

## MEDIA RELEASE

### **Solar Systems planning approval for site in the Mildura region 28 July 2009**

Planning approval for Solar Systems preferred location within the Mildura region was gazetted on 20 July 2009, and named as Carwarp West Road, Carwarp.

For the Planning scheme amendment visit:

<http://www.dse.vic.gov.au/Shared/ats.nsf/WebViewUniqueID/5fd468a06c46afc0ca2575b000052657>

It is expected that Solar Systems will also seek Planning approvals for sites in other regions they are exploring.

The proposed large-scale solar power station, costing \$420million, will generate 154 megawatts of power using concentrator photovoltaic technology, and it's estimated that 950 people will be employed during the construction phase of the project, and that the labour costs during that phase will be \$42million.

If the Mildura region is successful in attracting the Solar Systems plant, it will bring significant economic benefit to our region, and will add to the diversity of industry.

Mildura Development Corporation Chairman, Dane Huxley, and Chief Executive Officer, Anne Mansell, will be exploring further solar development options during a delegation to America in October 2009. Also attending will be Mildura Rural City Council's Mayor, Cr Glenn Milne, and Cr Nick Cavallo.

Mildura Development Corporation and its predecessor Sunraysia Mallee Economic Development Board have been assisting Solar Systems over the past 2 years with many facets of the project from the initial concepts through to site selection options.

Note: Mildura Development Corporation replaces the Section 86c committee of Mildura Rural City Council, Sunraysia Mallee Economic Development Board (SMEDB).

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