

### **MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting title	Liverpool Range Wind Farm Community Consultative Committee (CCC)				
Attendees					
Michael Silver OAM (Independent Chair)		Martine Holberton, Senior Stakeholder Engagement Advisor, Tilt Renewables			
Greg Piper (Community Member)		Matt Stafford, Project Manager, Tilt Renewables			
Cr Ron Campbell (Upper Hunter Shire Council)		Anne-Louise Capel, Community and Land Co-ordinator, Tit Renewables			
Leeanne Ryan	(Warrumbungle Shire Council)				
Observers					
Jane Hegarty		Kathryn Rindfleish			
Lee Doyle					
Apologies					
Graeme Booker (Community Member)		Ant Martin (Involved Landowner)			
Dr Julia Imrie (Community Member)		Linda Gant (Community Member)			
Location  Liverpool Range Wind Farm Office, 50 Binnia Street Coolah		Date & start time	2 May 2023 at 2.00 pm		

Topic	Discussion
1. Welcome	The Chair welcomed all to the meeting. Mr Silver in particular welcomed the observers attending the meeting. It was agreed by the Committee that the observers could engage with discussion during the meeting without seeking endorsement of the Chair.
2. Acknowledgement of Country	The Chair acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land on which the meeting is being held and their continuing connection to land, water, and culture, paying respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.
3. Declarations of Interest	Michael Silver – pecuniary interest – expenses of Independent Chair borne by Proponent.
4. Minutes of Previous Meeting	It was noted that the minutes of the CCC meeting held on 18 October 2022 had been approved on 16 November 2022.
5. Business Arising	Discussion proceeded on the review of the Community Consultative Committee Guidelines by the NSW Department of Planning and Environment (DPE). Consideration was given to the level of community consultation for major projects as well as the role that Community Consultative Committees may play post approval and in respect of Wind Farm projects during the construction phase.
6. Actions	6.1 That Tilt arrange for the concrete and aggregates contractor to address a future meeting of the CCC, prior to the commencement of construction work, regarding location and operation of the proposed quarries.  *Response: Deferred pending confirmation of construction program.  DEFERRED  6.2 That Tilt to review the number/location of residences identified in the noise survey mapping.



Response: Matt Stafford advised that a review of the documentation had been undertaken and one additional residence had been identified. COMPLETED

Jane Hegarty advised that there were several new houses, constructed recently, within a 4.9 kilometres distance of the development, particularly on the eastern side. Mr Stafford indicated he would further assess the accuracy of the mapping.

6.3 That Tilt review the extent and rigor of the survey work in the Biodiversity Assessment Report.

Response: Mr Stafford advised a review of the survey work had been undertaken to ensure all vulnerable species have been identified. COMPLETED

Ms Hegarty noted that there had been several sightings of the rare and threatened Spotted-tail Quoll recently, as well as an apparent sighting of a koala at Coolah Tops. She sought confirmation that it had been identified in the Biodiversity Assessment Report. Mr Stafford confirmed it had been duly identified.

### 7. Correspondence

Nil

#### 8. Proponent's Report

Matt Stafford lead the presentation of the Proponent's Report and was supported by Martine Holberton (copy attached to minutes).

#### 8.1 Project Update

- Matt Stafford provided an extensive and detailed project update.
- Mr Stafford highlighted that the Vestas V172 7.2MW turbine has been selected for the project. The turbine has an 85 metre blade length on a 129 metre high tower to the hub with an overall a tip height of 215 metres.
   He advised the turbine is manufactured in Denmark.
- Mr Stafford advised that tenders have been invited from Tier 1 contractors for the Civil and Electrical Balance of Plant (BoP). It is anticipated that the contract will be let towards the end of 2023.
- Jane Hegarty questioned what requirement for 'local' employment is contained in the tender documents. Mr Stafford advised that it is exceedingly difficult to mandate employment requirements certainly, where possible, tenderers will be encouraged to use local skilled labour and contractors. Ms Hegarty expressed her concern that smaller communities may not gain employment benefits from the project. Ms Holberton advised that Tilt has prepared a comprehensive Goods & Services Register for the Project, which as been shared with tenderers. Greg Piper noted that Epuron had established a workforce/contractor register Ms Holberton advised she would follow up on the status of this register relative to the current project.
- Cr Ron Campbell, whilst sympathetic to the needs of smaller communities, noted it is extremely difficult and often unworkable to set employment percentages or quotes in major projects.
- Mr Stafford outlined the status of the Modification of Consent, advising that the Response to Submissions is expected to be lodged in early June 2023 with DPE. Mr Stafford also noted that a number of key layout changes have been made as a result of the submissions received – he



- indicated he would address these changes later in the presentation.
- Mr Stafford advised that Constructive Solutions have been engaged to manage the road network upgrades. Ms Hegarty expressed concern regarding the extent of works required particularly along the Golden Highway and relevant intersections. Mr Stafford advised that the necessary works are being co-ordinated by Transport for NSW (TfNSW) and EnergyCo from the Port of Newcastle to the site. Cr Campbell noted issues in the vicinity of the Denman Bridge and access via Wybong Road. He also expressed concerns regarding impacts on general traffic and freight movement on the Golden Highway when blades are being hauled. Mr Stafford was confident that impacts will be minimised and that TfNSW and EnergyCo are aware of the potential issues.
- Mr Stafford added that the Traffic Management Plan for the project will be extremely detailed and thorough to ensure effective and efficient movement of equipment to the site.
- Mr Stafford then highlighted the proposed changes to the project based on the submissions received. The number of turbines has been reduced to 185 producing 1300MW – noting that 267 turbines were in the original approval. Cr Campbell questioned whether battery storage would be incorporated into the project. Mr Stafford responded that utility scale battery storage on site is not proposed. There will be grid forming batteries designed to even out supply delivery and acting like a capacitor.
- Mr Stafford stepped the Committee through the various project amendments made due to the submissions received, noting that these have resulted in a variety of environmental, visual, technical, and operational benefits.
- Mr Stafford advised that EnergyCo have announced its preferred network operator - ACE Energy. ACE Energy is sponsored by Acciona, Cobra and Endeavour Energy. <a href="https://www.energyco.nsw.gov.au/update-first-ranked-central-west-orana-rez-network-operator">https://www.energyco.nsw.gov.au/update-first-ranked-central-west-orana-rez-network-operator</a>
- Mr Stafford advised that the issues raised in the submissions regarding visual impacts of the Project are being reviewed and options examined. These will be addressed in the RTS.
- In respect of workforce accommodation, Mr Stafford advised that this will be addressed in the RTS. A framework document is being developed to address the issue with the view to provide legacy opportunities as a consequence of the project. Mr Piper sought clarification on EnergyCo's approach to accommodation given that its transmission line installation and wind farm developments are likely to occur in parallel. Mr Stafford understands that EnergyCo is undertaking its own accommodation assessment. The meeting noted that there are indications that EnergyCo has acquired a site in the Upper Hunter Shire for accommodation purposes. Mr Stafford advised that the DPE has established a team to address accommodation planning issues.
- Mr Stafford indicated that the Social Impact Assessment will be updated as part of the RTS.
- The Committee noted that the 'Coolah Shopfront' of the Liverpool Range Wind Farm was now open.
- Mr Stafford outlined the current status of the Biodiversity Offsets. He



advised that one area has been secured in the Upper Hunter. Ms Hegarty expressed concern at the loss of connectivity of major woodland areas and the need to replant corridors. Mr Stafford acknowledged the issue and particularly as it relates box gum woodland. He noted that DPE is responsible for deciding whether an impact is serious and irreversible and consequently may require additional measures to be undertaken to mitigate the impact. Cr Campbell and Ms Hegarty both suggested that discussion with landowners was required encourage the planting of corridors and linkages (particularly box gum). Martine Holberton provided a resume of similar actions on other projects. Ms Holberton mentioned she would investigate with local Landcare groups whether Tilt could support some planting initiatives.

### 8.2 Key Layout Changes

• Mr Stafford provided a detailed analysis of key layout changes, referring the Committee to the various maps in the presentation. He highlighted the reduction in the overall turbine cover area on the site. He also advised that turbines near Coolah Tops have been removed and consequently it is not likely that turbines will be visible from Pinnacle lookout. The issue with the Telstra link has also been overcome with the turbines being moved so as not to impact the telecommunications beam. Further, optionality has been removed from the layout, with one access track determined across the site.

Ms Ryan left the meeting at 3.30 pm.

 Mr Stafford advised that Coolah Road will not be used for access purposes during the construction of the internal transmission line. He also advised that an Operations and Maintenance Facility is now proposed off Vinegeroy Road.

### 8.3 Planning Approvals

 Mr Stafford expanded on the status of Planning Approvals, noting the RTS/Amendments Report is to be lodged in early June. He also outlined the processes regarding the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 referral. He indicated that Tilt is awaiting the Commonwealth Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water to provide guidelines on the preparation of the Public Environment Report.

#### 8.4 Workforce Accommodation

• The Committee examined in detail the workforce accommodation issues. Mr Stafford highlighted that over a two-year period (long peak) over four hundred construction workers, directly associated with this project, will be in the district. This will require a managed workers camp to address the shortage in the rental market. Mr Piper again raised the cumulative impact of this project and the EnergyCo works – it was noted that there is the potential for five thousand workers to descend on the region during this time (REZ wide projects). Concern was raised as to the limitations of Local Environmental Plans to permit development of workers camps and



other accommodation facilities. The Chair understood that the DPE was aware of this issue, but it was unclear how it would be addressed.

### 8.4 Central West Orana Regional Energy Zone

• Mr Stafford provided an update on the Central West Orana Regional Energy Zone (REZ). He again noted the selection of ACE Energy as the preferred Network Operator. He confirmed that Tilt has been working with EnergyCo on the transmission line alignment near LRWF and negotiating for use of poles where existing agreements are in place He noted that the release of the Access Rights tender is imminent for projects to connect to the REZ. He also outlined the various access fees that will apply for connection to the REZ. The Committee also noted the upcoming consultation by EnergyCo associated with the REZ with popup events planned for Dunedoo, Coolah, Gulgong and Wellington during May and June.

Note: Since the meeting, EnergyCo has confirmed it will adopt poles along the 20 km section between the LRWF project and Durridgere State Conservation Area.

#### 8.5 Consultation Update

- Martine Holberton outlined the future consultation program.
- Discussion proceeded on the Voluntary Planning Agreement and the Renewable Energy Zone Access Schemes. There was a lack of clarity how the REZ access scheme would be rolled out. Ms Holberton indicated that the scheme must ensure community benefit. It was noted that Warrumbungle Shire Council (WSC) has recently exhibited a draft Renewable Energy Benefit Policy which proposes a developer contribution levy of 1.5% of the capital value of a project. Mr Stafford said that Tilt needs more clarity from WSC as to the basis, co-ordination, and expenditure of this levy. Cr Campbell noted the arrangements associated with the current VPA, that is the contribution on a per turbine basis and contributions for roads and general community embellishment.
- Ms Holberton outlined the purpose of the proposed Co-design Workshops with the Cassilis and Coolah communities. She emphasised the need to discuss options to support the community. Ms Holberton then outlined a variety of programs and works that have been successfully initiated in Victoria addressing social issues such as domestic violence and mental health education to supporting solar energy installations. Mr Piper suggested that a presentation be delivered on these initiatives to the Coolah Development Group.
- Ms Holberton highlighted the Community Golf and Bowls Day to be held on 21 May 2023 at Coolah.

#### 9. Other Agenda Items

• Nil

### 10. Actions Required

- That Tilt follow up on the status of the Goods and Services register relative to the current project.
- That Tilt investigate, through local Landcare groups, whether it could support and encourage initiatives by landowners to plant tree corridors and linkages



	(particularly box gum).		
11.General Business	• Nil		
12. Next Meeting	Meeting closed: 4.45pm. The Chair thanked all for their attendance.		
	Next meeting: Chair to advise on a future date.		
13. Meeting minutes approved			
	Michael J. Silver OAM		
	Independent Chair		
	26 May 2023		



### **AGENDA**

- 1. PROJECT UPDATE
- 2. PLANNING / APPROVALS TIMELINE
- 3. SUMMARY OF FINAL MODIFIED PROJECT
- 4. KEY INFRASTRUCTURE CHANGES BASED ON SUBMISSIONS
- **5. WORKFORCE ACCOMMODATION**
- 6. CWO REZ UPDATES
- 7. CONSULTATION UPDATE & LOOKING AHEAD



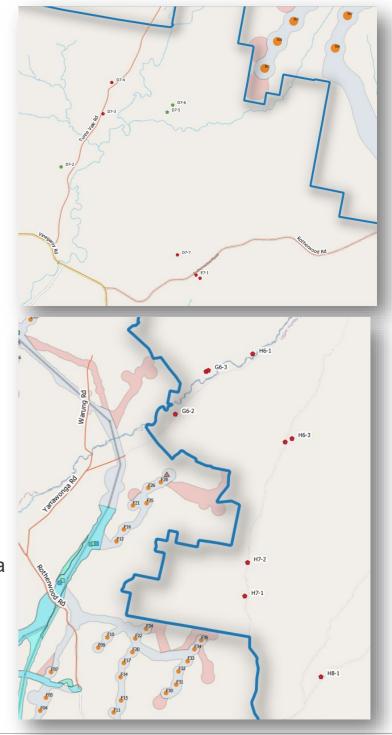
# LIVERPOOL RANGE WIND FARM PROJECT UPDATE



Item	Progress	Comment
Select a preferred WTG provider & WTG model	•	<ul> <li>Turbine supply tender undertaken 2022</li> <li>Vestas selected as preferred supplier</li> <li>Vestas V172 7.2MW turbine selected for project (85 m blade / 129 m hub height / 215 m tip height)</li> </ul>
Civil and Electrical BoP Tender		<ul> <li>BoP tender issued to market on 1 May 2023</li> <li>Preferred contractor to be identified in late 2023</li> </ul>
Site geotechnical investigations		<ul> <li>WSP/Golder engaged - desktop analysis complete</li> <li>Intrusive site based Geotech studies complete</li> <li>BOP Contractor may require additional testing</li> </ul>
10% / 30% Civil BoP design		<ul> <li>iCubed engaged, 10% design completed – will be used for RTS impact assessments</li> <li>30% design underway – to be completed May 2023</li> </ul>
10% / 30% Electrical BoP design	•	<ul> <li>Beca engaged, EBoP 10% design Stages 1 and 2 complete / Stage 3 to be completed June 2023</li> <li>30% design to be completed TBC</li> </ul>
Modification Application – RTS/Amendments Report	•	<ul> <li>Completed substantial consultation with community and relevant authorities</li> <li>Impact assessment studies are currently being updated</li> <li>Response to Submissions (RTS) underway, targeting early June 2023 lodgement</li> </ul>
Public road and intersection treatments		<ul> <li>Constructive Solutions engaged – substantial experience in local region</li> <li>Road treatments and intersection conceptual designs completed including consultation with council and TfNSW</li> <li>Culverts and causeway replacement/repair schedule complete - bridge assessment to commence shortly</li> <li>intersection and road design underway – intrusive geotech to commence shortly</li> </ul>
Quarries & Water	•	<ul> <li>ARDG are pursuing opportunities for a SSD quarry and water sources</li> <li>Drilling and surveys commenced in April 2023 at preferred quarry location</li> <li>ARDG currently preparing separate DA</li> </ul>
Project Layout		<ul> <li>Turbine layout frozen (185 WTGs) considering constraints, constructability and submissions</li> <li>Project O&amp;M facilities, construction compounds, batch plants and laydowns identified</li> </ul>
GPS Modelling	0	GPS packages to commence preparation in May 2023 once CWO REZ Network Operator (NO) has been appointed

### LIVERPOOL RANGE WIND FARM PROJECT UPDATE

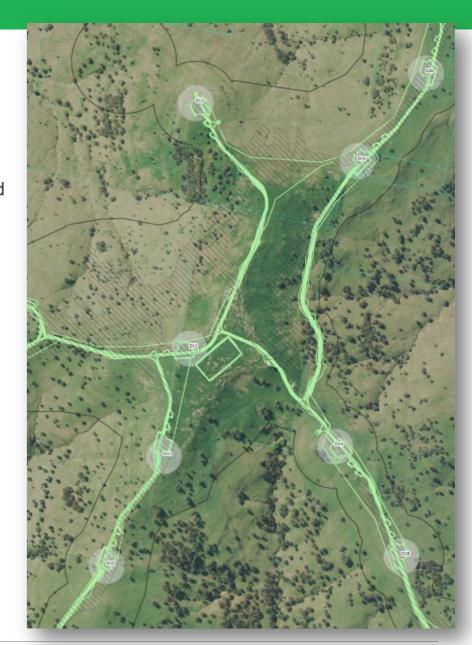
- OSOM Haulage Route: EnergyCo/TfNSW have committed to deliver upgrades to enable OSOM movements from Port of Newcastle
- Visual impact: will include a cumulative visual impact assessment in updated VIA
- Workforce Accommodation: Umwelt preparing a Workforce Accommodation Framework to support RTS – several sites identified in consultation with WSC and UHSC
  - Would be subject to separate development approval (not part of Mod-1 application)
  - Planning approval complexities meeting with DPE Policy Team next week to discuss Temporary Workers Accommodation Toolkit
- Social Impact: Umwelt preparing Social Impact Management Overview reports to support RTS
- Coolah Project Shopfront: Hired local person and opened project shopfront in Coolah open 3 days/week
- Biodiversity Offsets: substantial progress on sourcing offsets sites/purchasing credits (inc. ~3,000 ha
  property located adjacent to mapped important regent honeyeater habitat) ~75% of BGW CEEC
  credits covered



### LIVERPOOL RANGE WIND FARM KEY LAYOUT CHANGES BASED ON SUBMISSIONS



- Reduction in number of turbines from 220 to 185
- Reduction in max. tip height from 250 m to 215 m AGL
- Removal of 8 x WTGs in F Cluster (F19, F29, F36, F37, F38, F39, F40, F41)
  - ~ 50 ha reduction in impacts to BGW CEEC (~32 ha of Moderate-Good BGW CEEC Zones 3 and
     6) in F Cluster alone
- Removal of 6 x turbines in North East Turbine Cluster (reduce/avoid visibility from Pinnacle Lookout)
- Relocated 3 x turbines (D40, D43, and E31) to avoid impact to NSW Telco proposed communications link
- Removal of optional and redundant access tracks and site access points
- Removal of optional transmission line alignments (inc. removal of section along Durridgere SCA)
- Realignment of internal transmission line from C-D Cluster to C-B Cluster
- Removal of Coolah Road and redundant site access point (access from Rotherwood Road)
- Reduction in the number of potential locations for ancillary infrastructure (PCV masts, substations, concrete batch plants, laydown areas)
- Reduction in ground disturbance and vegetation removal due to inclusion of STATCOMs at substation locations which avoids the need for additional adjacent UG reticulation cabling to regulate voltage
- Inclusion of a new O&M facility location off Vinegaroy Rd

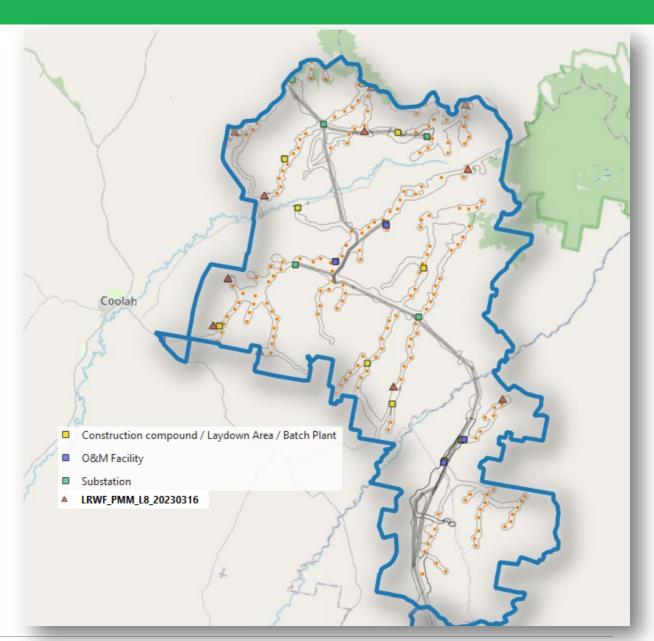


### LIVERPOOL RANGE WIND FARM SUMMARY OF FINAL MODIFIED PROJECT



### The proposed modifications to appear in the RTS are as follows:

- Max. 185 turbines
- Max. blade tip height of 215 m AGL
- Up to 10 x permanent PCV met masts (12 locations identified)
- Up to 3 x Operations and Maintenance (O&M) facilities (5 locations identified)
- Up to 9 x concrete batch plants/temporary construction compounds (11 locations identified)
- 7 x substations within wind farm site
- ~44 km of internal transmission line to connection substation in F Cluster
- ~110 km of public road upgrades/repairs
- ~220 km of internal access tracks (typically ~5.5 m wide/wider at bends)
- 36 site access points off public roads within wind farm site



# LIVERPOOL RANGE WIND FARM PROJECT LAYOUT AND CONSTRUCTION APPROACH

### Quarries (total: 2)

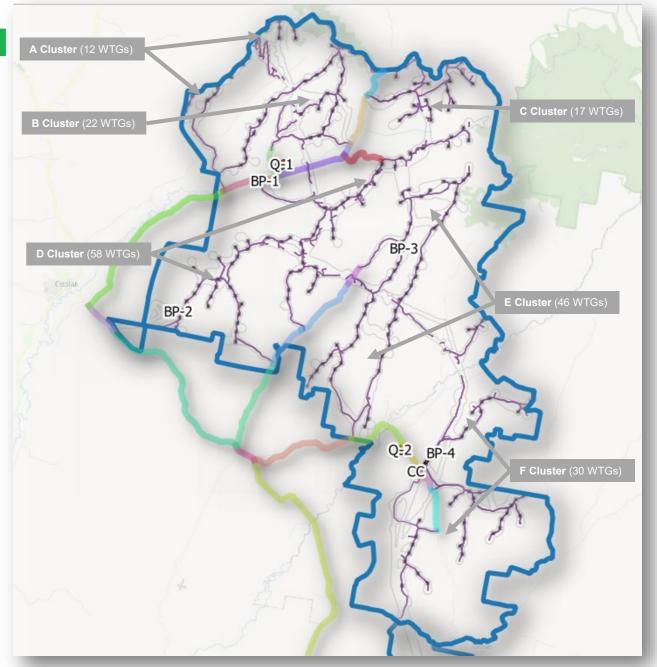
- 1 x SSD Quarry on Coolah Creek Rd (Q-1)
- 1 x SSD Quarry on Rotherwood Rd (Q-2)

### **Concrete Batch Plants (total: 4)**

- 1 x Concrete Batch Plant on Coolah Creek Rd (BP-1)
- 1 x Concrete Batch Plant off Vinegaroy Rd (BP-2)
- 1 x Concrete Batch Plant off Turee Vale Rd (BP-3)
- 1 x Concrete Batch Plant on Rotherwood Rd (BP-4)

### **Construction Staging**

- Upgrade/repair public roads first ~32 weeks
- Commence in the south to provide access to F-Sub and EnergyCo interface
- Construction in parallel with multiple work fronts working northwards



### LIVERPOOL RANGE WIND FARM PLANNING / APPROVALS TIMELINE UPDATE



### **Mod-1 Application update:**

Aiming to lodge RTS/Amendments Report in June 2023

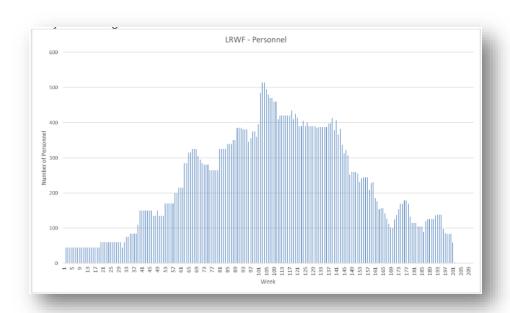
### **EPBC referral update:**

- 24 Feb: referral lodged in March 2023
- **2-17 Mar:** DCCEEW published referral for public comment
- **3 Apr:** DCCEEW determined that the Project is a 'controlled action' under the following controlling provisions
  - Listed threatened species and communities (sections 18 & 18A)
  - Listed migratory species (sections 20 & 20A)
- Project will be assessed by Public Environment Report (PER)
- Awaiting DCCEW to provide project-specific guidelines to prepare PER

### LIVERPOOL RANGE WIND FARM WORKFORCE ACCOMMODATION



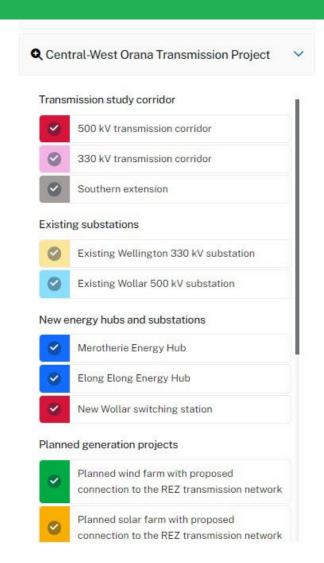
- Estimated 'long peak' of ~400 construction workers (Weeks ~60-160)
- Large proportion of FIFO workers on rotational shifts expected
- Managed workers camp (~400 beds) required to fill shortage in rental market
- Aim to strike balance between provision of on-site services and reliance on local businesses
- Workforce Accommodation Framework being prepared and consultation with EnergyCo, WSC and UHSC councils continues
- Several sites identified progress a separate DA with council will be constructed and managed by BOP Contractor
- 7-day working week is preferred (meets expectations of workers and reduces risk of anti-social behaviour)

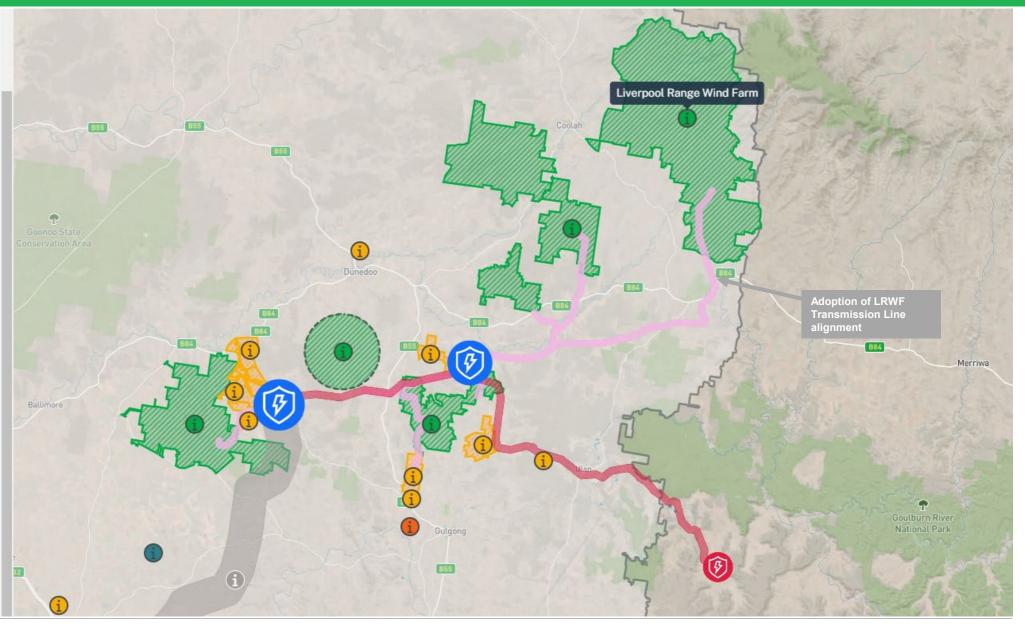




### LIVERPOOL RANGE WIND FARM CENTRAL WEST ORANA REZ (CWO REZ) UPDATE







# LIVERPOOL RANGE WIND FARM CWO REZ — OVERVIEW OF PROCESS

- EnergyCo has selected ACE Energy, comprising Acciona, Cobra and Endeavour Energy as 'first rated' Network Operator we expect consultation on grid
  requirements to commence shortly
- Tilt has been working with EnergyCo on CWO REZ transmission line alignment near LRWF and pushing for poles where existing agreements are in place
- EnergyCo to release Access Rights tender in late May 2023 to provide access for Projects to connect into the CWO REZ awaiting release of new Access Tender Guidelines
- Tenders must respond to various Merit Criteria, including:
  - MC7: community engagement and shared benefits
  - MC8: Regional economic development including First Nations involvement
- Proponents must pay substantial REZ Access Fees on an annual basis, including:
  - Hub to Project (H2P) Fees for REZ transmission line infrastructure
  - System Strength Fees for infrastructure to maintain system strength/minimise voltage drops etc
  - Employment Access Fees: \$600/MW/year
  - Community Access Fees: \$1,700/MW/year

### Proposed regulated minimum amounts

The regulations will prescribe the minimum amounts that are to be used for community and employment purposes in 2 circumstances.

The first circumstance will apply where the total access fee for a participant in the access scheme is equal to or greater than \$2600/MW/year. In this circumstance, the minimum amount of the total access fee that is to be used for community and employment purposes is expected to be:

- \$1,700/MW/year for community purposes
- \$600/MW/year for employment purposes.

The second circumstance will apply where the access fee for a participant in the access scheme is less than \$2600/MW/year. In this circumstance the minimum proportion of the total access fee that is to be used for community and employment purposes is expected to be:

- 60% of the annual access fee for community purposes
- · 20% of the annual access fee for community purposes.

### LIVERPOOL RANGE WIND FARM CWO REZ — UPCOMING CONSULTATION

### Upcoming pop-up events for Central-West Orana REZ

EnergyCo is holding a number of pop-up events across the Central-West Orana region in the coming months to provide information about the Central-West Orana Renewable Energy Zone (REZ).



The pop-ups are an opportunity for people to talk to the project team and ask questions. You can come by and visit at any time during each session.



The pop-ups will be held at the following locations, dates and times:



#### Dunedoo

Location: Outside Dunedoo Newsagency - 46 Bolaro St, Dunedoo NSW 2844

Date:

- Monday 15 May
- Monday 19 June

Time: 10am to 2pm



#### Coolah

Location: Outside IGA - 51/53 Binnia St, Coolah NSW 2843

Date:

- Tuesday 16 May
- Tuesday 20 June

Time: 10am to 2pm

### Gulgong

Location: Outside IGA - 90/100 Mayene St, Gulgong NSW 2852

Date:

- Wednesday 17 May
- Wednesday 21 June

Time: 10am to 2pm



EnergyCo will also be hosting a stall at the following regional shows:



#### Gilgandra Show

Location: Gilgandra Showground

Date: Saturday 29 April Time: 8am to 5pm



#### Wellington Show

Location: Bushrangers Creek, Wellington

Date: Sunday 13 May Time: 8am to 5pm

### LIVERPOOL RANGE WIND FARM CONSULTATION UPDATE & LOOKING AHEAD



In order to ensure the community has access to an array of information about the Final Modified Project that will be submitted as part of the Response to Submissions and Amendments Report, we will undertake the following:

- Provide updated fact sheets, maps and photo montages in the Coolah shopfront
- Provide updated fact sheets to the Cassilis Post Office
- Distribute June newsletter
- Ads in the Coolah Diary, Dunedoo Diary, Mudgee Guardian, Dubbo Daily Liberal
- Updates to webpages including FAQs online
- Contact our email distribution list to provide links to updated project information



### LIVERPOOL RANGE WIND FARM BENEFIT SHARING COMMITMENTS

Tilt Renewables continues to provide funding and sponsorships to the local community.

Since November 2022, some of the recently supported projects, events and community groups include:

- Dunedoo Show sponsorship
- Coolah Senior Citizens, Seniors Luncheon donation
- Coolah Chamber of Commerce new member
- Coolah Swimming Club donation
- Coolah Roo's club sponsorship
- Cassilis Polocrosse Club sponsorship
- Coolah Craft Shop funds towards heating
- Coolah Men's Shed community day upcoming
- Tunes on the Turf 2023 sponsorship upcoming



### LIVERPOOL RANGE WIND FARM BENEFIT SHARING COMMITMENTS

To ensure the community and councils are no-worse-off under the Modified Project, we have significantly increased our funding commitment for benefit sharing programs during construction and operation of the Project.

- **Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA)** we are in consultation with Warrumbungle and Upper Hunter Shire councils to ensure the executed VPA is reflective of community feedback and concerns.
- Warrumbungle Shire Council recently had their **Draft Renewable Energy Benefit Policy** open for comment/submissions (closed 17 April). WSC has accepted Tilt Renewables submission which seeks more clarification on the basis of the funding target, the coordination with other funding streams and how funds would be spent.
- Based on community consultation and feedback, we have **proposed** 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 (VPA) over the remaining operational lifetime of the Project (25 years).
- Renewable Energy Zone access schemes we are working with EnergyCo to ensure the prescribed access fees for the CWO REZ are fit for purpose and not be at the cost of project-level benefit sharing.
- Our intention is to still hold **co-design workshops** with the Coolah and Cassilis communities to flesh out priority areas of need that would benefit from immediate funding (from funds allocated during the construction phase). The workshops will also document benefit sharing initiatives that could be shared with other proponents, local and state government, to influence long-term positive impacts.

# CLOSING COMMENTS & NEXT STEPS

**THANK YOU** 



LRWF - BoP Pre-Tender Workshop - March 2023