

Gin Gin Battery Community Newsletter

Project Overview

The proposed Gin Gin Battery project is located on privately owned land on Bailai, Gurang, Gooreng Gooreng, Taribelang Bunda Country. Located approximately 20 km west of the Gin Gin township, on the Bruce Highway, Bundaberg Regional Council is the local government authority.



Gin Gin Battery Facility - Project Site

CRS: GDA2020 / MGA zone 56 (EPSG: 7856)
 Drawn By: NC
 Date: 25/11/2024

- Cadastre Boundaries ▭
- Existing 275kV Powerline —
- Existing 132kV Powerline —
- BESS ▭
- Dual Circuit 132kV Underground ▭

Community and Stakeholder Consultation

We have been engaging with the community and stakeholders and have spoken with more than 70 people since June 2024. We have attended the Bullyard Hall Markets in August 2024, held a community pop up at the Gin Gin Bakery in August 2024, and held two community information sessions in December 2024 and February 2025.

Some of the key questions you've had for us include:

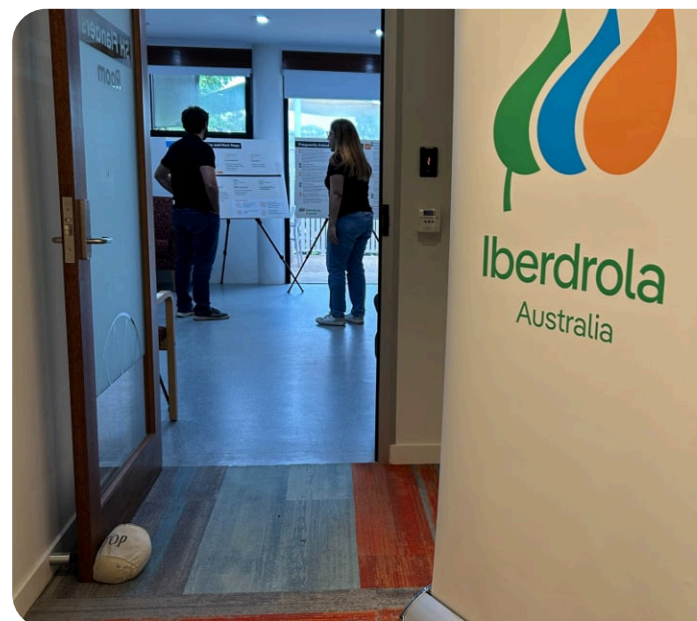
- Fire and bushfire management
- Contamination management and toxic fumes
- General operations of a battery
- Connection into the Gin Gin substation and Queensland grid
- Decommissioning and community benefits

Following on from the Gin Gin information drop-in sessions, we produced an additional Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) to address many of the commonly asked questions at the session. Read the FAQs [here](#).



Planning Assessment

The Project lodged its Material Change of Use (MCU) and Reconfiguration of a Lot (ROL) Application with Bundaberg Regional Council in June 2024. As part of the Development Application, a series of investigations were undertaken: traffic impact assessments, stormwater management, ecological assessments, bushfire risk assessments, and hazard risk assessments. This project documentation can be found on the Gin Gin Battery website: <https://www.iberdrola.com.au/our-assets/development-assets/gin-gin-battery>.



Next Steps

As an Impact Assessable Development, the Gin Gin Battery project is currently undergoing a rigorous approval process through Bundaberg Regional Council assessment since June 2024. The Project held its public notification comment period, as directed by the Bundaberg Regional Council, from 10 February 2025 to 28 February 2025.

Iberdrola Australia, together with Bundaberg Regional Council, has considered the submissions received during public notification, and the Project is now in the Decision Stage.

We anticipate the timing on when Bundaberg Regional Council will decide on the Development Application will be in the coming months. If the project is approved, it is anticipated construction works will commence later in 2025, with operations to commence late 2026.

Community Benefits

Iberdrola Australia sponsors local community projects that focus on making a positive difference in the areas of education, fire and police departments, sports clubs, art festivals and youth programs. We aim to foster lasting relationships with community groups by supporting local initiatives and local not-for-profit organisations.

We are currently having conversations with a number of Gin Gin local community groups to understand what support we can provide. *If you are aware of any community groups who may be interested in speaking to us, please let us know!*



Upcoming Events

We will be at the Gin Gin Show on 31 May and look forward to seeing you there! Pop by our stall if you'd like to find out more about the Gin Gin Battery project.

Contact Us

If you have any questions, feedback, local knowledge or suggestions, please reach out via the contact details below.



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Acknowledgement of Country

Iberdrola Australia acknowledges the Traditional Owners of Country throughout Australia and acknowledges their continuing connection to land, waters and community. We pay our respects to First Nations People, culture, and Elders past and present.



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