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CATCH SOME RAYS AT NYNGAN'S SOLAR FARM

The community can now see one of the largest operating solar farms in the Southern Hemisphere up close as the Nyngan Solar Farm opens a new viewing platform and Bush Tucker Garden to the public.

Minister for Energy and Utilities Don Harwin visited the site and new tourist attraction today, which powers more than 32,000 homes with clean energy from its 100 megawatts of capacity.

“The local community and visitors can now see the largest operating solar farm in Australia, and be proud of its substantial contribution to secure, clean energy in the NSW,” Mr Harwin said.

“The NSW Government contributed nearly \$65 million to help the Nyngan Solar Farm and its sister project, the Broken Hill Solar Farm, get up and running as part of the Solar Flagships program.

“We welcome AGL’s investment in western NSW, and the jobs it has created.

“The viewing platform and Bush Tucker Garden will make this solar farm a tourist destination, and promote knowledge about Indigenous culture.”

Parliamentary Secretary for Renewable Energy and Northern NSW Ben Franklin said it is great to see a solar project of this size come to fruition.

“Nyngan is the largest operating solar farm in Australia, and started a boom that is now continuing in NSW and beyond. This project will make sure it is about more than just energy, and becomes an asset for the whole community,” Mr Franklin said.

“It has since been joined by solar farms in Broken Hill and Moree, and there are projects soon to be completed in Parkes, Dubbo, Glenn Innes, Manildra and Griffith. We also recently approved an even larger solar farm near Mildura.

“The Central West is blooming like a sunflower and it’s not just large scale solar, it’s also small scale. There are more than 350,000 households in NSW with solar panels on their rooves.

“Nyngan Solar Plant will reduce greenhouse gas emissions by over 195,720 tonnes of CO₂ equivalent per annum, which is equivalent to removing around 53,000 cars from the road.”

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