

Liverpool Range Wind Farm

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Tilt Renewables would like to thank the community for your feedback on the proposed modifications to the Approved Project while it was on public exhibition. We are now working through all public and agency submissions and plan to submit a Response to Submissions Report to the NSW Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) in March 2023.

The feedback received will help inform how the project design and layout could be changed and the preparation of detailed management plans that would guide construction and operation of the wind farm.

This newsletter includes:

- Response to submissions process
- EPBC public exhibition
- Community updates
- A look ahead to 2023

The Liverpool Range Wind Farm will provide renewable power for around 660,000 homes. With more clean, renewable energy powering the state, the Project will help reduce Australia's carbon footprint, lower the cost of electricity while bringing jobs and economic development to the region and NSW.

Modification Application Process

Below is an outline of the process that the Modification Application assessment and determination process:



The team at Tilt Renewables wishes you a happy, healthy and safe holiday season. We thank you for your feedback over this past year and look forward to 2023.

For more information, or to provide any feedback, please visit the project website www.liverpoolrangewindfarm.com.au

MERRY Christmas



Submissions received on the Project

Public exhibition of the Modification Application concluded on 17 September 2022, and we received a total of 178 submissions (duplicates not included), of which 165 were objections to the project.

Currently we are progressing through the review of the submissions, and the key themes emerging include:

- Impacts to biodiversity, including Box Gum Woodland and bird/bat strike
- Traffic and transport impacts, including cumulative traffic impacts associated with other proposed wind farm and transmission line projects in the area
- Visual impact of the turbines on dwellings, Coolah township and Coolah Tops National Park
- Cumulative visual impact
- Operational turbine noise
- Decommissioning wind farm infrastructure at end-of-life
- Worker's accommodation
- Fire risk

We appreciate the time and effort that many people have put into preparing these submissions. Through this review process we are learning more about what is important to the local community and will look to make changes wherever reasonable and feasible. All issues raised have been recorded to inform the RTS Report.

What is a Response to Submissions Report (RTS)?

The purpose of an RTS Report is to:

- Give the Project an opportunity to respond to the issues raised in submissions and to describe what action has been taken to address these issues
- Help the community, organisations and government agencies to understand how the issues they raised have been addressed
- Assist the approval authority to evaluate the merits of the Project.

The RTS Report will summarise the submissions received with individual submissions grouped by theme and responses. Submitters will be able to find responses to each of the topics raised in their submission by using their unique identifier provided by DPE.

While we work to finalise the RTS Report, we will continue to consult with government agencies, councils and the community.

At present, more detailed civil and electrical design work is underway, as well as geotechnical investigations, which will refine the layout proposed for the RTS.

The Project has also recently awarded Vestas as the preferred wind turbine supplier.



Are you a landholder with a vacant house?



We want to hear from you if you have accommodation that could be registered on our accommodation directory for the region. We are hoping to build out a comprehensive view of what's currently available as well as what could be available.

We encourage you to think outside the box!

Get in touch by emailing liverpoolrangewindfarm@tiltrenewables.com or on 1800 WE TILT (938 458).

EPBC referral

The Environment Protection Biodiversity Conservation Act (EPBC) referral has now been lodged with the Commonwealth Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DEECCW). The referral will be open for public comment in the coming weeks. At this stage it is expected that the exhibition period will be 10 business days. More information about this will be made available on our website under Project Approvals and Applications (shorturl.at/depsY).

Community Updates

A community initiated survey is being circulated in Coolah that is seeking your feedback on the future of the Coolah community. All survey results will be made public and all participants will remain anonymous.

Scan the QR code to take the survey or follow this link: shorturl.at/cjx59

Coolah Community & Large-Scale Infrastructure Projects – Survey



Community Consultative Committee (CCC) minutes

Reminder: After each CCC meeting, minutes are finalised with the associated presentation, and uploaded to the website. You can find the minutes by navigating to the 'Community' page from the Project's website, or follow this link: shorturl.at/eS467

If you have comments you would like raised at the next CCC please contact the Chair on liverpoolrangeccc@bigpond.com, email us or you can contact one of the members directly (members are listed on the meeting minutes). CCC meetings are generally held quarterly, with the next one expected in February/March 2023.

Information sharing

We are always open to receiving feedback and suggestions on how best to share information and updates about the Project. These are the channels we have been using for the past three years:

- Newsletter insert in Coolah Diary and ads in other Outback Press publications
- Ads in Mudgee Guardian, Daily Liberal, Coonabarabran Times, Regional Development Orana newsletter
- Direct updates to email and postal distribution lists
- Meetings with community groups and individuals
- Council offices host Project information
- Coolah, Cassilis, Dunedoo and Merriwa post offices host Project information
- 3 Rivers Radio announcements
- Community noticeboards
- Drop-in consultation sessions in 2021
- Public exhibition shopfront in 2022
- Project website
- Webinars and dedicated fact sheets



What we've been up to:

Taking on feedback from the community, we are stepping up our visibility in the region and refining how we plan to engage over the next 6-8 months. Recently we sponsored and attended the following community events, where we cultivated new relationships with locals, discussed benefit sharing and accommodation, learnt more about key concerns and discussed offset opportunities.

- Coolah Veterans Touch Footy carnival
- Tunes on the Turf in Dunedoo
- Coolah Men's Shed opening

From here until mid-2023

Next year is stacking up to be a busy year. We are aiming to reach all local communities and have got an action plan that involves the following:

- Open the Project Shopfront at 50 Binnia St, Coolah (opening date and times will be promoted in January 2023)
- Run fortnightly Project ads in the Coolah Diary
- Build a database of regional suppliers and services, including promoting the Project's Goods & Services Register in regional publications such as the Western Rural Guide
- Be present at more community events
- Continue consultation with all levels of government and government agencies
- Launch a series of community co-design workshops focused on developing opportunities for local content and benefit sharing investments



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Benefit Sharing

Tilt Renewables has provided funding and sponsorships to the local community since 2019. As part of the proposed Modified Project we have significantly increased our funding commitment for benefit sharing programs.

We are proposing to commit to \$1.2M per year during the construction period and another \$1.2M for the first 5 years of operations (including VPA commitments), and then \$800,000 per year (including VPA) over the entire operational lifetime of the Project.

This funding will be shared amongst a range of schemes, some including the council administered Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA), benefit sharing programs led by Tilt Renewables and contributions made under any Renewable Energy Zone access schemes.

We are seeking the community's input in deciding how these funds could be allocated and distributed. **In the new year we will host a series of workshops focused on community capacity and resilience building.** These workshops will empower the community to make decisions on which benefit sharing initiatives should be priorities and to influence long-term positive impacts. We are currently working with established community groups from Coolah and Cassilis to prepare an inclusive stakeholder invite list for these workshops.

More information on this series will be shared in early-2023.

How would you like to hear from us?

We regularly distribute information via a range of channels but are always looking for feedback on how we can improve. Please contact us to let us know how you would like to hear from us moving forward. Send us an email or call us and we will update your details in our database.

GET IN TOUCH

If you have any queries about the Project, the benefit sharing program or possible business and employment opportunities, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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