



Notice

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Merredin Solar Farm Nominee

2021 performance audit and asset management system review

The Economic Regulation Authority has published the 2021 [performance audit](#) and [asset management system review](#) reports and the [post-audit](#) and [post-review](#) implementation plans for Merredin Solar Farm Nominee Pty Ltd's electricity generation licence EGL28.

Merredin Solar Farm is located approximately 260 kilometres east of Perth and consists of approximately 360,000 solar panels with a capacity of 100 megawatts.¹ The solar farm was commissioned in March 2020 and commenced operation in July 2020. The solar farm delivers electricity into the South West Interconnected System via the Western Power Merredin Terminal Substation.

The ERA's decision

The ERA considers that Merredin Solar Farm has achieved a satisfactory level of compliance with its licence and has an effective asset management system. The ERA has decided to increase the audit and review period from 24 months to 36 months.²

The next audit and review will cover the period 1 May 2021 to 30 April 2024, with the report due to be provided by 31 July 2024.

The ERA's assessment of the audit and review findings

Audit

The audit found that Merredin Solar Farm has demonstrated a satisfactory level of compliance with its licence. The report identified five non-compliances, four of which were administrative matters.

Review

The auditor found that overall Merredin Solar Farm has an effective asset management system. The report identified three deficiencies from the 58 effectiveness criteria assessed in the review.

¹ 2021 licence standing charge data submission to the ERA.

² The audit and review originally covered a period of 24 months, but this was extended to 40 months at the request of Merredin Solar Farm to allow the audit and review to cover a 12-month period after the solar farm commenced operation.

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