

Rutherglen Battery

A proposed 400 MW / 1,600 MWh battery storage facility at 837 Red Hill Road, Bororen — developed by AMPYR Australia in partnership with Gryphon Energy.

400 MW

1,600 MWh of storage across a 23 ha footprint

235,000

homes powered through the 5–9pm evening peak

\$7.7m+

committed in community benefits, legally binding

80%

local workforce commitment

About the Project

Rutherglen is a proposed 400 MW / 1,600 MWh battery storage facility at 837 Red Hill Road, Bororen, on about 23 hectares of a 1,277-hectare site beside existing 1980s transmission infrastructure.

It would store surplus daytime energy — such as solar and coal — and release it during the evening peak (5–9pm), when demand and prices are highest.

By cutting reliance on costly peak generation, it strengthens Central Queensland's grid reliability and supports the Queensland Government's *Energy Roadmap* target of 3.1 GW of battery storage by 2030.

No power is generated on site.



Artist render of the 22.8 ha footprint within the 1,277 ha property

Where the project is up to

- ✓ **Battery-only project.** In response to community feedback, all solar components were removed and the project was rescoped to battery storage only.
- ✓ **Community Benefit Agreement.** More than \$7.7 million of community benefits to be distributed, through binding commitments under a Community Benefit Agreement, executed with Gladstone Regional Council in March 2026.
- ✓ **EPBC Act determination.** In March 2026, environmental clearance provided by the Federal Government under the EPBC Act in determining the project to be a non-controlled action.
- ✓ **Fire service support.** \$200,000 has been committed to the Rural Fire Service Queensland to strengthen the capacity of regional brigades — responding directly to community concerns raised.
- ✓ **Accessible fact sheets.** Simple, accessible and publically available fact sheets surrounding fire safety, noise impact, ecology and biodiversity, community benefits, visual impact and stormwater system management.
- ✓ **State Code 27 adherence.** The project is being assessed by the State Assessment and Referral Agency (SARA) against Queensland's new State Code 27: Battery storage facility development. The code sets 35 performance outcomes spanning fire and hazard risk, emergency response, ecology, agricultural land, noise, visual amenity, traffic and water quality. To meet them, the project must complete a Social Impact Assessment, enter a Community Benefit Agreement, and demonstrate compliance through independent studies — then deliver those **standards through detailed management plans.**



Assessment findings

Fire Safety	0.79 kW/m ²	Worst-case radiant heat with a maintained 140m cleared buffer - well under the required 4.7 kW/m ² threshold. 400 kL of on-site water accessible to Emergency Services.
Water	1-in-500 year	Flooding stays in the creek and overland flow corridors, even in extreme flooding. Sealed bunds hold 100% of firewater.
Ecology	0 threatened species	Disturbed 23 ha project footprint set back from existing bushland limits impact to biodiversity. EPBC non-controlled action determination.
Community	\$344,000 pa	Long-term community-informed benefits, in addition to a minimum of 80% local hiring target of the ~150 construction jobs, and up to 10 ongoing roles under a Local Employment Plan.

Investing in the community

Benefits are committed under a binding Community Benefit Agreement with Gladstone Regional Council.

\$7.7m+

In community benefits
Funds administered in partnership with Gladstone Regional Council, including dedicated neighbour benefits and a local community benefit funding.

\$415,000

For local skills
Supporting apprentices, trainees and an engineering cadet, with partnerships sought with CQUniversity, the Industry Capability Network Qld and the Gladstone Engineering Alliance.

80%

Local jobs
Around 80% of the workforce employed locally in Queensland, with 15% of trades positions filled by apprentices.

\$200,000

Backing local emergency response
Over five years to help train and equip local fire and emergency services.

Register your interest and have your say

Community Engagement Forum
Register your interest in the Rutherglen Community Engagement Forum (CEF) — a forum set up under our Community Benefit Agreement with Gladstone Regional Council to give Bororen and Miriam Vale residents a direct say in how the project's community benefit funding is spent. The first Forum is to be held in the coming months in the local area, with full details to follow once dates and locations are confirmed.



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What's next?

Our Development Application is expected to be lodged in the coming months and assessed against new State Code 27 requirements. A public exhibition period will follow, giving community members a formal opportunity to make submissions.

