



Winterbourne Wind

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Environment and Community

Development of the Winterbourne Wind Farm near Walcha is progressing, with preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and establishment of a new office in Walcha. In addition, we have recently established the Community Consultative Committee for the project and will soon begin regular meetings.

Environmental Assessment

All new wind farms are subject to government planning controls and assessment criteria. The Winterbourne Wind Farm project is considered State Significant Development and will be assessed by the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) on the basis of a detailed Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The EIS will evaluate a range of potential environmental impacts including:

- **Biodiversity:** We have conducted 5 field surveys to assess flora and fauna across the project area, including vegetation communities, birds and bats, and migratory species. Our project has been designed to minimize impacts to biodiversity by siting infrastructure and roads to avoid areas of high conservation significance.
- **Visual:** The wind farm will be located well outside of Walcha township, and we have designed the project to minimize visual impact. We will consult with all project neighbours prior to finalizing the project design.

- **Noise:** DPIE has established strict noise limits for residential receivers. We have designed the project to ensure noise impact at all non-involved residential dwellings is below these limits.
- **Traffic and Transport:** We have conducted a detailed transport survey for delivery of the wind turbine towers, blades and equipment to the project area, and our proposed route will avoid Walcha township. We have prepared a Traffic Study and consulted with Walcha Council to ensure that our proposed access routes are suitable and do not result in unacceptable traffic impacts.
- **Cultural Heritage:** WinterbourneWind has conducted three cultural heritage surveys in consultation with local aboriginal groups. We will ensure cultural heritage is protected and will continue to consult with indigenous stakeholders during project development and design.

Community Engagement and the Community Consultative Committee

We are proud to announce that we have recently opened an office in Walcha near the main roundabout on Fitzroy Street, and hired our first local employee!

We have also established a Community Consultative Committee (CCC) for the project. The CCC consists of an independent chair, community members, local government representatives and members of the project team. The CCC performs an advisory and consultative role, providing a forum for open discussion on issues directly related to the project.

Finally, WinterbourneWind is once again a proud sponsor of the Walcha Show! We will have a booth and plenty of giveaways for kids and adults alike, so please stop by for a chat and learn more about the project!

TOP LEFT:
Jen Kealey – Community Engagement Manager

BELOW:
The new WinterbourneWind Office



Community benefits

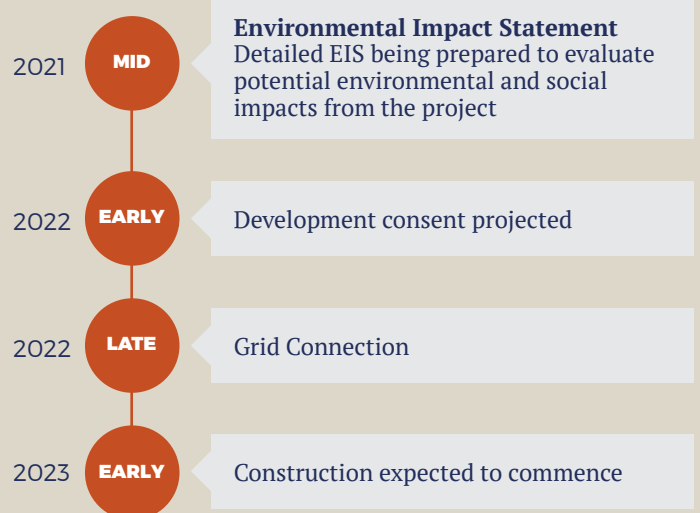
The Winterbourne Wind Farm will provide an ongoing benefit to the local community through an innovative benefit scheme. During project operation, 5% of dividends from the project will be distributed to WalchaWind Pty Ltd, a community company established by local landowners. WalchaWind will in turn distribute the funds to a cohort of project neighbours and involved hosts (50%) and towards the support of local community project and initiatives (50%). The funds will be managed in accordance with clearly documented guidelines and governance principles. We believe this model will deliver durable financial and social benefits to the community and ensure the long-term success of the project.



Project progress



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About WinterbourneWind

The project is being developed by WinterbourneWind Pty Ltd, which is majority-owned by Vestas, the most experienced wind energy company in the world. Vestas is funding the development and will design, construct and operate the wind farm. You can learn more about Vestas at www.vestas.com



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