

Renewable energy project secures key agreement



Michael Addison, managing director of Genex Power. Picture: Marc McCormack

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THE developer of a large-scale Far North renewable energy hub has struck a “critical” new agreement as the project powers towards production.

A new binding heads of agreement between Genex Power and Powerlink finalises a “vital element” in connecting the Kidston solar and hydro projects — 400km southwest of Cairns — to the national electricity grid.

“We are pleased to have now finalised our approach to this vital element of our Stage Two project structure,” said Genex managing director Michael Addison.

“This early works program to progress the design and easement acquisition process of the transmission path is key to connecting our project to the national electricity grid.

“We maintain an excellent relationship with Powerlink and are delighted to be working with them towards meeting our power transmission requirements.”

Stage Two of the renewable energy site, at a former gold mine, comprises a 250mW hydro project and 270mW solar project. Construction began in February on the 50mW Kidston Stage One solar project. The State Government aims for 50 per cent of Queensland’s energy to be renewable by 2030.

“The Heads of Agreement ... brings this project one step closer to construction and allows Powerlink to commence early project works including a targeted environmental study, design works, and further engagement with landholders,” said Treasurer and Member for Mulgrave Curtis Pitt.