

Little River BESS



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ACEnergy is developing the approved 350 MW Little River Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), located 14 kilometres north of Little River, Victoria.

The battery will store electricity when it's available and supply it back to the grid when it's needed. This supports a reliable electricity supply as Victoria moves to more renewable energy. The Project will connect directly into existing transmission infrastructure, which reduces the need for additional works.

The Project was approved in May 2025. The Department of Transport and Planning has since approved an increase in storage capacity from 700 MWh to 1,400 MWh, within the approved footprint.

At a glance

Capacity

350 MW / 1,400 MWh

Location

Little River (Greater Geelong), Victoria

Site area

18 hectares

Project timeline (indicative)

Development & Approvals

2023-2026

Construction

Expected to begin in mid-2027

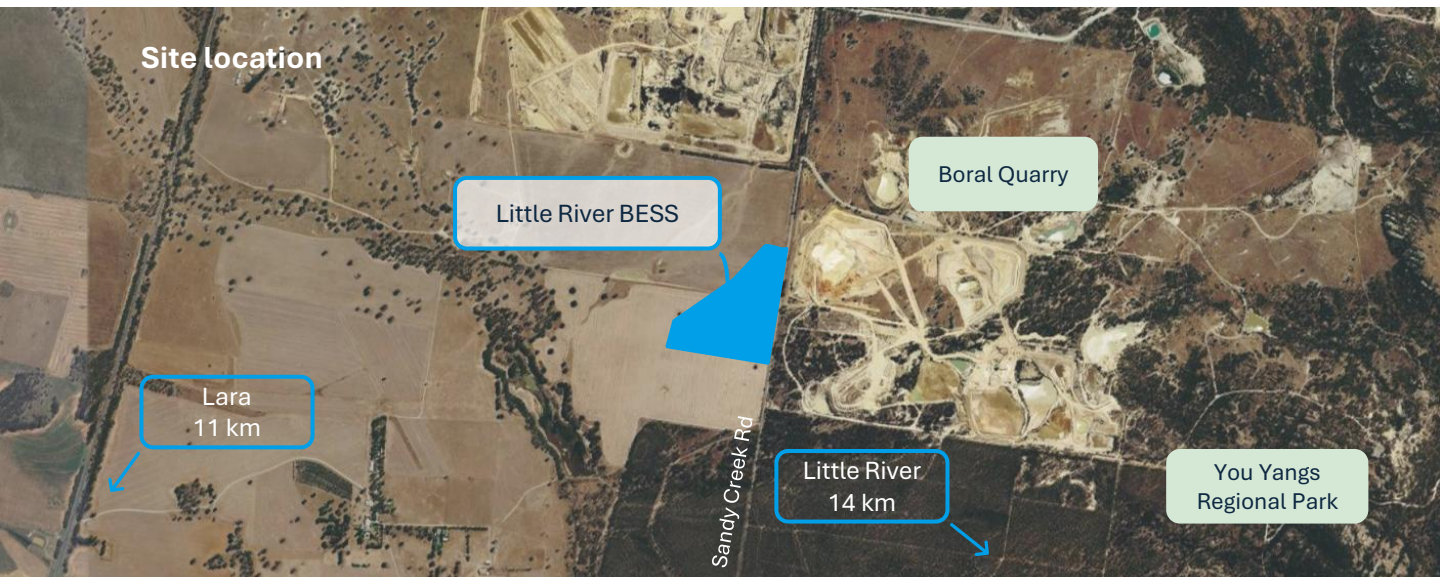
Operations

From 2029

Benefits of the Project

The Project will support local employment, contribute to long-term investment in the region, and deliver a \$4.2 million Benefit Sharing Program.

- **Local jobs:** Around 180 jobs during construction and three full-time jobs during operation, with priority given to local content and regional suppliers.
- **Reliable energy:** Strengthening the electricity grid and supplying power to Victorian homes and business
- **Lower emissions:** Helping Victoria reduce its reliance on fossil fuel generation at peak demand.



We are delivering a long-term Benefit Sharing Program over the life of the Little River BESS Project, to support local communities and First Nations groups.

We're working with neighbours, the Community Reference Group and First Nations representatives so that the Project supports the region over the long term.

\$4.2 million in community funding Supporting local initiatives for the life of the Project.

Community Benefit Fund:

Supports community groups and initiatives that provide lasting benefit to Little River and surrounding communities.

- **Guided by locals:** The Community Reference Group (CRG) helps shape and implement the Fund. Its seven members represent environmental and conservation groups, historical societies, community facilities, emergency services, education providers and local businesses.
- **Annual funding round:** Groups can apply from the start of construction, with rounds held each year through construction and operation.
- **What's next:** We are finalising the Fund Guidelines, and will share these and information on how to apply before the first round opens.

Flexible Support Fund:

Supports initiatives, partnerships and projects that provide lasting benefit to the community and region, including projects that fall outside the Community Benefit Fund.

- **Shaped locally:** We will work with the community and relevant First Nations groups to set the Fund's priorities and how it will operate.
- **Complements the Community Benefit Fund:** Covers projects and partnerships that sit outside of it.
- **What's next:** We'll share more information once the framework of the Fund has been developed.

First Nations benefit sharing

We acknowledge the Wadawurrung People as the Traditional Owners of the Country on which the Little River BESS will be located, and we pay our respects to Elders past and present.

We are working with relevant First Nations groups to develop benefit sharing arrangements that deliver lasting, positive outcomes.

Get in touch

If you have a question, an idea, or interest in joining the Community Reference group, our team is happy to talk. You can reach us at info@littleriverbess.com.au, or visit acenergy.com.au.