

Press Release

## REMONDIS Australia shifts to solar electricity generation

**Sydney, 26 July 2022, REMONDIS Australia** – REMONDIS Australia has commenced a major solar system roll-out across its Australian sites as part of a drive to double its renewable energy generation capacity in 2022 and obtain all electricity from renewable sources by 2025.

Solar photovoltaic panels and supporting infrastructure have already been installed at REMONDIS' sites in Springmount in northern Queensland (a landfill facility operated in joint venture with FGF Developments), Awaba near Lake Macquarie in New South Wales and St Marys in Sydney.

The company's facilities at Rocklea and Northgate in Queensland, Dandenong South in Victoria, Wingfield in South Australia and Henderson in Western Australia will have solar systems fitted this year – all part of the company's national solar initiative.

This complements solar systems previously installed at REMONDIS' Port Macquarie and Unanderra depots in NSW. Consideration is also being given to installing the technology at the company's Tomago and Seven Hills facilities in NSW, with other sites to be considered in future.

REMONDIS initially engaged EnergyLink Services to conduct a full feasibility study for solar installations across all our sites, which resulted in a staged delivery approach. The solar PV systems include full system monitoring and integration and are being installed by Atlas Renewables.

### Why solar?

From a 2021 baseline REMONDIS' intention is to increase its total installed renewable energy capacity to more than three megawatts.

REMONDIS said its national solar initiative was a key component of its Sustainability Objectives and Targets, which are aligned to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

"We take a lead on green practices when it comes to managing waste, and we also achieve our sustainability goals through in-house measures," REMONDIS Australia National Technical Manager **Amir Tadros** said.

"Given that we're a major industrial operator with sites all around Australia, shifting towards solar electricity use is a no brainer. Reducing our reliance on grid supplied energy is good for reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and it's good for us, too."

"As a major industrial operator within Australia, it is important to target reductions in the full scope of REMONDIS' greenhouse gas emissions to help reduce not only our own environmental impacts, but also those of the customers we serve," added Tadros.

REMONDIS also intends to meet its renewable energy targets through an expansion project to the existing Emissions Reduction Fund project at its Swanbank Landfill in South East Queensland, to capture increased volumes of gas to allow it to generate more renewable electricity.

REMONDIS is one of the world's largest privately run recycling, service and water companies with around 900 business locations in over 30 countries and across four continents. Founded in 1934, this family-run business employs more than 38,000 people and generates a turnover of €8.3 billion (2020). Each year, it processes more than 30 million tonnes of recyclable materials and provides services for local authorities, small and medium-sized businesses and industrial firms as well as for around 30 million people. Operating in many different fields of business, REMONDIS makes an important contribution towards protecting the environment and conserving natural resources – from recovering valuable raw materials from industrial and household waste, to producing high quality recycled raw materials, all the way through to transforming non-recyclable materials into a range of different fuels. Moreover, the company is increasingly helping to advance the switch from fossil fuels to renewables by using biomass as a source of energy. REMONDIS sees itself as an adviser and point of contact for industrial, commercial and retail businesses as well as for local authorities as it helps them to find regional and bespoke solutions. **REMONDIS Australia** commenced operations in 1982 and now has 1,100+ employees servicing more than 24,000 customers nationally.

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