

Renascor Battery Anode Material Facility EIS

About the proposed development

Renascor Resources Limited (Renascor) submitted a development application to construct a Battery Anode Material (BAM) Facility at Robinson Road, Waterloo Corner. The facility aims to produce purified spherical graphite, a key material in the manufacture of lithium-ion batteries used in electric vehicles.

The application was declared as an [Impact Assessed Development](#) and required an EIS. Renascor developed a draft EIS which was circulated to the City of Salisbury council and relevant state agencies, including the Environment Protection Authority, Department for Environment and Water, and Department for Infrastructure and Transport, for their review and input.

In response to feedback from these stakeholders, Renascor conducted further investigations and made improvements to finalise the EIS in preparation for public consultation.

Between 19 August 2024 and 27 September 2024, stakeholders were invited to have their say on the Renascor BAM Facility Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

Engagement activities

This document provides an overview of the engagement activities undertaken during the above period and a short summary of the main themes of feedback received during the engagement process.

The engagement activities that were held during the consultation period include:

- Information sessions (registration through Eventbrite)
 - an in-person information session was held on 4 September 2024 at St Kilda Community Hall
 - an online session was held on 6 September 2024.
- An article featured in the August 2024 and September 2024 YourSAy e-newsletter
- Social media posts on X, SPC LinkedIn and PlanSA Facebook (both feed and stories) alerting the public to the briefing sessions and the commencement and conclusion of consultation.
- A physical sign located on the proposed development site (Robinson Road frontage).

- A letter to key stakeholders and landowners advising of public consultation.
- A public notice published in the Adelaide Advertiser on 19 August 2024 to mark the start of consultation.
- Hard copies of the EIS available for viewing at the City of Salisbury council office, and Department for Housing and Urban Development office.
- Electronic copies of the EIS available for download from the YourSAy and PlanSA websites, along with a fact sheet and frequently asked questions.
- The option to lodge a submission via various avenues: YourSAy, PlanSA, email, written, in person.

Who we heard from

Submissions and survey responses were received from a range of stakeholders including local residents, community members and interest groups.

We received 33 responses via online and hard copy submissions and YourSAy survey responses.

We appreciate the time taken for individuals and organisations to provide feedback on the Renascor EIS.

What we heard

The majority of submissions (28 of the 33 received) indicated general support for the proposal. The key areas of feedback have been captured under the following five survey question themes:

- proposed location
- interaction with existing business and industry in the area
- benefits for community and economy
- environmental aspects
- general feedback on the EIS and development.

Proposed location

Key feedback relating to this survey question included:

- 21 of the 33 submissions supported the proposed location of the development on the basis that it is co-located with existing industry, proximity to infrastructure and transport, and appropriate separation from residential areas. The proposed use of recycled water (from the Bolivar outfall channel) in the development was commended.

- A small number of submissions were concerned about the proximity of the proposed development to the SA Water waste water treatment facility, farming lands, and the suburbs of Mawson Lakes and Parafield Gardens.
- Potential concerns for the environment and human health were noted due to the proposed location, including the impact of climate change and potential future flooding risk.

Interaction with existing business and industry in the area

Key feedback relating to this survey question included:

- There was consistent opinion that the development is compatible with the existing businesses and land uses in the area.
- There was some concern regarding an increase in traffic and noise, particularly from heavy vehicle movements during night hours.
- The short-term impacts of construction activities were recognised.

Benefits for community and economy

Key feedback relating to this survey question included:

- There was overwhelming support for the creation of new jobs, particularly in the northern suburbs of greater Adelaide.
- There was recognition that investment in Australian resources will support growth in the region, the state and Australia.
- The development is an opportunity to create a new industry that adds value to resources and provides employment.
- Local businesses will likely benefit during the construction and operational periods, and through the future supply of products and labour.

Environmental aspects

Key feedback relating to this survey question included:

- From a strategic perspective, the project contributes to a sustainable future through the production of clean energy solutions. This is an opportunity for Australia to contribute to decarbonisation of the economy.
- The development may contribute to improved utilisation of key resources such as water and energy.

- Specific environmental concerns include the potential for interaction with the underground water aquifer, proximity to habitat, and general concern regarding the renewable energy industry.

General feedback on the EIS and development

Key feedback relating to these survey questions included:

- The EIS is comprehensive and due diligence has been undertaken.
- The EIS has demonstrated how impacts to surrounding business and the environment will be minimised / mitigated.
- There was general support for the development and the opportunity for South Australia to be a leader in this industry.
- Potential risks to the environment, human health, and existing land uses and business can be mitigated.

Next steps

Renascor will now consider all submissions and survey responses received from the public, as well as referral comments from the City of Salisbury council and state agencies, and produce a Response Document, addressing the opinions, ideas, and concerns. The Response Document may include additional investigations, updated technical reports and/or changes to the proposed project.

All submissions and survey responses received during the consultation period will be released for public information, with personal details redacted.

The State Planning Commission will then prepare an Assessment Report that considers the EIS, all feedback received during the consultation period, and Renascor's Response Document. The Commission will then make recommendations to the Minister for Planning.

The Response Document and Assessment Report will be published on PlanSA and YourSAy, with the Minister's final decision to be published on the [PlanSA portal](#).

More information

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