

Community newsletter July 2024

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The proposed Conargo Wind Farm is located around 45km north east of Deniliquin and 10km north east of Conargo, within the NSW South West Renewable Energy Zone. It will consist of approximately 53 wind turbines and battery storage with an expected capacity of 300MW. The proposed layout is available on page 3.

The Scoping Report for the proposed Conargo Wind Farm has been submitted to the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI). It is available for viewing on DPHI's <u>Major Projects</u> <u>website</u>.

The Scoping Report describes the proposed project, including the preliminary design shown on the project map and identifies key matters requiring further assessment in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in accordance with the relevant legislation and guidelines. DPHI has reviewed the Scoping Report and issued the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs). The SEARs outline specific economic, environmental and social matters that need to be addressed in the EIS.

This marks the completion of the first step of permitting and approval progress for the project.

Squadron Energy will continue to seek feedback from the community and our stakeholders to help shape and design the project, in accordance with the findings of environmental assessments. For more information feel free to contact us.

Scan the QR code to view the project Scoping Report on the Major Projects website.



Next steps

Thorough site-specific studies to support the EIS will commence soon. These studies include the investigation and an assessment of impact to various values such as:

- traffic and transport
- visual amenity
- cultural and historic heritage values
- risks and hazards such as bushfire
- · biodiversity which includes 24 months of on-site ecological surveys.

We will continue to proactively engage with the community to provide updates, identify and respond to questions and concerns and gather feedback to inform our project design.

Wind monitoring continues on site with a meteorological unit collecting data.

South West Renewable Energy Zone Access Rights Tender

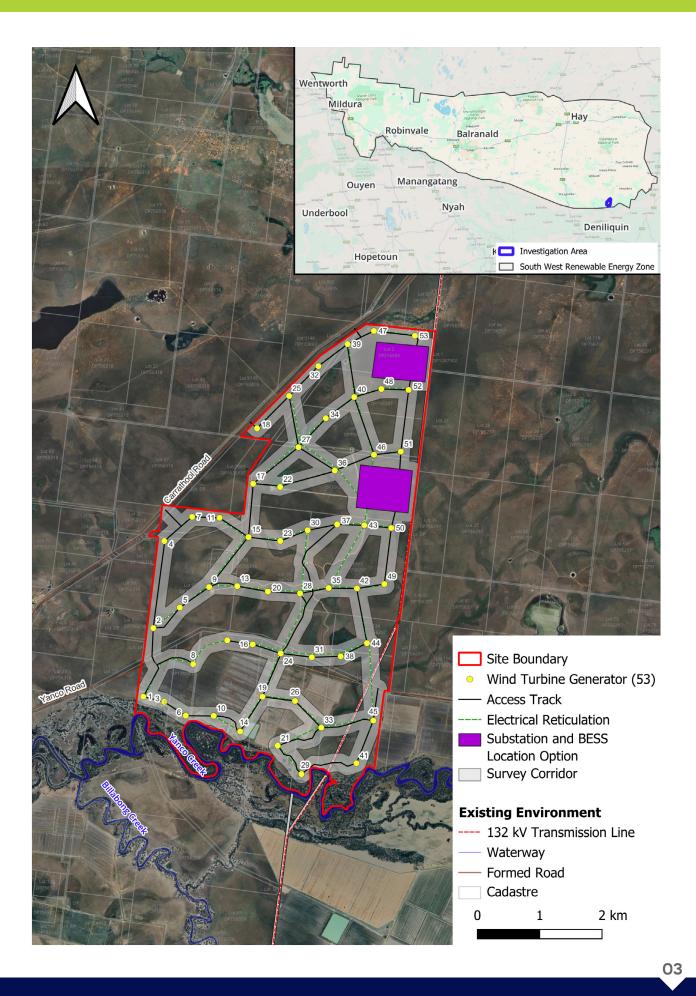
Transgrid is proposing a new transmission line, the Victoria to NSW Interconnector West (VNI West), to facilitate up to 3.98 gigawatts of new renewable energy projects in the South West Renewable Energy Zone.

Conargo Wind Farm submitted a proposal to AEMO Services at the end of June 2024 seeking to connect the project to either the Dinawan Substation or the new VNI West transmission line. Squadron Energy expects to be notified of the outcome of the tender in late 2024 to early 2025.

Environmental assessment process



Project map



Open day

The Conargo Wind Farm project team hosted a community information session on Thursday 21 March in Conargo.

Thank you to all those who attended to discuss the proposed project.

Community sponsorship

Squadron Energy is dedicated to sharing project benefits with the local community. The community sponsorship program may provide funds to community organisations including:

- education and training initiatives
- community development programs
- health and wellbeing
- environmental initiatives
- sport and arts.

Applications are open for community sponsorship, please visit <u>www.squadronenergy.com/</u> <u>communitysponsorship</u> or contact us using the details below for more information.



Alternatively, scan the QR code to complete the community sponsorship application online.



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