

WINTON SOLAR FARM Fact Sheet

Victorian Renewable Energy Auction Scheme

The Victorian Renewable Energy Auction Scheme (VREAS) will support achievement of the Victorian Renewable Energy Targets (VRET).

These targets seek to ensure that 25 per cent of the State's electricity generation comes from renewable sources by 2020, rising to 40 per cent of generation by 2025 and 50% by 2030.

Winton Solar Farm Break Down

Technology	Solar
No. of solar panels	253,000
Total generation	98.8 MW
Jobs (created)	150
Traineeships (created)	4
Location	15km north east of Benalla
Company	Winton Asset Trust (Fotowatio Renewable Ventures)
Commencement of construction	Mid 2019
Commencement of commercial operations	Mid 2020

Community Engagement

- Winton Solar Farm will include local residents to their Engagement and Benefit Sharing Program.
- Information will be exchanged where possible to assist community groups to better understand renewable energy, large scale solar farm development and options for a low-carbon future.

Victorian Renewable Energy Auction Successful Projects

Local Investment Commitments

A suite of programs will be designed to meet the needs of the local community, including the:

- Contribution to Melbourne University as part of the Renewable Energy Research Investment Partnership, involving a; research project into Distributed Network Design and Impact on Communities and research project into Community Renewable Energy Projects.
- Honey Eater Vegetation Screening and Volunteers. FRV has committed to fund an initial two-year pilot partnership with the Regent Honeyeater project (RHEP). FRV will continue to support the RHEP via direct support for ongoing plantings, either locally or within the broader region.
- Development of a local employment and procurement program as per the Local Investment Development Plan (LIDP) for the project.
- Enrolment to the GO TAFE Traineeship Program to ensure the highest number of suitably-qualified local candidates are available for ongoing positions at WSF.
- Exploration of supporting Benalla Sustainable Futures Group – Zero Emissions which is a local volunteer-run organisation, delivering key aspects of their three-point plan to position Benalla as one of the first 'zero net energy' towns.

Project Contact

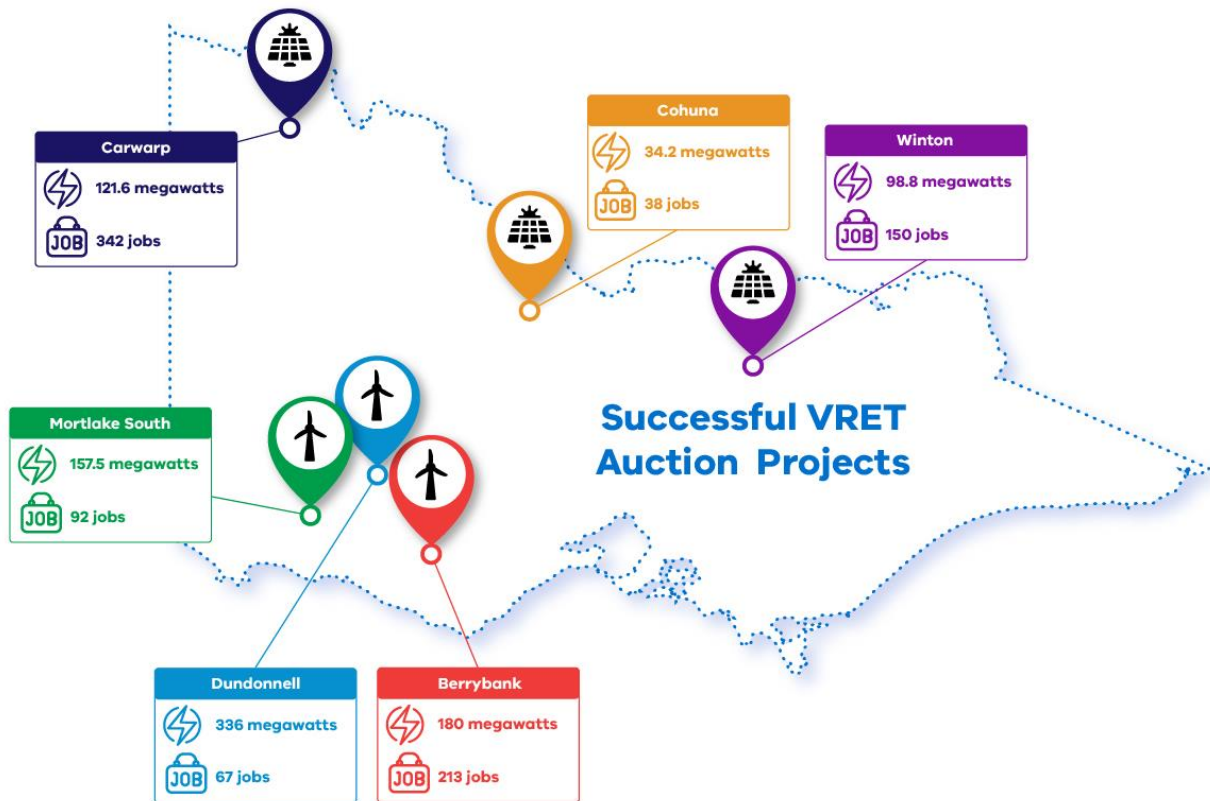
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Figure 1: Successful VRET Auction Projects



Learn More

- Contact the project proponent to find out more information.
- The Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning's Customer Contact Centre will be available to provide information and support.
- Visit <https://www.energy.vic.gov.au/renewable-energy/victorian-renewable-energy-auction-scheme>

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