres, and there are 24 sites within 200 metres of the study area. These Aboriginal sites were identified during the development of the Avonlie Solar Farm.

A detailed Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment will be completed during the EIS stage in collaboration with the local Aboriginal community.

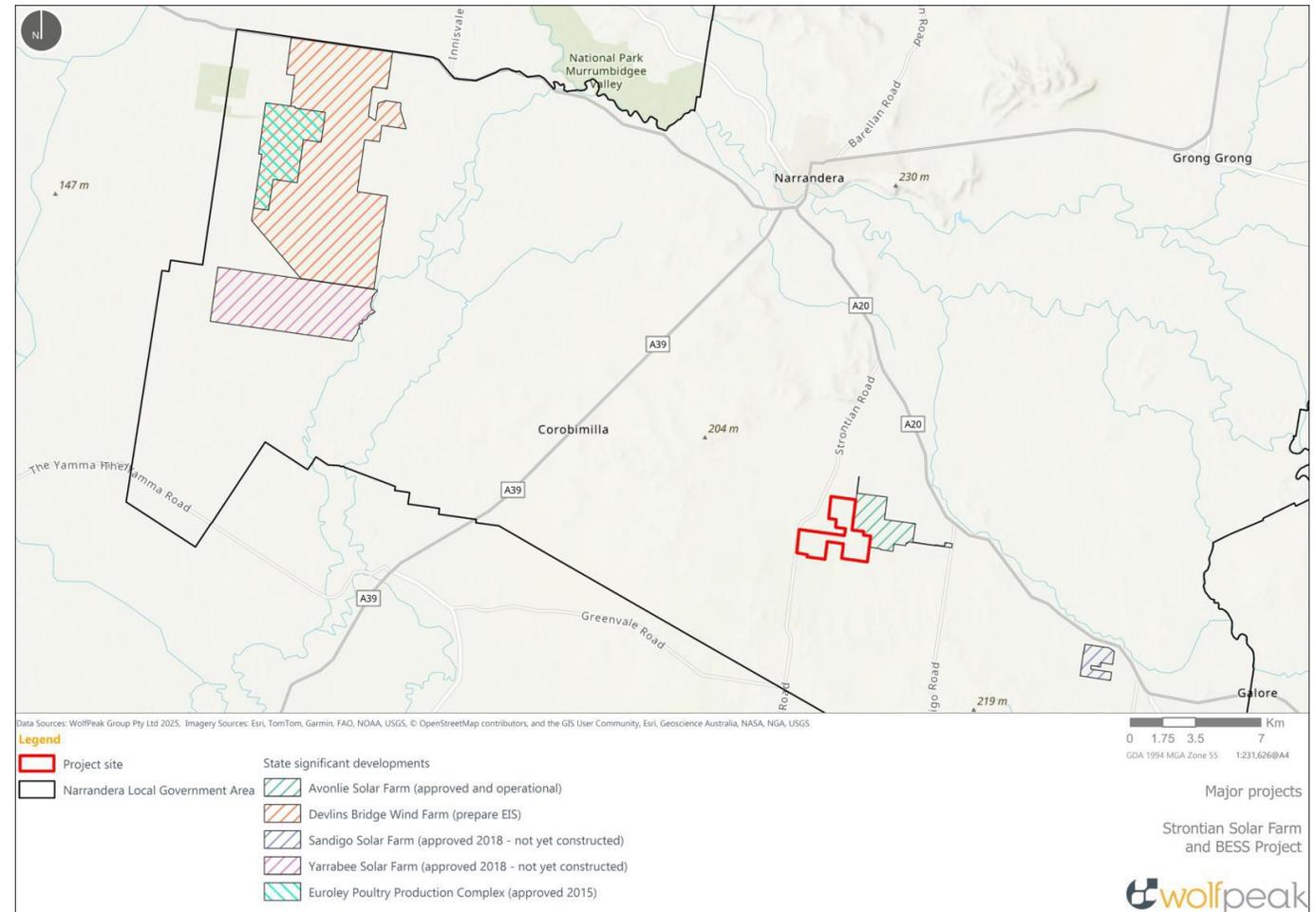


Preliminary Social Impact Assessment

A Preliminary Social Impact Assessment has been completed by The Social Aspect as part of the Scoping Report to assess potential benefits and impacts upon the surrounding communities.

The assessment found that the project brings potential benefits to the region such as employment & procurement opportunities for local businesses, creation of a community benefit fund with NSC, and community sponsorship opportunities.

Potential impacts that could arise include temporary construction-phase impacts to the rental and tourist accommodation markets, and amenity impacts (traffic and transport, noise, dust, visual). All impacts will be assessed in detail in the EIS.



Preliminary Visual Impact Assessment

A Preliminary Visual Impact Assessment has been completed to identify potential impacts on surrounding private and public viewpoints within 4km of the project.

The assessment identified 11 private receivers & 14 public viewpoints within 4km of the project.

All private receiver impacts were assessed as low during the initial assessment.

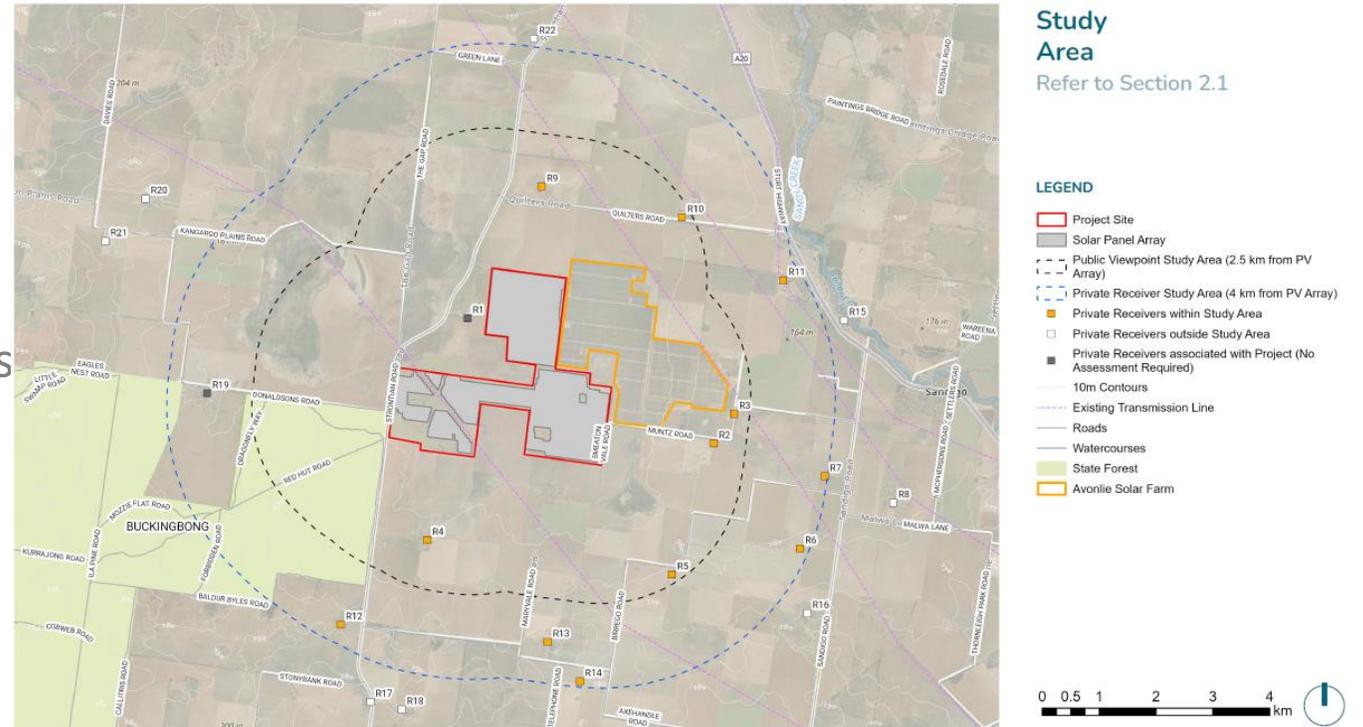


Figure 05 Study Area
Basemap Source - ArcGIS, 2024

Community Consultation

Strontian Solar farm is committed to open and transparent engagement with all project stakeholders. A Community Consultation Strategy that aligns with NSW DPPI's Undertaking Engagement Guidelines for State Significant Developments has been developed for the project. This will help guide the project to ensure all stakeholders are effectively engaged on all areas of the project.

Engagement activities already underway include:

- Development of the Community Consultation Strategy
- Creation of the project website strontiansolarfarm.com
- Online survey that can be taken at strontiansolarfarm.com/feedback or scan the QR code below
- Project introduction letters to all near neighbours and those along the proposed heavy vehicle route
- Stakeholder interviews and community information sessions are planned for post receipt of the SEAR's

To date, the feedback from consultation has been positive overall with some concerns raised that will be addressed in detail as the development progresses.

Future Engagement Activities

Build on stakeholder and community engagement completed to date

Continue engagement with Narrandera LALC & Gundyarri

Online surveys to allow electronic options for community feedback

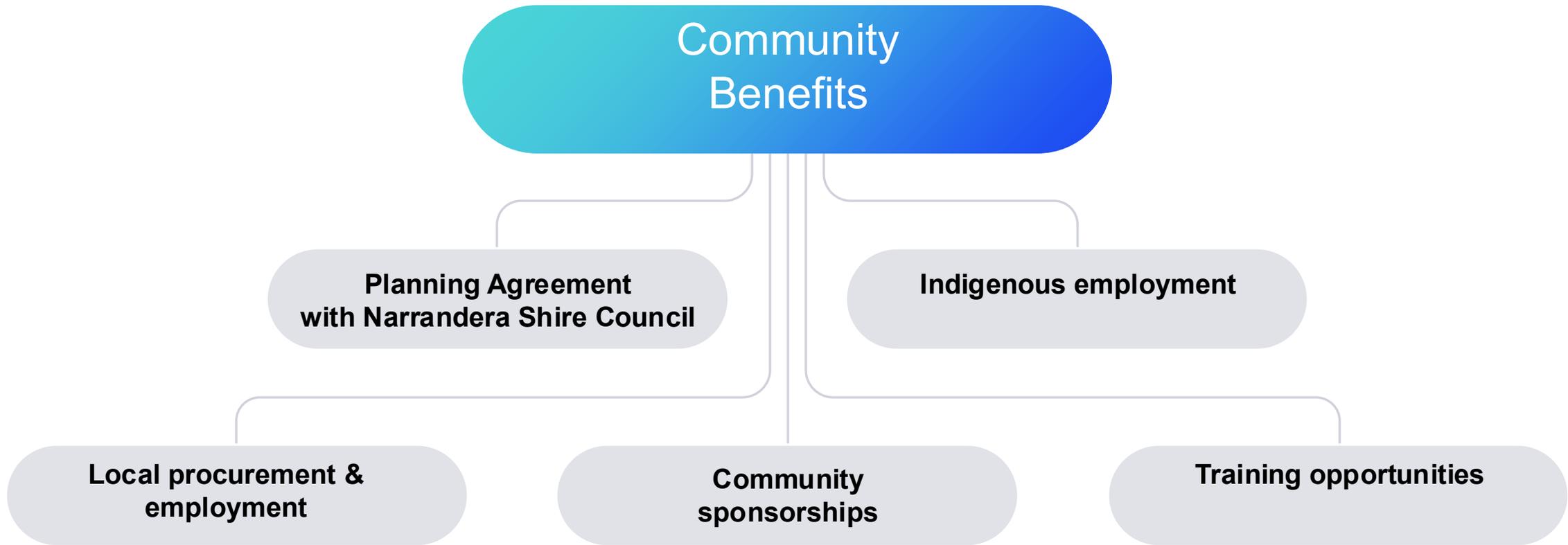
Community Information Sessions & Open Days

Implement agreed benefit sharing in conjunction with NSC

Sponsorships of local sporting clubs

Run co-design sessions with nearby residents on visual screening, and landscaping.

Engage with local business groups on procurement and employment plans



Thank you



For further information or to discuss the project please contact us on the details below or scan the QR code to take part in the online survey.

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