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**Mildura region the preferred location
for solar power generation plant by Solenco
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Solenco has named the Mildura region as the preferred location for a solar thermal power generation plant, subject to government funding and regulation.

This follows an announcement by Solar Systems of their construction in this region, and several other solar power generation companies are exploring construction here also.

Dane Huxley, Chairman of Mildura Development Corporation, is delighted with the potential for another solar power facility, "Our organisation, along with Mildura Rural City Council, Powercor, SunRise 21 and a number of other groups have been assisting Solenco in the exploration of a suitable site. The Mildura region is perfectly suited to the generation of solar power given our dry, warm climate, generally flat topography, and access to a high level of services in the region".

"The attraction of solar power companies to the Mildura region is a key priority area for the Mildura Development Corporation, and with the support of both the state and federal government we believe the Mildura region will become the Solar City of Australia", Mr Huxley said.

Mildura Development Corporation recognises the positive employment outcomes of this potential project, and the flow on economic benefits to the region.

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Note: Mildura Development Corporation replaces the Section 86c committee of Mildura Rural City Council, Sunraysia Mallee Economic Development Board (SMEDB).