

Bendenine Wind Farm

Project Update

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Welcome to the latest edition of the Bendenine Wind Farm project newsletter.

Thank you for your interest and feedback on the proposed Bendenine Wind Farm to date. Community feedback is integral to the development of the proposal – it helps to align the Project with local needs, identify and address concerns early, and provide a platform for community to contribute to the design of the Project.

We recently provided information to the community about the progress of the Scoping Report and that the revised lodgement date of the Report to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure would be in Quarter 1, 2026. As part of this extended scoping phase, we're continuing to undertake a range of technical investigations (such as environmental studies and wind monitoring) to improve our understanding of the site and engage with stakeholders and the community to further refine the Project design and Scoping Report. We will keep the community updated about the exact timing of the lodgement of the Scoping Report.

Since the Project announcement, we have received a significant amount of feedback from the community. This feedback has included enquiries into the potential for changes to environmental and social values in the region, cumulative impacts, the potential changes in property values, fire risk concerns and uncertainty around community input into the planning and decision-making process, and expressions of interest from local businesses.

To answer these questions we have compiled a list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) which are available on the Project website.

We welcome your feedback on the Project at any time. If you would like to arrange a meeting, or if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out on **1800 497 133** or email info@bendeninewindfarm.com.au.

Brad Croxford
Development Manager

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 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 supporting assets

Community benefit sharing



Ongoing benefits will be provided to the community and neighbouring residents through a range of benefit sharing programs, shaped by local input and priorities

Current stage of development



Preparing to submit Scoping Report and commencing detailed assessments



Scoping Report update

Since the announcement of the proposed Bendenine Wind Farm Project in April 2025, Wind Prospect, along with technical, social and environmental consultants have been preparing the Scoping Report for the Project. Lodgement of the Scoping Report is the first step in the NSW planning process for State Significant Developments. It provides an outline of the proposed Project and identifies key issues that NSW Department of Planning Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) will consider when preparing the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs).

There is no formal public exhibition or submissions process during the scoping phase. The Scoping Report is made available on the NSW Planning Portal (www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au) once lodged and the community and interested stakeholders can view the document at any time. Everyone is welcome to provide feedback or comments on the Scoping Report to the Project team at any stage of the proposed Project's development.

As part of the NSW Government planning process, the formal opportunity for feedback occurs during the DPHI public exhibition of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

Timing of Scoping Report lodgement

We had initially intended to submit the Scoping Report in mid-2025; however, based on consultation with the community, stakeholders and the consultants carrying out the early investigations for the Project, we recently communicated our decision to move the lodgement of the Scoping Report until early next year (2026).

We will continue to undertake a range of technical investigations (such as environmental studies and wind monitoring) to improve our understanding of the site and continue engagement with stakeholders and the community to refine the Project design and the Scoping Report. We will provide notice prior to the lodgement of the Scoping Report to the DPHI.

Social Impact Scoping Report

As part of the preparation of a Scoping Report, Wind Prospect has engaged Umwelt to carry out preliminary investigations to determine whether there are likely to be social impacts as a result of the Project. Umwelt is has gathered a significant amount of feedback from the community through confidential surveys, interviews and conversations during Project engagement activities.

This feedback, along with the findings from other data gathering activities is being used to finalise the Social Impact Scoping Report (SISR). The SISR will be published on the NSW Major Projects planning portal as an addendum to the Scoping Report. If the Project receives SEARs, a detailed Social Impact Assessment would be prepared to further assess the potential social impacts and how these impacts may be mitigated.

The community engagement activities to inform the SISR have now been completed, and we thank everyone who took the time to participate in this important consultation activity.



A meteorological mast will soon be installed centrally within the proposed Bendenine Wind Farm project area to record wind speed, direction, and other atmospheric conditions at various heights. Standing around 110 metres tall, the mast will collect data that helps confirm the site's suitability for wind energy generation and supports the ongoing design and assessment of the project.

Image showing typical meteorological mast.

Indicative Project Timeline

The proposed 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.

Community engagement

Since announcing the Project in April 2025, the Project team has been engaging with the community and other stakeholders. To date, our engagement includes:

- Hosting two community drop-in information sessions and a stall at the Binalong Community Market
- In region community meetings including the opportunity to present the Project to the community at the Bowning & District Progress Association meeting, hosting 1:1 neighbour meetings and one group near neighbour meeting
- Sharing information with the community through letterbox drops including the Project Newsletter update (June) and letter and Social Wellbeing flyer (September)
- Responding to correspondence received through the project email and in the post
- Briefings with community groups and key stakeholders including Yass Valley Council, local MPs and other government agencies.

As part of our ongoing commitment to providing meaningful and genuine opportunities for the community to learn about the Project and share their feedback, we will continue to explore other methods to engage, and continue to welcome your feedback on how we can improve our approach to consultation at any time.

Upcoming Engagement Opportunities

The Community and Stakeholder Engagement team is available at any time to answer your questions and share information about the proposed Project.

In late November, we'll be in the region and welcome the opportunity to meet in person. To schedule a meeting with the team, please get in touch on:

phone: **1800 497 133**

email: **info@bendeninewindfarm.com.au**

The Project team has prepared a comprehensive list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on key topics raised by the community. These FAQs will continue to be updated as the Project progresses.



To find out more, scan the QR code or visit <https://bendeninewindfarm.com.au/frequently-asked-questions/>



To view the latest interactive Project map, scan the QR code, or visit <https://bendeninewindfarm.com.au/about-the-project/>



Supporting community wellbeing

In response to community feedback, Wind Prospect has established the Bendenine Wind Farm social wellbeing program (program). The program, delivered by Rural Health Connect, is a free and confidential phone-based service for people residing in Binalong, Bowning, Goondah and Kangiara. The service is staffed by qualified psychologists. Bookings can be made directly through Rural Health Connect.

More information about the service is available on the Resources page of the Bendenine Wind Farm project website:
<https://bendeninewindfarm.com.au/>



NSW Government Planning and Determination process

The NSW Government planning and determination process is one of the key areas of interest raised by the community. As with any major infrastructure development, Wind Prospect is required to follow the Australian and NSW Government legislation, statutory guidelines and planning policies. The proposed Bendenine Wind Farm is still in the early stages of the planning process. Once the Scoping Report is submitted, Wind Prospect must submit a formal request for the Secretary's Environmental Assessment

Requirements (SEARs) for the Project. The SEARs set the terms of reference to address a comprehensive range of potential impacts, including, but not limited to, the impacts of night lighting, visual and noise, amenity, air quality, social and economic factors, bushfire risk, biosecurity risks, and heritage considerations.

If the SEARs are issued by the DPHI, Wind Prospect would need to lodge a detailed Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in line with the SEARs and other statutory requirements.

The Department will then exhibit the EIS for public consultation, and members of the community can submit a formal response on the proposed Project. Wind Prospect would be required to prepare a Submissions Report to respond to the issues raised during the public exhibition period, which would be made available on the NSW Planning Portal. Lodgement of the EIS does not guarantee government approval of the Project. The Department will carefully assess the proposal in line with applicable NSW Government policies and guidelines. This includes making site visits, seeking advice from relevant Government agencies and consulting local residents to better understand their concerns.

A project lifecycle diagram has been prepared to illustrate the stages of development for the Project. This is available at: <https://bendeninewindfarm.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/Bendenine-Wind-Farm-Lifecycle.pdf>

Applications open for Bendenine Wind Farm sponsorship fund

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

For the development phase of the Project, we have established the Bendenine Wind Farm Sponsorship Fund. This fund has been established to support the local community, with a focus on providing funding amounts of up to \$5,000.

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.




**Apply now for
community
sponsorship**

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

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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