# **Dexus** Media Release



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## Major onsite solar project for Townsville

The construction of one of Australia's largest onsite solar projects within a car park has commenced in Townsville at Willows Shopping Centre.

Willows Shopping Centre, which is owned by Dexus Wholesale Property Fund and managed by Dexus, is undertaking a multi-million dollar investment to deliver the largest onsite solar car port system in the country.

In total, 4,800 solar photovoltaic panels will be installed, generating approximately 2,500 MWh per annum, equivalent to the usage of 370 households in Queensland, and significantly reducing the shopping centre's use of grid-purchased electricity and associated carbon emissions.

Willows Shopping Centre, Centre Manager Andrew Stallan said: "We are pleased to commence this landmark solar project, which not only enhances the amenity for our shoppers at Willows Shopping Centre, and also importantly supports Dexus's pathway to a 'net zero' emissions property portfolio by 2030."

Shoppers will benefit from more than 500 new shaded car spaces, along with under-canopy lighting delivering an improved shopper experience. Upon project completion, Willows Shopping Centre will offer a total of over 1,700 car parking spaces that will be either shaded or undercover.

The project has commenced and will be delivered by Epho, a commercial solar power company that specialises in delivering large-scale solar energy solutions. The project is expected to be completed by April 2020.

Epho's Managing Director, Dr. Oliver Hartley shared: "Epho is excited to partner with Dexus to deliver this significant solar project. Our recent experience in delivering Australia's largest commercial and industrial solar project at Brisbane Airport means we are well placed to deliver this sustainable outcome in Townsville."

Shoppers will continue to be able to access the Willows Shopping Centre car park throughout the entire project and signage is in place to assist while the works are conducted.

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#### **About Epho**

Epho delivers end to end solar energy solutions for large corporate organisations across Australia. The company develops, engineers, procures, constructs, commissions, operates and maintains commercial solar power systems that increase its clients' profitability by reducing ongoing operational costs. The company is fully ISO 9001, ISO 14001 and AS 4801 accredited and provides services to some of Australia's largest corporations.

