

# Welcome to our latest project update



## Winterbourne Wind

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### Project at a Glance

WinterbourneWind is continuing to work on studies to document potential visual, noise, biodiversity, transport and other potential impacts, as well as social and economic benefits. See below for a summary of project progress and upcoming milestones.

<b>Status</b>	Preparation of Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
<b>Planned capacity</b>	Up to 700 MW
<b>Investment</b>	Over \$1 billion
<b>Turbines</b>	Up to 119 turbines
<b>Blade tip height</b>	Approx. 230 metres
<b>Connection</b>	Approx. 50 km of new 330kV transmission line

### Winterbourne Wind Farm's contribution to NSW Government Net Zero target

On 28 September 2021 the NSW Government released the [Implementation Update](#) to the [Net Zero Plan Stage 1: 2020-30](#) (the Plan). The Plan sets out how the NSW Government over the next decade will reach its goal of net zero carbon emissions by 2050. The NSW Government is targeting a 50% reduction in carbon emissions in 2030, compared to baseline emissions in 2005. To put this into perspective, NSW emissions in 2019 were approximately 136 million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>-equivalent, down from approximately 165 million tonnes in 2005. To achieve its 50% target, NSW needs to reduce annual emissions by a further 54 million tonnes CO<sub>2-e</sub> by 2030.

The Winterbourne Wind Farm project can play a big role in helping meet this target. It is anticipated that the wind farm will prevent approximately 1.8 million tonnes of carbon emissions per year, relative to the current NSW energy generation mix. This represents around 3% of the total emissions reduction target for NSW to 2030.



**1.8m** → **3%**  
tonnes of carbon emissions prevented per year  
of NSW emissions reduction target to 2030

### Community Engagement Program

Vestas is committed to ensuring that the local community has multiple opportunities to learn about, to ask questions, and to provide comment on the proposed wind farm. Opportunities to do this include:

<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.winterbournewindfarm.com.au">www.winterbournewindfarm.com.au</a>
<b>Project Update</b>	Approximately bi-monthly
<b>CCC Meeting</b>	Approximately quarterly
<b>Community Open Days</b>	Friday December 10 and Saturday December 11
<b>Email</b>	<a href="mailto:info@winterbournewindfarm.com.au">info@winterbournewindfarm.com.au</a>
<b>Phone</b>	1800 252 040
<b>EIS Exhibition &amp; Public Comment Period</b>	To be confirmed, anticipated in April-May 2022

#### Walcha Office

Now that COVID restrictions have eased, we are planning to have staff present in the Walcha office, at least two days per week



**Next CCC Meeting** – A reminder that our fourth Community Consultative Committee Meeting is scheduled for **Monday, 1 November 2021**.

### You're Invited to a Community Open Day

We are excited to announce that WinterbourneWind will host two Community Open Days in Walcha for the local community to speak to and hear from our team, including our technical experts. We will have information and displays available about the technical studies we have completed for the proposed wind farm, including biodiversity, noise, visual, transport, socio-economic, heritage and aviation, as well as information about the community benefit fund (see article below). We want to hear your feedback. Details for the Community Open Days are as follows:

<b>Venue</b>	Walcha Bowling and Recreation Club, 14E Croudace St, Walcha
<b>Session 1</b>	Friday, 10 December 2021, 12 PM – 6 PM
<b>Session 2</b>	Saturday, 11 December 2021, 9 AM – 3 PM

## Public Benefit Fund and Neighbour Benefit Program

We are excited to announce our commitment to a Public Benefit Fund and a separate Neighbour Benefit Program as part of our project proposal.

The purpose of the Public Benefit Fund is enable the whole community to benefit from the project and the purpose of the Neighbour Benefit Program is to provide eligible neighbours (with dwellings out to 5km from a turbine) with a financial benefit.

Across these two schemes, we will contribute \$1 million at the start of project construction, and a further \$750,000 per year once the project commences operations, based on an installed wind farm up to 600 MW in size. In addition, for

every megawatt built over 600 MW, we will contribute an extra \$1,000/MW annually. So if a 700 MW wind farm is constructed, we will contribute an extra \$100,000 per year, for a total annual contribution across the two schemes of \$850,000 (indexed annually for inflation).

Taken together, the Public Benefit Fund and the Neighbour Benefit Program will return around \$34 million to the local community over the expected project life (based on 700 MW project size, with an operational life of 30 years and annual inflation at 1.7%).

**This will be one of the largest community benefit schemes of any wind farm in Australia.**

We are currently working with Walcha Council to determine how these schemes will be managed and governed, and the allocation of funds between them, and we will provide further information in the coming months.



Upfront Contribution

**\$1 million**

Annual Contribution

**\$750,000**  
(up to 600 MW)

Potential Contribution

**\$1000/MW**  
(for every MW above 600 MW)

## Community engagement & approval process

The following diagram shows the steps to approval for Winterbourne Wind Farm, with opportunities for community input and feedback highlighted. The WinterbourneWind team is always open to hearing from anyone with an interest in the project, through our 1800 number or our project email address: **1800 252 040** or email **info@winterbournewindfarm.com.au**

