

Glossary and common terms

Terms	Definition
AEMO	Australian Energy Market Operator Operates the National Electricity Market and oversees aspects of transmission connection processes.
BSF and BESS	Battery Storage Facility (BSF) also referred to as Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) A system of interconnected batteries designed to capture and store electrical energy generated from various sources, including renewable energy, for later use.
CBA	Community Benefit Agreement A legally binding agreement between any person and the council that sets out benefits that will be provided to a community in the locality of development that is prescribed to be development requiring social impact assessment under the <i>Planning Act 2016</i> . Where a CBA is required, it must be entered into before lodging the development application (DA).
CBS	Community Benefit System A community benefit system has been introduced into Queensland's planning framework. The CBS provides the ability to identify, manage, mitigate and counterbalance the direct, indirect and cumulative social impacts of specific identified land uses.
DA	Development Application A development application for a development approval lodged for assessment under Queensland's planning framework under the <i>Planning Act 2016</i> .
DNSP	Distribution Network Service Provider The company that operates the local distribution network (such as Energex, Ergon Energy Network) for lower-voltage connections, responsible for the physical infrastructure that delivers electricity and gas to consumers, including power lines, substations and transformers.
EPBC Act	Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cth) Commonwealth legislation for matters of national environmental significance.
GOC	Government-owned corporation The Queensland Government owns many commercial businesses in energy, water, rail and ports.
IAP2	International Association of Public Participation Note: IAP2 Australasia is now known as the Engagement Institute IAP2 is the leading global community advancing the practice of public participation and community engagement.

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LGIP	Local Government Infrastructure Plan The LGIP identifies the local shared infrastructure needed to support planned urban development in the local community.
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding A written agreement between two or more parties that defines the working relationship, expectations and responsibilities. MOUs are usually not legally binding on the parties.
MNES	Matters of National Environmental Significance The triggers under the EPBC Act (such as listed species, World Heritage areas) that can require a Commonwealth referral and public comment.
Powerlink	Powerlink Queensland The state's Transmission Network Service Provider (TNSP) for the high-voltage electricity network.
PPA	Power Purchase Agreement Renewable Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) are contractual arrangements between an energy buyer, such as a council, and a renewable energy provider.
SARA	State Assessment and Referral Agency (Queensland Government) The state's single gateway for DAs involving a state interest. Acts as assessment manager for some developments (for example, wind farms and large-scale solar farms) and as a referral agency where state interests are triggered.
SDAP	State Development Assessment Provisions The assessment rules (the "State Codes") that apply when assessing state-assessed or state-referred development.
SIA	Social Impact Assessment A structured assessment of a project's social impacts. For applicable projects, a social impact assessment report must be submitted with the DA.
SIMP	Social Impact Management Plan A framework designed to identify, manage, and monitor the social impacts of a project to assist positive outcomes for affected communities and mitigate negative effects.