

Melbourne Renewable Energy Hub



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Community Benefit Fund

About the Melbourne Renewable Energy Hub

SEC and Equis have partnered to deliver the Melbourne Renewable Energy Hub, one of the world's biggest batteries located in Melbourne's west.

The Hub is set to be fully operational by the end of 2025 and will strengthen Victoria's electricity grid.

The Hub's 444 battery units soak up excess power generated from wind and solar to provide extra power to meet Victoria's growing demand.

The Hub's three battery components provide 1.6 gigawatt hours of energy storage – the capacity to power 200,000 homes during the evening peak.

Energy storage is critical to the transition, and the Hub will help accelerate the energy transition.

How we're giving back

We want the local community to share the benefits of this project. That's why we're creating a Community Benefit Fund. The fund will provide lasting value and help local communities gain direct benefits from the Hub. We will invest in initiatives that meet the needs of the region.

Our proposed benefit themes

Previous engagement with local stakeholders during the early planning and development of the Hub identified four areas of need, that we want your feedback on:



Youth skills and pathways

There is a high portion of young people in the community, and many of them face challenges to finish Year 12. The fund could support programs that build youth skills, confidence, mental health, and support career pathways to help them succeed.



Community safety and active participation

Some residents have said they don't always feel safe in their community. The fund could support programs that make public spaces feel safer and more welcoming, to help people connect with others and be more active.



Family wellbeing and social support

Family violence and stress in the community are significant issues. The fund could support programs that support people early and make them feel connected.



Sustainability and climate change action

In response to the effects of climate change and a growing population in and around Melton, The fund could support projects led by the community that focus on sustainability and help people learn more about the environment.



Our local investment commitment

We're investing \$2.5 million in total, or \$100,000 every year for the next 25 years, into local projects, programs and events. We want your feedback to create a positive impact for the community.

Tell us what you think

To ensure the Community Benefit Fund reflects local priorities, we will be engaging with the community throughout November and December.

We want to hear from local residents, businesses and community organisations on your ideas on how and where the fund should be invested to deliver lasting value for the community.

Information on where to find us and how to register your interest is available on the project's Engagement Hub.

What happens next

Following the engagement period, SEC and Equis will review the feedback and report back to the community.

Early next year, we'll share more information on the Fund, including criteria and eligibility, and how to apply. This will be followed by the awarding of the first funds in mid-2026.

**We want to hear your thoughts.
Have your say by completing a survey,
available on the project's Engagement Hub.**

Contact Us

We want to hear your thoughts on the fund, please get in touch with us to get involved.

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SEC is Victoria's renewable energy company. Its investments in wind, solar and battery projects are accelerating Victoria's transition to renewable energy. The SEC is putting power in the hands of Victorians, by:

- Reinvesting revenue in more renewable energy
- Supporting households to reduce bills by switching to all-electric
- Building Victoria's renewable energy workforce.

Equis Development Pte Ltd is Asia-Pacific's leading renewable energy investor, developer and operator with a successful track record of having developed over 240 projects across the region. In Australia, Equis is headquartered in Melbourne and employs over 50 staff located across Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane. Equis' Australia portfolio includes 17 battery energy storage systems, 11 onshore wind projects and eight other projects across the country, totalling 9.6GW of renewable energy capacity for Australia.