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Solar Flagships Shortlist Announcement

Chair of Mildura Development Corporation, Mr Dane Huxley, is very optimistic about the solar future for Mildura after the announcement yesterday by the Minister for Resources, Energy and Tourism, The Hon Martin Ferguson, of three potential solar projects that have made the Solar Flagships shortlist.

“MDC has worked very hard in the last twelve months promoting the benefits of locating solar power here with all our natural advantages as well as excellent grid access. The releasing of the shortlist, with three out of four solar photovoltaic projects having a link to Mildura, is very exciting and demonstrates that the investment of time and resources we have allocated is proving its worth.” Mr Huxley said.

The three projects are:

- o AGL Energy proposes a multi-site project using thin film cadmium telluride solar photovoltaic technology generating up to 150MW at multiple sites across Australia including ACT, NSW, Victoria, Queensland and South Australia;
- o TRUenergy proposes a single site near Mildura, using thin film cadmium telluride solar photovoltaic technology to generate up to 180MW;
- o Infigen Suntech’s crystalline silicon solar photovoltaic technology would be deployed at up to three sites in New South Wales or Victoria to generate up to 195MW.

Mr Huxley said he was a little disappointed that no solar thermal projects proposed for Mildura made the shortlist, however solar photovoltaic still provided a range of positive investment opportunities through training, construction and ongoing employment.

“The projects proposed are some of the largest in the world which provides tremendous opportunities for our region, whether on a single site or as part of a multi-site. The Board of MDC is very excited about the prospects for a solar future and we are keen to work with all of the proponents as they prepare for the next stage of the Solar Flagships process.” Mr Huxley said.

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