

# Bendenine Wind Farm

The Bendenine Wind Farm is a proposed renewable energy project in the Yass Valley region of New South Wales. The project may consist of up to 90 wind turbines, and a Battery Energy Storage System.



Wind Prospect is developing the Bendenine Wind Farm in the Yass Valley region of New South Wales. Currently in the early stages of development, a number of initial environmental, social and technical assessments are underway.

The Project team is exploring the possibility of incorporating up to 90 turbines, with the design informed by ongoing community consultation and feasibility assessments. In addition, a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) may be included to enhance the stability and reliability of the power supply, along with a transmission line to connect the wind farm to the electricity grid.

*Throughout its development, Wind Prospect is committed to working closely with local residents and stakeholders to ensure the Project aligns with community interests and delivers lasting benefits.*

The focus will be on providing clear, timely information and offering meaningful opportunities for community input as the Project progresses.

*Wind Prospect respectfully acknowledges the Ngunnawal people as the Traditional Custodians of the land on which the Bendenine Wind Farm is proposed. We honour their ongoing connection to the land and waters, and we are committed to fostering respectful, collaborative relationships with Indigenous communities across all our projects.*

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## Project at a glance



Located 20km north-west of Yass, between the townships of Binalong and Bowning



Investigating the feasibility of up to 90 wind turbines



### Key project components

- On-site electrical substation
- Transmission infrastructure
- Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)
- Site offices and other key project components



### Community benefit sharing

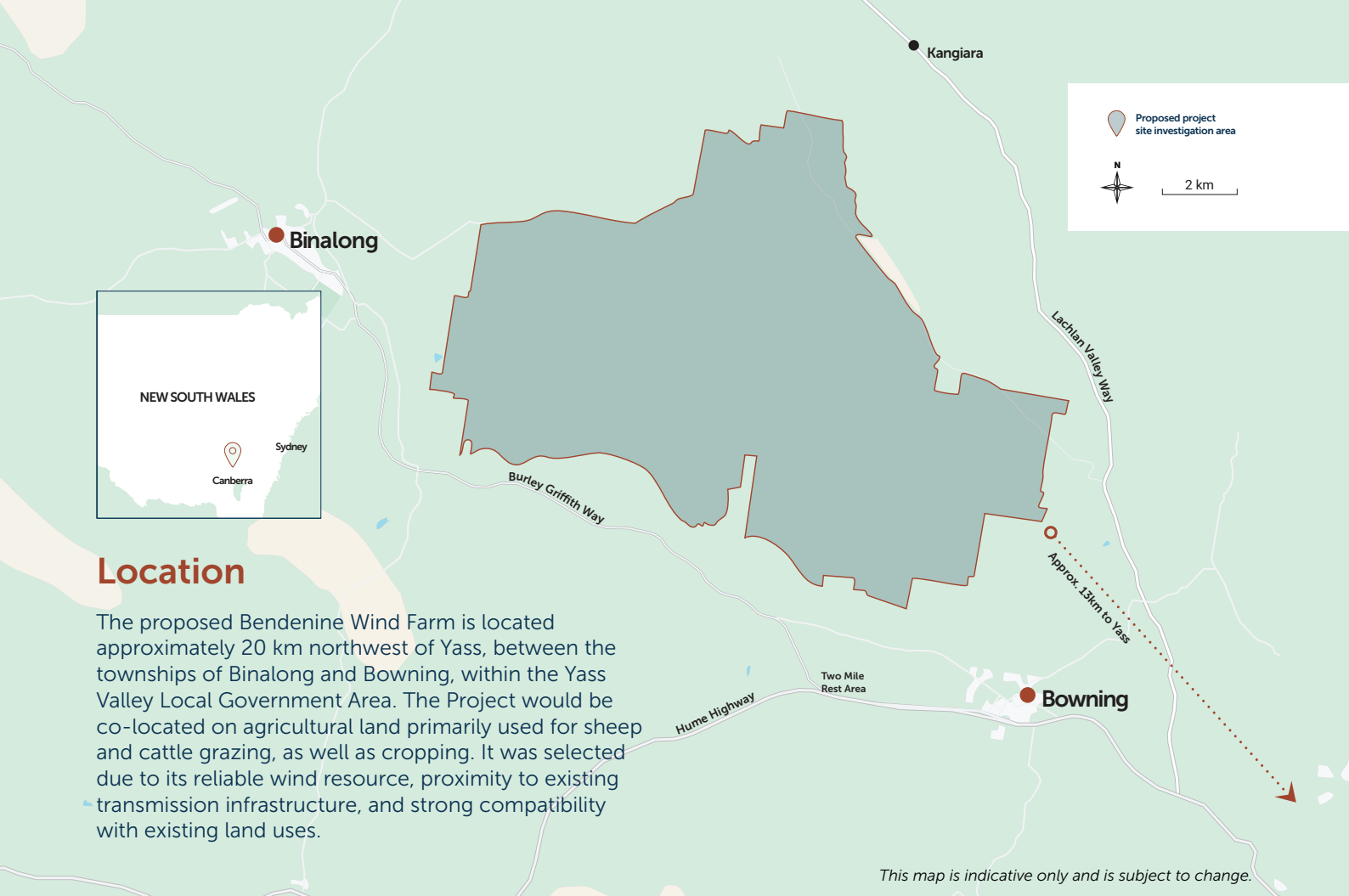
Ongoing benefits will be provided to the community and neighbouring residents through a Community Benefit Sharing Program, shaped by local input and priorities



### Current stage of development

Initial feasibility and scoping assessments





## Location

The proposed Bendenine Wind Farm is located approximately 20 km northwest of Yass, between the townships of Binalong and Bowning, within the Yass Valley Local Government Area. The Project would be co-located on agricultural land primarily used for sheep and cattle grazing, as well as cropping. It was selected due to its reliable wind resource, proximity to existing transmission infrastructure, and strong compatibility with existing land uses.

## Project Approvals and Indicative Timeline

The Bendenine Wind Farm project will require approval under the NSW State Significant Development (SSD) process, administered by the NSW Department of Planning, Housing, and Infrastructure (DPHI). As part of this, the Project must undergo a rigorous Environmental Impact Assessment to ensure potential impacts are appropriately identified, assessed and managed.

The first step is to conduct a range of feasibility investigations and scoping level studies. These will inform the preparation of a Scoping Report, which will be submitted to DPHI. This report will outline the Project's key aspects and identify matters requiring further detailed assessment in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

Following submission, DPHI will assess the Scoping Report and issue the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs), outlining the scope of detailed investigations required to be completed for the EIS. These detailed investigations will inform the preparation of the EIS report, a process that typically takes up to two years. Once completed, the EIS will undergo public exhibition and government agency review before a determination is made.

In addition to the NSW approvals process, the project will be referred to the Commonwealth Government under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) to determine whether the project requires formal assessment and approval under the Act.



Ongoing community engagement will be a key focus throughout each stage and the across the life of the project.

## Engaging with the local community

Wind Prospect is committed to open, transparent and best-practice community engagement throughout the development of the proposed Bendenine Wind Farm. We recognise that local communities play a vital role in shaping projects and that people have an important voice in the development process. Our approach is to ensure that residents, stakeholders and the wider community have access to clear and timely information and meaningful opportunities to provide feedback.

We are actively working to engage with landowners, neighbours, local councils, and community groups to understand key interests, concerns and aspirations for the region. Throughout the Project's development, we will provide regular updates, hold community information sessions, and offer various channels for feedback and discussion.

## Local and regional benefits

The Bendenine Wind Farm would deliver significant economic and social benefits to the local region. During construction, the Project would create local employment opportunities, with a workforce needed for activities such as civil works, electrical installation and turbine assembly. Once operational, the wind farm would generate ongoing jobs in operations and maintenance. Local businesses would also benefit from procurement opportunities, including construction services, accommodation, catering and transport. The Bendenine Wind Farm would also play an important role in contributing to the state's energy supply to meet growing demand, and support achievement of both state and federal renewable energy targets.

## Community Benefit Sharing

Wind Prospect is dedicated to ensuring that the Bendenine Wind Farm brings meaningful benefits to the local community. In line with NSW Government guidelines for wind farms, we'll set up a community benefit sharing program to support initiatives that positively impact the area and contribute to long-term local growth.

Our community benefit sharing programs will focus on:

**Neighbourhood benefits** for nearby landowners, businesses, and residents, ensuring the immediate area sees tangible improvements through initiatives such as local infrastructure or services.

**Broader community benefits** aimed at supporting the wider region, helping to create lasting positive change for communities beyond the immediate project site.

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*We are committed to sharing the benefits of the Project with the community that aligns with government requirements.*

The scale and design of the program would be shaped as the project progresses, ensuring that benefits are proportionate to the final development. We invite community input to help us shape a fair and effective approach. As an example, if the Project were to proceed at around 500MW, this would equate to over \$500,000 per year in community benefit funding. We look forward to working with the community to ensure the benefit-sharing program reflects local priorities.



## Upcoming engagement opportunities

The Project team looks forward to meeting with the local community and sharing information about the Project, starting with engagement activities to be held in Bowning and Binalong in May.

### Community Drop-In Sessions

**FRIDAY, 9 MAY, 2PM - 4PM**

**Bowing Community Hall  
3 Short Street**

**SATURDAY, 10 MAY, 8AM - 10AM**

**Binalong Mechanic's Institute Hall,  
Wellington Street**

### Pop-up stall

**SUNDAY, 11 MAY, 9AM - 1PM**

**Binalong Community Markets**

## About Wind Prospect

Since 2000, Wind Prospect has led the way in Australian renewable energy development, securing planning approval for 22 wind farms and three solar farms. The majority of these are now either in operation or under construction and these collectively have the capacity to generate more than 4GW of renewable energy.

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*We are committed to sustainable energy development, with a focus on community and stakeholder engagement and minimising impacts to local communities and fostering long-term benefits.*

We are dedicated to supporting Australia's renewable energy goals through genuine community engagement. Our current development projects span the country, including Whyte Yarcowie Wind Farm in South Australia, Hexham Wind Farm in Victoria, and Twin Hills Wind Farm in Western Australia. For more information, please visit [www.windprospect.com.au](http://www.windprospect.com.au).

## Have your say



We're seeking early community feedback to help shape the Social Impact Assessment (SIA) for the project. By completing the short survey via the QR code, you'll help identify potential social impacts and benefits, inform the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) and guide the next phase of engagement.



**As we launch the Bendenine Wind Farm project, we're excited to support the community through a new sponsorship program.**

**Each year, we'll provide \$20,000 in small grants to local initiatives that make a positive impact.**

Applications are **now open**, and we look forward to working together to support great projects in the community.


To learn more, please contact the project team via the contact details below.

## Stay informed

To stay informed with the latest updates, you can provide your contact information via the below details.

We will continue to provide updates through in-person visits and local events.

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