Bendenine Wind Farm

Project Update

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Welcome to the first Bendenine Wind Farm Project Update.

We're pleased to share the first edition of our newsletter for the Bendenine Wind Farm – a way to keep the community informed as the Project progresses through the early stages of planning.

In May 2025, the Project team was on the ground in Binalong and Bowning to introduce the proposed Project to the broader community and speak directly with near neighbours. We were grateful for the open and constructive conversations, which gave us valuable insight into the issues that matter most.

We heard that residents are seeking clear information on topics like visual impact, noise and fire safety – and we're working to provide this in future updates and engagement materials, as we prepare the environmental and technical assessments. We also received positive feedback from locals who welcomed the early opportunity to engage.

We'll be back in the community in mid-July, with community meetings scheduled with the Bowning and District Progress Association and in Binalong, to ensure both townships have an opportunity to hear directly from the Project team. We're also offering one-on-one meetings with any residents or landholders who would like to speak with us. These conversations will continue to help inform the preparation of the Project's Scoping Report, which is the next major step in the planning process.

We look forward to continuing the conversation and working closely with the community as the Project evolves.

Brad Croxford

Senior Development Officer

Project at a glance



Located 20 km 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



Preparing to submit Scoping Report and commencing detailed assessments

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.



Preparing the Scoping Report

As part of the NSW planning process for State Significant Developments, the next key step for the Bendenine Wind Farm is the preparation of a Scoping Report.

This document will define the key environmental, social and technical matters that need to be assessed as part of the Project's Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). It will also outline the approach to further studies and engagement with the community.

The Scoping Report also draws on early technical investigations and initial community feedback and helps shape the focus of future assessment work.

Once submitted, it is reviewed by the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI), which then issues the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) – the formal requirements for the EIS.

The Scoping Report is not a request for approval but an important early step in shaping the scope and direction of the more detailed assessments to come.

Submission is currently expected in mid-late 2025.

Indicative Turbine Layout

The indicative turbine layout for the Bendenine Wind Farm has been developed through early technical investigations and landholder discussions, and reflects a range of planning, environmental and design considerations. It will continue to be refined as further studies are completed and additional feedback from the host communities is received.

Initial feedback received during early conversations with the community reinforced the importance of visual amenity. In response, Wind Prospect has adopted a more conservative approach to setbacks in the early design concepts for the Project.

The indicative turbine layout has been developed in line with the NSW Government's Wind Energy Guidelines, including meeting recommended setback distances from residences. For example, a 260-metre turbine would require a setback of around 1.7 kilometres. We have chosen to go well beyond these requirements, ensuring a minimum setback of 3.5 kilometres from residentially zoned areas in Binalong and Bowning towns, as part of addressing community concerns regarding proximity of the project, and to minimise potential impacts to the townships.

The layout remains subject to change as environmental and technical assessments progress and as the Project advances through the NSW planning process.

Indicative turbine layout



Bendenine Wind Farm

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Proposed project site investigation area

Wind turbine location

Substation

__ 5.70km

Engaging with the local community

The Bendenine Wind Farm team has been actively engaging with the local community since early 2025, with a strong focus on open conversations and early input to help guide project planning.



May On-Ground Engagement

The Project team continued on-ground engagement in May 2025, conducting activities across the wider local community. This included door knocking and one-on-one conversations with near neighbours, community popup sessions in Binalong and Bowning, and attendance at the Binalong Community Markets. A representative from Umwelt also attended to commence work on the Social Impact Scoping Report (SISR), which will help inform the Project's Scoping Report.

Across five days, the team spoke directly with more than 80 residents. These conversations provided valuable insights into the issues that matter most to the community. Many participants raised questions around visual impact, noise, fire safety and the location of turbines - particularly in relation to nearby homes, roads and community infrastructure. There was also discussion about the number of renewable energy projects being proposed in the region, with some participants seeking assurance that cumulative impacts will be properly assessed. Others raised potential social impacts, including community division and concerns around fairness and benefit-sharing.

To help address this feedback, Wind Prospect is undertaking detailed environmental and technical assessments, including cumulative impact modelling and visual and noise studies, as part of the Environmental Impact Statement. The proposed layout includes increased setbacks from towns and homes, and fire risk management will be considered in consultation with local emergency services. A draft Community Benefit Sharing Program is also being progressed, shaped by local feedback and input.

Some residents were also interested in learning how they could remain involved as the Project progresses. Feedback highlighted the importance of clear, accessible information and the value of continued face-to-face engagement.

This feedback is already helping shape the way we plan our next round of engagement and the development of future materials such as project maps and FAQs.



Upcoming Engagement Opportunities

The Bendenine Wind Farm team will be back in the region in mid-July 2025 to continue community engagement and provide an update on the Project's progress. A number of opportunities will be available to meet with the team, ask questions and learn more about the proposed Project.

Bowning and District Progress Association Meeting

WEDNESDAY, 16 JULY, 6PM Bowning Community Hall

The Project team has been invited to attend a meeting arranged by the Bowning & District Progress Association. A presentation will be followed by a Q&A session.

One-on-One Meetings — Binalong and Bowning

WEDNESDAY, 16 JULY, 8.30AM - 12PM Bowning Community Hall

WEDNESDAY, 16 JULY, 1PM - 4.30PM Café on Queen, Binalong

The Project team will be available to meet with community members one-on-one to discuss any questions, concerns or topics of interest. These are individual sessions designed to allow for open, personalised conversations.



Each meeting will run for 30 minutes, and bookings are essential. Please use the QR code to secure a time or call the Project team on 1800 497 133.

Supporting the local community

The Bendenine Wind Farm is committed to delivering meaningful and lasting benefits for the local community. A range of initiatives are being developed to ensure those living near the Project, including the communities of Binalong and Bowning, share in the benefits of hosting renewable energy infrastructure.

Project Sponsorship Fund

A Sponsorship Fund has been established to support local community groups during the development phase. Up to \$20,000 per year is available to eligible groups, with funding designed to assist with services, programs, events or facility improvements that strengthen the Binalong, Bowning and surrounding communities.

Applications are now open for the 2025 funding round.



To apply or find out more, visit: bit.ly/BWFsponsorship

Wind Prospect is committed to delivering a robust and equitable package of benefits for the Binalong and Bowning communities, with a strong focus on fairness, proportionality and local wellbeing. This includes developing programs that recognise the proximity of neighbouring residents and respond to the priorities and values raised through early consultation.

Work is underway to develop a fair and transparent approach to neighbour and community benefits, informed by NSW Government guidance and shaped by ongoing feedback. This may include initiatives that support local social wellbeing, enhance liveability and deliver long-term value to the region.

We welcome further input on what matters most to the community as this work progresses.



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Indicative Project Timeline

The Bendenine Wind Farm will require approval under the NSW Government's planning process for State Significant Developments. The Project team has commenced a range of technical studies and assessments to help inform the design and planning of the wind farm. These studies will also guide how potential impacts can be avoided, minimised or appropriately managed.



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

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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