## Muswellbrook Solar Farm Community Benefit Sharing Program



Muswellbrook Solar Farm is a 135MW solar and battery project. Annually, Muswellbrook solar farm will contribute \$850 per MW of installed capacity to a Community Benefit Sharing Program.

2024

The current estimated installed capacity is 135MW which equates to a total of \$114,750.00 provided each year to the program. If the project capacity decreases, the program's total funding will decrease.

The funds are divided between different aspects of the Program, agreed with Muswellbrook Shire Council under a Voluntary Planning Agreement.

The two main aspects of the Community Benefit Sharing Program to which the funds will be divided are:

- Community Benefit Fund
- Neighbour Benefit Fund

### Neighbour Benefit Fund

45% of the Community Benefit Sharing Program is designated for a neighbour benefit fund.

This is to be distributed to all existing dwellings within 1.2km of the solar farm boundary via an annual Rate Rebate. Rebates will begin once the solar farm is constructed and becomes operational.

The rebate will be a reduction in the annual rates payable by those dwelling owners of approximately \$550 each year for the life of the project (anticipated to be 35 years) and will increase annually in line with CPI (equates to over \$20,000 in total).

Existing dwelling entitlements at the time of approval of the solar farm will also be eligible for the rebate once a dwelling is constructed on the property.

## **Community Benefit Fund**

45% of the Community Benefit Sharing Program funding is designated for a community benefit fund.

This is to be distributed through the Muswellbrook Shire Council Grants Program, each year for the life of the project (35 years) and will increase annually in line with CPI.

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## Muswellbrook Solar Farm - Neighbour Benefit Fund – Eligible Addresses

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74 WOODLAND RIDGE ROAD MUSCLE CREEK	20 TOP KNOT PLACE MUSCLE CREEK
91 WOODLAND RIDGE ROAD MUSCLE CREEK	22 TOP KNOT PLACE MUSCLE CREEK
56 WOODLAND RIDGE ROAD MUSCLE CREEK	25 TOP KNOT PLACE MUSCLE CREEK
87 WOODLAND RIDGE ROAD MUSCLE CREEK	261 MUSCLE CREEK ROAD MUSCLE CREEK
17 WOODLAND RIDGE ROAD MUSCLE CREEK	90 MUSCLE CREEK ROAD MUSCLE CREEK
67 WOODLAND RIDGE ROAD MUSCLE CREEK	33 WOODLAND RIDGE ROAD MUSCLE CREEK
75 WOODLAND RIDGE ROAD MUSCLE CREEK	19 BABBLER CRESCENT MUSCLE CREEK
51 WOODLAND RIDGE ROAD MUSCLE CREEK	262 MUSCLE CREEK ROAD MUSCLE CREEK
46 MUSCLE CREEK ROAD MUSCLE CREEK	915 MUSCLE CREEK ROAD MUSCLE CREEK
66 BABBLER CRESCENT MUSCLE CREEK	41 BABBLER CRESCENT MUSCLE CREEK
15 BABBLER CRESCENT MUSCLE CREEK	31 WOODLAND RIDGE ROAD MUSCLE CREEK
50 BABBLER CRESCENT MUSCLE CREEK	

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