

Bendenine Wind Farm

FACT SHEET EIS Process

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What is the Environmental Impact Statement?

An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is a detailed assessment of a proposed project and its potential impacts.

It provides government agencies, decision-makers and the community with information about the project, its potential impacts, and the measures proposed to avoid, minimise and manage those impacts.

For the Bendenine Wind Farm, the EIS will be prepared in accordance with the Planning Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs).

What studies will be undertaken?

The final scope of assessments will be determined through the SEARs process. These studies help identify potential impacts and inform measures to avoid, minimise, mitigate and manage impacts where practicable.

Key study areas typically include:

Environment



- ▲ Biodiversity – native vegetation, threatened species and habitat, including birds and bats
- ▲ Waterways and groundwater
- ▲ Soil, erosion and land capability
- ▲ Agriculture and land use

Safety



- ▲ Aviation safety
- ▲ Telecommunications
- ▲ Hazards and public safety
- ▲ Bushfire risk and emergency management

Heritage



- ▲ Aboriginal cultural heritage
- ▲ Historic heritage

Community



- ▲ Landscape and visual impacts
- ▲ Noise and vibration
- ▲ Traffic and transport
- ▲ Social and economic impacts

How can the community be involved?

Community feedback is an important part of the planning process.

Feedback received during preparation of the EIS can help identify local issues, inform technical investigations and contribute to refinement of the project design. Throughout the development of the EIS, the project team will continue to:

- ▲ meet with landowners and near neighbours
- ▲ hold community information sessions
- ▲ provide project updates
- ▲ seek community feedback
- ▲ consider local knowledge in technical studies

Have Your Say

Once complete, the EIS will be publicly exhibited on the NSW Planning Portal for at least 28 days. During this time, you can:

- ▲ Review the EIS and technical reports
- ▲ Ask questions and learn more about the project
- ▲ Make a formal submission

Your submission forms part of the assessment process and is considered by the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI).

Following exhibition, DPHI will assess the EIS, community submissions and government agency advice. Where required, Commonwealth approval under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) will also be sought.

Projects requiring both NSW and Commonwealth approvals cannot proceed until all approvals are obtained.



Find project information

Scoping Reports and other documents for State Significant projects are published on the NSW Planning Portal.

www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects

The community will be informed when the EIS is available for public exhibition on the NSW Planning Portal.

The Planning Process



Scoping Report prepared and lodged



Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) issued



Technical studies, engagement and project refinement



EIS prepared and lodged



Public exhibition and submissions



Response to submissions



DPHI assessment



Decision by the consent authority

(DPHI or the Independent Planning Commission, depending on circumstances)



If approved: conditions, construction and compliance

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