



Fact sheet

# Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)

## Creating Economic Opportunities and Community Benefits FAQ

### What economic opportunities will your renewable energy projects offer?

We are committed to creating and maximising local opportunities where possible for communities where we operate. Our projects will deliver economic and social benefits, we can do this by:

- Creating jobs during and post construction by employing locally.
- Offering training and education opportunities.
- Buying locally to boost regional economies.
- Building relationships and working with local contractors, suppliers and service providers.
- Delivering benefit sharing to fund local projects determined by the community.
- Generating a source of income for landowners.

### What kind of jobs will be created?

We seek a range of expertise, skills, and services to construct and operate our projects, and the types of jobs may include:

- Accommodation providers
- Concrete suppliers
- Electricians
- Engineers
- General labourers
- Installers and high voltage operators
- Landscapers
- Service providers
- Site managers.

### How do we plan on engaging with local services and Tier 1 suppliers?

We will procure from Tier 1 suppliers, local commercial businesses and contractors in accordance with Government legislation. Our Procurement and Supplier Guidelines, that will be available online before the project's start date, will provide a guide for suppliers on the supply process.

### How do I get involved in your project?


We seek expressions of interest from local job seekers, businesses and service providers to work on our projects. Businesses, suppliers, services providers can register their interest by submitting a form on our [engagement hub](#).

Our delivery partners or contractors (and their sub-contractors) will engage and employ workers for our projects. We will provide them with registrations of interest when appointed.

### How will your project create social opportunities for our community?

At Equis, we are committed to delivering long-term investment in the regions and the communities that host our renewable energy projects.

Engaging with your community is essential to us to ensure that our renewable energy projects offer mutually beneficial and lasting economic and social outcomes. Our strategies aim to stimulate and grow enterprise while building social capital and community capacity.

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We will engage with local councils, schools, and community groups to develop community benefit-sharing programs that foster positive outcomes, provide value, and contribute to more equitable regional economies.

### **How will you determine the benefits that will be paid to our community?**

We calculate the benefit amount paid to a community based on the project's size and the community's needs. We will engage with community stakeholders to determine this.

We will also make financial contributions to the Tamworth Regional Council in accordance with the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979*.

### **How will funding for community beneficiaries and needs be determined?**

As part of our planning process, we profile and research every community where we deliver our projects. We engage with the community stakeholders to identify areas of demonstrated need to develop targeted community benefit-sharing strategies. This helps inform decisions, determine funding needs, and deliver targeted and meaningful benefits for the community. For example, we may fund training to up-skill youth or support local sporting clubs.

### **Will our community get to have a say in the approach to benefit sharing?**

We will establish a pool of funding for benefit initiatives identified by the community.

Our community engagement process is ongoing, and the input we receive from communities will inform, shape, and evolve our benefit-sharing funding to respond to their needs.

### **How does our community participate in your benefit-sharing program?**

We want the community benefit-sharing fund to benefit a broad range of people in the community, and we welcome everyone's input and feedback. Community groups, councils and not-for-profit organisations are encouraged to participate to partner with us by registering on our [engagement hub](http://equis.engagementhub.com.au).

### **How can I provide feedback or raise a concern about your project?**

You can email us at [AUProjects@equis.com](mailto:AUProjects@equis.com) or phone 1800 161 249 to provide feedback or raise a concern about our project in your area so that we can understand and try to address your concern.

### **How can I learn more about your project?**

You can learn more about our project by:

- Visiting our [website](http://www.equis.com.au)
- Registering on our [engagement hub](http://equis.engagementhub.com.au).

We will publish project information and updates in our newsletters, emails, and fact sheets which will be available from our website and engagement hub.

We encourage you to follow our project by registering on our engagement hub. On the engagement hub you can provide feedback, subscribe for project updates, register as a supplier and register for community benefits.