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## **ESCO PACIFIC SECURES PLANNING CONSENT FOR THREE MORE QUEENSLAND SOLAR FARMS**

Australian utility scale solar project developer, ESCO Pacific, has received planning consent for a further three new solar farms with a total installed capacity of 320MW, edging close towards their goal of 1 GW by 2018.

The 110MW Rollingstone Solar Farm is ESCO Pacific's second solar farm approved by Townsville City Council, behind the 135MW Ross River Solar Farm which is due to commence construction in early 2017. The proposed project generated a significant level of interest from the community during the approval process, in particular for local employment opportunities. After several public consultation meetings, the project received zero objections.

Further south the 80MW Childers Solar Farm (Bundaberg Regional Council) and 125MW Susan River Solar Farm (Fraser Coast Regional Council) also received positive interest and keen support from the relevant local Councils.

Steve Rademaker, the companies Managing Director says "Our Team is growing, learning and improving every time we reach a new project milestone. We consulted heavily with the Council, community and contractors to ensure optimal design outcomes for the recently approved solar farms. We can now increase our focus on progressing the grid connection studies which commenced some time ago.

"In addition to the significant contribution to renewable energy generation, we are excited to be working on projects that will create jobs and investment in the region."

As an example, the \$125-million-dollar Childers solar farm project will generate enough electricity to power 40,000 average Australian households and is expected to create approximately 100 jobs during construction and five full time and ten part-time positions when operational.

ESCO Pacific has a number of other projects in various planning stages and will continue to build a pipeline which will deliver significant contributions towards Australia's Renewable Energy Targets.

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**About ESCO**

ESCO Pacific is an Australian developer of utility scale solar farms founded in 2015 to capitalise on a narrow window of opportunity to develop renewable energy assets under the recently revised Australian Renewable Energy Target ('RET'). ESCO Pacific is backed by a group of high net worth investors and managed by an experienced team with relevant and proven track record in delivering utility scale solar to market.