

## MALABAR RESOURCES WELCOMES APPROVAL OF MAXWELL SOLAR FARM

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Malabar Resources welcomes the New South Wales Government's planning approval of the 25 MW Maxwell Solar Farm. The decision follows a rigorous planning assessment process and the comprehensive review of independent expert reports on the environmental, economic, and social impacts of the proposal.

Malabar Resources Chairman Wayne Seabrook said the Maxwell Solar Farm's approval is a great outcome for the local community and the Upper Hunter region.

"It's great to see the NSW Government getting behind our innovative and creative approach to using this land. We have long felt that a solar farm was a sensible way for us to utilise the rehabilitated land in a way that could support our local community and generate more local jobs.

"The Maxwell Solar Project is another example of our commitment to the local area, the local economy and, above all, to co-exist with a wide range of industries and activities.

"The project will create roughly 50 new construction jobs and two operational jobs over its 30-year life span, stimulating local business and employment during this period of economic recovery.

"With an annual energy generation of 60 GWh, the Maxwell Solar Farm has the capacity to generate energy for about 10,000 NSW homes – nearly all the homes in Muswellbrook and Singleton combined," Mr Seabrook said.

The Solar Farm will connect to the network via either an existing substation located on the Maxwell Infrastructure site, or via the construction of a new transmission line to connect to the network.

"Given the challenging economic situation all Australians are facing, I would like to commend the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment for an efficient planning process that is prioritising appropriate projects that will generate jobs and revenue for the Government across the state," Mr Seabrook added.

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