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**JRPP approves solar farm in Boggabilla**

The independent Northern Joint Regional Planning Panel (JRPP) has approved an application for a solar farm at Kentucky Lane, Boggabilla.

“The 3.6 megawatt solar farm project will inject $6 million into the local economy and will provide local jobs during construction and once operational.”

The panel Chair, Garry West said the decision was made after hearing community and stakeholder submissions, as well as considering Moree Plains Shire Council’s assessment report.

The Council publicly exhibited the proposal for two weeks in July and received two public submissions.

The JRPP has approved the application, subject to conditions including contributions to Moree Plains Council for local infrastructure and notification must be given to neighbours two days before construction begins.

“The solar panels are built with modern technology that absorb light, instead of reflecting it,” Mr West said.

“This means that there will be no issues with glare from the panels for nearby residents or pilots going to and from Goondiwindi Airport.”

More information on the regional panels can be found at [www.jrpp.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jrpp.nsw.gov.au)

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