

Clements Gap BESS

Project Update - December 2024

Site Mobilisation

Construction has begun onsite at the Clements Gap Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), located adjacent to our existing Clements Gap Wind Farm and substation.

These early works have included land and earthworks in preparation for a solid foundation, or bench, for BESS containers, inverters and other equipment to sit on.

Works have also included the installation of site offices and car parking, as well as the introduction of a 40km/h speed limit outside of the construction zone.

These earthworks will continue into early 2025 as we continue to build the foundational platform, and ready the site for deliveries of the BESS modules by late-August 2025.

As the site continues to take shape over the coming months, there will continue to be traffic movements for deliveries of materials. We appreciate the community's understanding during these deliveries, as we understand that some of our works can have an impact - including from a noise and dust perspective. It's important to let us know when these issues do occur, so that we can rectify them as soon as possible.

Onsite numbers of personnel will continue to increase as the scope of work changes throughout the construction period, with a maximum number of 50 on site employees and contractors expected in early 2025.

We would also like to take the opportunity to remind the community about the 40km/h speed restriction which has been put in place outside the construction zone. This is for the safety of the community, our workers, and to reduce dust emissions on the new road surface.

From 28 October 2024 until mid-2026, a **speed reduction to 40 km/h** will apply on a small section of Kirchner Road.

Workers on the Clements Gap BESS project are required to park onsite in designated car parking spaces throughout construction.

During deliveries and heavy lifts of materials, temporary Traffic Control may be in place on Kirchner Road, with potential wait times of up to 15 minutes. This is expected to occur only a handful of times throughout construction.



Nukuku Cultural Heritage Induction

Pacific Blue was proud to have received a Cultural Heritage Induction from Nukunu WTC Board Chair, Travis Thomas, in October 2024. The Nukunu people are the Traditional Owners of the land where we are constructing the Clements Gap Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Project.

The project team heard about how Nukunu People follow 'Wipma', or the Dreaming, a belief system that tells of ancestral beings who shaped the land, water, animals, plants, and cosmos and established practices to protect them forever.

As part of our partnership with Nukunu, Pacific Blue has made a contribution of \$10,000 toward their Cultural Burning Program. This will go toward the purchase of Nukunu branded Personal Protective Equipment.



Nukunu WTC Chair Travis Thomas, and Elder Lawrie Thomas providing the cultural induction to the team.

Port Pirie Regional Council Visit



Representatives from Port Pirie Regional Council, WorkSkil Australia, and recent graduates from the 'Work Hardening' program met onsite to discuss the employment needs of the project over the coming year.



On 17 December 2024, we were delighted to host representatives from the Port Pirie Regional Council at the Clements Gap BESS site as part of our ongoing collaboration with the local community. Mayor Leon Stephens, Councillor Leeanne Peters, and Councillor Alan Zubrinich visited the site to see firsthand the progress of the Clements Gap BESS Project, with site mobilisation well underway. The visit followed discussions with the Council about engaging recent graduates from the "Work Hardening Program." This initiative, led by the Australian Federal Government's Department of Employment and Workplace Relations and run by Workskil Australia, has enabled local graduates to gain certification for onsite work, including in certification for some of the work that can be performed on energy projects like ours.

The project is expected to reach peak onsite employment numbers of around 50-55 workers by February/March 2025. In support of this, PSD Energy, the company responsible for construction on behalf of EPC Contractor Enzen Australia, invited the three recent graduates from the "Work Hardening Program" to submit their resumes for consideration. We're excited about the potential for these local graduates to contribute their skills to the Clements Gap BESS Project and further strengthen the local workforce.

This visit highlights how Pacific Blue actively taps into local networks to bring the right people together, leveraging the industrial expertise of Port Pirie and the surrounding Mid-North region of South Australia. It's a proud moment for us to be part of a project that not only supports the renewable energy sector but also seeks to provide valuable employment opportunities for the community.

Looking ahead, we're eager to continue building these strong relationships and look forward to hosting Council representatives again in 2025 once the Battery Modules begin installation. We remain committed to working closely with local workforce participation organisations to ensure that Port Pirie and surrounding communities benefit from the growth of the Clements Gap BESS Project.



Industry and Supplier Engagement Session

In early August 2024, Pacific Blue, in partnership with our project partners, Enzen Australia and PSD Energy, hosted an Industry and Supplier Engagement Session.

We were thrilled to gather over 25 of Port Pirie's local industry experts at the project information session. Held at the Port Pirie Memorial Oval Function Centre, representatives across sectors including education, labour hire, steel manufacturing, security, water transport and employment services came along to hear more about the milestone project, ask questions and share their valuable local know-how.

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