

Sunshine Coast to get 50,000-panel solar park

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The creation of one of Australia's biggest solar parks on a piece of former cane land near Coolumb will soon be a reality.

Sunshine Coast council yesterday unanimously approved a development application by Energy Parks Australia to transform a 50-hectare site at Valdora into a state-of-the-art solar park sporting 50,000 solar panels.

Once completed, the \$40 million-plus venture will be able to feed enough power into the local grid for about 2500 Sunshine Coast homes.

Energy Parks director Jason Hague said he hoped the mammoth project could begin by the end of the year.

Energy Parks also submitted a development application yesterday for a second solar park near Cootharaba and a third is "in the pipeline".

Read the full story in the Sunshine Coast Daily.

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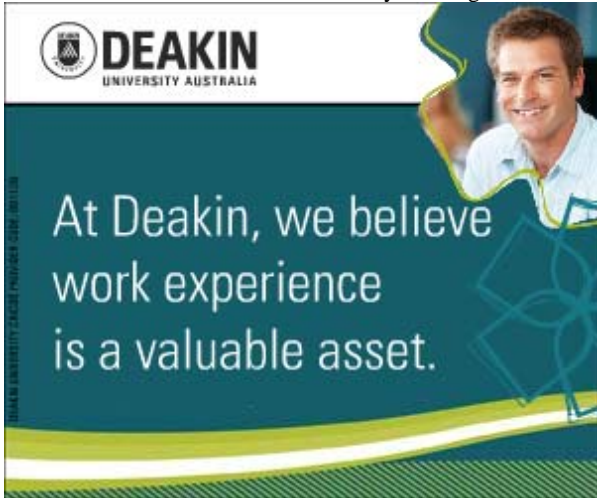
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