

Solar Farm Lease Agreements

The Bendigo Sustainability Group has developed and/or improved on a number of legal documents over time including through the Community Power Hub period.

There are two documents relating to land for community scale solar farms being:

- Heads of Agreement (Option to Lease); and
- Ground Lease.

Heads of Agreement (Option to Lease)

Seven (7) pages.

The Option to Lease document enables the legal securing of land for a community scale solar farm should it be able to proceed.

It sets out the legal requirements of the lessor and the lessee including the land, time periods, option fee, caveats, consents and approvals and works and access requirements during the option period.

Ground Lease

24 pages.

The full Ground Lease document sets out all legal requirements and agreements in relation to the long-term lease of land for a community scale solar farm.

Access to Legal Documents

These detailed documents were developed by the Bendigo Sustainability Group with Beck Legal and involved significant volunteer time input as well as funding.

The BSG supports collaboration between parties by sharing confidential information, including documents, methodologies, Intellectual Property, information and insights about their respective community renewable energy projects in order to assist each other party to develop new community projects in its region. To manage risks and provide clarity with all parties, documents can only be shared with the signing of a Legal Document Sharing Memorandum of Understanding prepared by Beck Legal.

Due to the inherent value of the documentation, including the time and cost of development, and also the time and cost to manage the MoU process, there may be a fee for legal documentation where it has been agreed to provide.

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