



Capacity Investment Scheme: Bullyard Project

Bullyard Project: Announcements

On 24th of May 2026, the Federal Government announced that Bullyard had been announced as a successful project under the Capacity Investment Scheme (CIS). Selection for CIS support represents an important milestone for the Bullyard project and reflects the project's potential role in supporting Australia's future energy system. The project remains subject to all standard planning, environmental, technical, and stakeholder engagement processes before any final development decisions are made.

Q1. WHAT IS THE CAPACITY INVESTMENT SCHEME?

The Australian Government's Capacity Investment Scheme (CIS) is a federal initiative designed to support new renewable energy generation and storage projects across Australia. It aims to accelerate new capacity, improving energy reliability and contributing to lower electricity prices over time.

The scheme provides long-term revenue underwriting for successful projects through a competitive tender process, helping encourage investment in infrastructure needed to support Australia's evolving electricity system.

Q2. HAS THE BULLYARD PROJECT BEEN SELECTED FOR CIS?

Yes. The Bullyard Project has been selected as a successful project under the Australian Government's Capacity Investment Scheme (CIS).

This means the project has been recognised as capable of contributing to future electricity reliability and renewable energy supply objectives.

CIS support is subject to execution of the revenue underwriting agreement between European Energy and the Australian Government.

Q3. DOES BEING SELECTED MEAN THE SOLAR AND BATTERY ARE FULLY APPROVED?

No. The Solar Project was approved in November 2024 by Council, while the Battery continues to work through the planning process and technical assessments. Although the CIS is a government vote of confidence in the project - it doesn't replace planning or environmental approvals, and the project must still complete relevant:

- Planning and development approvals
- Environmental assessments
- Grid connection processes
- Cultural heritage and stakeholder engagement processes
- Landholder and commercial discussions

Having CIS support does not override or replace any statutory approval requirements.

**Q4. DOES CIS SUPPORT GUARANTEE THE PROJECT WILL BE BUILT?**

No. While CIS support is a significant milestone, the Bullyard Project must still:

- Reach a final investment decision
- Complete detailed technical and commercial work
- Obtain all required approvals from the community, the local council, and the State government
- Finalise construction and delivery arrangements

There are still multiple activities to be carried out before construction can commence.

Q5. WHAT DOES CIS SUPPORT MEAN FOR THE PROJECT?

In practical terms, CIS support:

- Improves investment certainty
- Helps reduce exposure to wholesale electricity market volatility
- Recognises the project's strategic value within the future energy system

It's an important commercial milestone but is only one part of the broader project development process.

Q6. DOES THE CIS MEAN THE GOVERNMENT OWNS THE PROJECT?

No. The project remains privately developed and operated by the team at European Energy Australia in line with all regulatory directions.

The CIS is a government support mechanism designed to encourage investment in new energy infrastructure; it does not include government ownership or operation of the project.

Q7. DOES CIS SUPPORT CHANGE THE PROPOSED PROJECT FOOTPRINT OR INFRASTRUCTURE?

No. The project will continue to be assessed based on its proposed layout, technical specifications, environmental studies, and stakeholder feedback.

Any material changes to the project would still be subject to relevant assessment and consultation processes.

Q8. DOES CIS SUPPORT CHANGE HOW THE COMMUNITY CAN ENGAGE WITH THE PROJECT?

No. Community engagement remains an important part of the project's development process.

We will continue to engage with the following groups throughout the project:

- Landholders
- Neighbours
- Community groups
- Bundaberg Regional Council
- Traditional Owners
- Government agencies

**Q9. WHY HAS THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT INTRODUCED THE CIS?**

The CIS was introduced to support investment in new renewable generation and energy storage infrastructure as Australia's electricity system transitions and older generation assets retire.

The scheme aims to improve reliability, increase energy supply, support long-term affordability and encourage private investment in new infrastructure

Q10. DOES CIS SUPPORT MEAN TAXPAYER FUNDS ARE DIRECTLY PAYING FOR THE PROJECT?

The CIS is not a grant paid upfront. It instead helps provide more certainty over a project's future revenue. If revenues are lower than expected, the government will provide some support. If revenue exceeds a certain level, a share of the upside is returned to the government. In effect, the project accepts a limit on potential upside in exchange for greater certainty and protection against low revenues.

The mechanism is intended to provide investment certainty and help enable projects that support future electricity system reliability.

Q11. WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS FOR THE BULLYARD PROJECT?

As before, the Battery component of the project will continue progressing through the standard development pathway, including:

- Technical and environmental assessments
- Planning approvals
- Stakeholder and community engagement
- Grid connection work
- Commercial and financing activities

We will continue to engage and consult those in the region to better understand concerns and queries. Further updates will continue to be provided as the project progresses.

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