

Bendenine Wind Farm

October 2026 Engagement Summary

Overview

In October 2026, the Bendenine Wind Farm project team held three days of community engagement: two drop-in community information sessions at the Binalong Mechanics Institute and a pop-up stall at the Harden Kite Festival. Across the three days, the project team spoke with 25 community members.

This summary outlines the engagement activities held, the topics and questions raised by community members, and the information provided by the project team in response.

Engagement activities

Date	Activity	Location	People engaged
Thursday 8 October	Drop-in community information session	Binalong Mechanics Institute, 15 Wellington Street, Binalong	6
Friday 9 October	Drop-in community information session	Binalong Mechanics Institute, 15 Wellington Street, Binalong	2
Saturday 10 October	Pop-up engagement stall	Harden Kite Festival, Harden	17
Total			25

The Binalong sessions were held in a drop-in format, allowing community members to attend at a time that suited them and speak with the project team one-on-one. Future sessions at alternative times and locations are planned for November, to offer further opportunities for other local community members.

The Harden Kite Festival stall provided an opportunity to speak with residents and visitors from across the broader region in an informal setting. Wind Prospect was also proud to be a sponsor for this year's running of the event. We provide our thank you to Hilltops Council for participating in our Sponsorship Fund.

Topics raised and project team responses

The table below summarises the main topics raised across the three days, and the information provided by the project team. Topics are listed in no order.

Topic raised	Project team response
Project timing and planning process: where the project is up to and what happens next.	The project is in the early stages of the NSW State Significant Development planning process. The team outlined the upcoming steps, including the Scoping Report and the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), and the opportunities for the community to provide input at each stage, including during public exhibition.
Potential impacts: requests for further information on how the project may affect the local area.	Potential impacts will be investigated through detailed technical studies as part of the EIS, in line with the assessment requirements issued by the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure. The results will be made publicly available when the EIS is placed on exhibition.
Transmission and grid connection: how the project would connect to the	Grid connection options are still being investigated. Any transmission infrastructure required for the project will be assessed as part of the

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electricity network and the need for new transmission infrastructure.	planning process, and the team will continue to engage with landholders and the community as connection details are confirmed.
Turbine blade recycling and end of life: what happens to turbine blades and other components at the end of their operating life.	The team discussed current and emerging approaches to recycling turbine components and noted that decommissioning and site rehabilitation will be addressed in the EIS.
Local benefits: how the project could benefit local communities.	The team outlined the project's existing community sponsorship program and noted that a community benefit sharing program will be developed in consultation with the community, consistent with NSW Government guidelines, which would be in place if the project were to proceed to construction and operation.
Renewable energy and the broader industry: general questions about the energy transition and the role of wind energy in NSW.	The team discussed the role of wind energy alongside other generation and storage in the NSW electricity system, and the broader policy context for new renewable energy projects.
Future engagement: suggestions to maintain a visible presence in local towns, hold pop-up stalls at busy locations and hold sessions in the Yass area.	Suggestions were noted. The project team will continue to hold regular community sessions and will consider these locations when planning future events.

Views expressed

Community members expressed a range of views. Some attendees indicated support for the project, while others sought further information before forming a view. All feedback received has been recorded and will be considered as the project progresses.

Next steps

The project team will continue to hold community information sessions and pop-up stalls in the local area. Details of upcoming sessions will be published on the project website, our mailing list, and by mail to the community. Community members who were unable to attend can contact the project team at any time using the details on the project website.