



# BOOROLONG WIND FARM

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**CWP Renewables recently held community information sessions in Armidale for the proposed Boorolong Wind Farm.**

The sessions were well-attended, and we are grateful to those who made it and gave us their feedback. We have been able to identify additional stakeholders, who will form part of our ongoing community engagement process.

We continue to engage with stakeholders and the community, providing opportunities to participate in the development of the project.





A summary of feedback provided to date is outlined in this newsletter.

If you were unable to attend an information session and would like to see the information that was presented, please contact us.



# COMMUNITY DROP-IN SESSIONS – WHAT WE’VE HEARD

Several key themes have been raised in our conversations with the community. We have outlined these themes and our position. Other issues may arise as we continue to develop Boorolong Wind Farm and we will work with the community to avoid, minimise, and mitigate potential impacts associated with the project.

 <b>DESIGN</b>	<p><b>“The design shown appears to be far progressed”</b></p> <p>The location, number and size of the turbines are not yet determined. The preliminary design provides a basis for stakeholder and community feedback. We will continue to update the design in response to ongoing engagement with stakeholders, the wider community, and detailed environmental assessments.</p>
 <b>VISUAL</b>	<p><b>“Potential for negative visual impact”</b></p> <p>We are developing visualisations of the proposal from various public and private viewpoints in proximity to the site. We will discuss these visualisations with impacted landowners to consider changes to the design to avoid, minimise, or mitigate the visual impact, where appropriate. Further visual impact assessments will occur in consultation with the community as part of detailed environmental assessments.</p>
 <b>NOISE</b>	<p><b>“Potential for noise impact”</b></p> <p>Noise from turbines is strictly regulated by the NSW Department of Planning and Environment as part of the statutory approvals process. We are committed to developing a project which is compliant with these regulations. Detailed noise assessments will be carried out to inform the design, ensuring the wind farm is compliant with mandated noise limits.</p>
 <b>DECOMMISSIONING</b>	<p><b>“What happens at the end of the project’s operating life?”</b></p> <p>At the end of its operating life, the project is either decommissioned or repowered to continue operating, subject to approvals and feasibility of repowering the project.</p> <p>A Decommissioning and Rehabilitation Plan will be prepared following the environmental assessment to document the approach to removing project infrastructure and restoring the land. The requirements will be agreed upon with landowners and contracted as part of the Lease Agreements. CWPR is looking to establish a fund that will ensure decommissioning costs are invested from the beginning of the project.</p>



# COMMUNITY DROP-IN SESSIONS – WHAT WE’VE HEARD



## ROAD UPGRADES

### “Potential impacts to the local road network”

CWP Renewables will be responsible for upgrades and maintenance to any local roads used for the construction of the project. This may include resurfacing, widening and minor changes to roads or intersection alignments. The goal of these changes is to reduce impacts on the road network and improve road safety.

During construction, we will continually assess the condition of roads used by construction traffic and will work with councils to maintain them to an appropriate standard ensuring they remain safe and functional.



## ABORIGINAL HERITAGE

### “Engagement activities with First Nations”

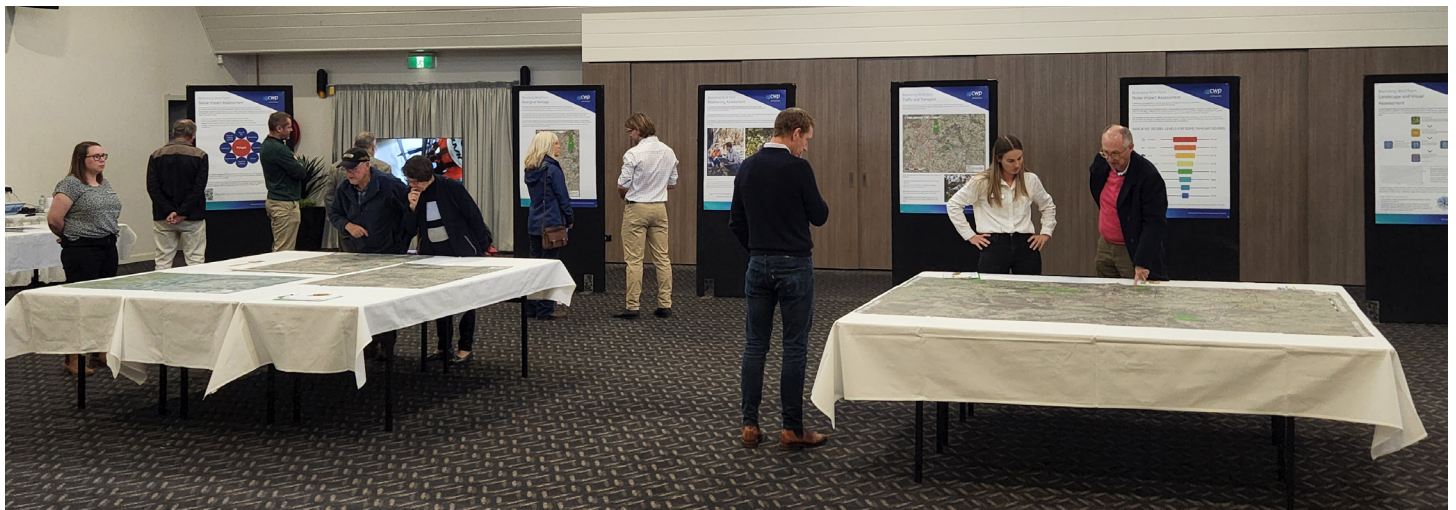
We are completing a cultural values mapping exercise which begins with registering interest from individuals and groups who wish to participate. We will undertake site visits and interviews to identify places and values that may not be picked up in a physical heritage assessment. All values and sites will be documented in consultation with the participating groups to inform project design, including measures to preserve sites and acknowledge significance.

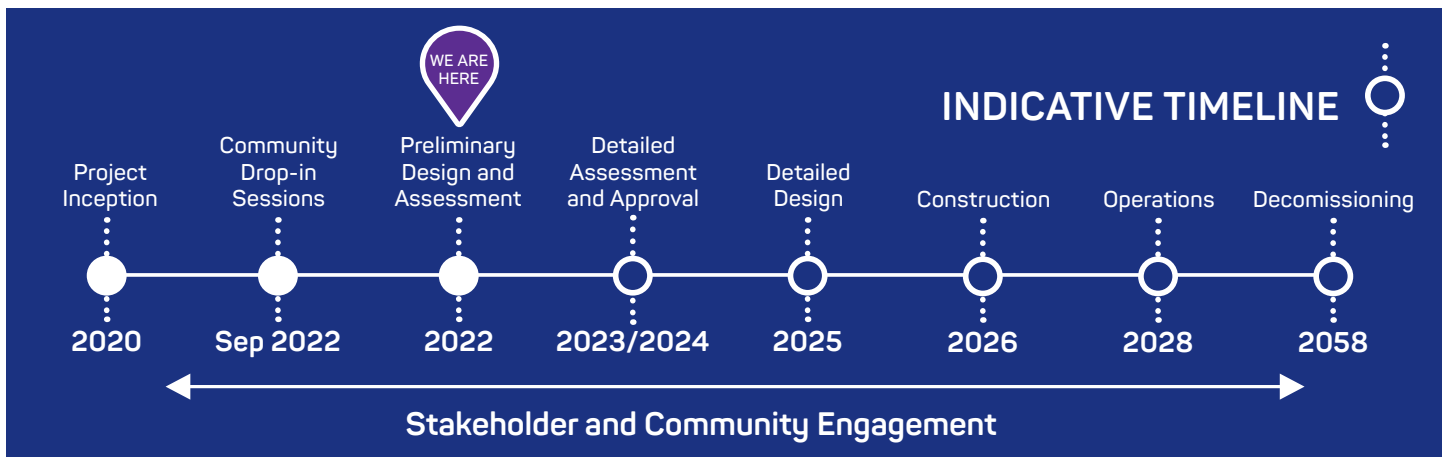


## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

### “Community consultation”

CWP Renewables is committed to genuine and meaningful engagement with the community throughout the project. We hosted our first information sessions in September 2022 to introduce the proposal to the community and gather feedback. We look forward to ongoing community consultation as we develop the design.





## NEXT STEPS

Feedback from our recent information sessions and ongoing discussions with neighbouring landowners is helping us to shape the layout of the wind farm. From here we will adjust the layout and meet with host landowners and neighbours to discuss any updates.

This revised layout will be submitted to the Department of Planning and Environment with our scoping report, which is expected to be completed and lodged in early 2023. The scoping report will highlight key considerations for potential impacts. These will be further assessed in the Environmental Impact Statement.

There will be opportunities to engage directly with the project team and through the statutory processes. We will keep the community informed on our progress.

A new meteorological mast will be installed within the project site in November. The mast - up to 110 m tall - will be used to monitor the wind resource in the project area. It has sensors which measure wind speed, wind direction, temperature, air pressure and humidity. The data obtained will increase the accuracy of our wind analysis. A due diligence assessment was completed for the mast to ensure the location avoids environmental sensitive areas.

## COMMUNITY SPONSORSHIP

CWP Renewables is again calling on community groups and charities to apply for support in a special Christmas round of sponsorship.

This year, we've increased the sponsorship pool from \$30,000 to \$40,000 in recognition of the ongoing increased cost of living pressures.

Christmas sponsorship requests are welcome by Friday 11 November 2022 in all local government areas of CWP Renewables projects. The Community Sponsorship Program Guidelines and Application Form are available at: [www.cwprenewables.com/communitysponsorship](http://www.cwprenewables.com/communitysponsorship)



To keep up-to-date on future news and community engagement events, please sign up to our newsletter: [www.cwprenewables.com/subscribe-bowf](http://www.cwprenewables.com/subscribe-bowf)

The Boorolong Wind Farm project team are in the area regularly to answer questions and understand community views. Please get it touch with us to discuss further.

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