

# Boomer Green Energy Hub



A photomontage showing what the wind farm might look like from Apis Creek Road, Mount Gardiner.

## Project update

Work is continuing for the various technical and specialist assessments required for the development application (DA), including the Social Impact Assessment (SIA) to inform the Community Benefit Agreement with host councils. It is anticipated that the DA may be ready to lodge with the Queensland Government in late 2026.

In November 2025 the Australian Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) accepted a variation to the proposal, which reduced the proposed number of wind turbines and disturbance footprint, after several design iterations to avoid and minimise potential environmental impacts.

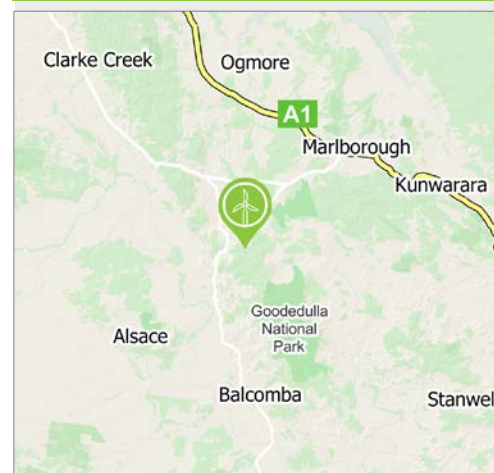
The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for DCCEEW's assessment of the proposal is being finalised by ecologists and technical specialists. After it has been lodged and accepted by DCCEEW it will be placed on public exhibition for comment. It is anticipated that exhibition of the Draft EIS may occur later this year. Community consultation sessions will be scheduled during the exhibition period, and details will be notified through local media, a project newsletter and the project website.

## SIA survey donations

Thank you to all the local community members who completed the survey for the Social Impact Assessment (SIA), to help inform the proposal and community benefit opportunities for the development application. For each completed survey Ark Energy offered to donate \$50 to the local community service or organisation of the respondent's choice. As a result, 120 survey respondents nominated a donation recipient, and Ark Energy is pleased to make donations to the following 20 community organisations and services on survey respondents' behalf:

- Bat Care Capricornia
- Dalma Rural Fire Brigade
- Darumbal People Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC
- Daringa Ambulance Station
- Daringa Campdraft Association
- Daringa Community Association
- Daringa Doings
- Daringa Golf Club
- Daringa Historical & Tourism Association
- Daringa Rural Fire Brigade
- Daringa State Emergency Service
- Daringa State School P&C Association
- Fitzroy Community Hospice
- Marlborough Ambulance Station
- Marlborough & District Lions Club
- Marlborough Public Hall
- Marlborough Rural Fire Service
- Marlborough State School P&C Association
- Rockhampton Men's Shed
- The Caves & District Lions Club

## Location



The project area for the Boomer Green Energy Hub is about 30 km south-west of Marlborough and 90 km north-west of Rockhampton in Central Queensland.

- Capital investment of ~\$3 billion.
- Estimated to generate <\$500 million in local and regional expenditure.
- Estimated to create up to 450 jobs during construction and about 20 ongoing jobs for operation.
- Benefits for the CQ region, especially in the Central Highlands Regional, Livingstone Shire and Rockhampton Regional Council local government areas.
- Capacity of up to 1,000 megawatts.
- Community benefit agreement for the life of the project to provide meaningful community benefits.
- Target for construction start: 2028
- Target for completion: 2031

## Planning & assessment

### Queensland Government

- 1 Site selection, initial concept, preliminary investigations ✓
- 2 Pre-lodgment meetings ✓
- 3 Studies and technical assessments to fulfil requirements (State code 23) **WE ARE HERE**
- 4 Development application and assessments lodged
- 5 Requests for further information (if required) and response
- 6 Documents accepted and placed on public exhibition
- 7 Response to submissions, further information (if required)
- 8 Final documents submitted
- 9 Assessment
- 10 Decision notice issued

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### Australian Government

- 1 Referral to the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) for review under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) ✓
- 2 Decision and advice on assessment pathway: *Determined a controlled action with assessment by Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). EBPC no 2022/09396.* ✓
- 3 Assessment work for the EIS ✓
- 4 Draft EIS submitted for adequacy review **WE ARE HERE**
- 5 Requests for further information and responses (if required)
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- 8 Final EIS submitted
- 9 Determination

## Community group - applications open

Applications for the Boomer Green Energy Hub's Community Consultation Group remain open. Interested community members from Marlborough or Duaringa are encouraged to apply. The group is intended to be a forum for collaboration between community representatives and the project team. Subject to sufficient interest, the group will be formed and commence meetings this year. An information pack and nomination form is available from the 'Community' page on the project website. Visit [www.boomerhub.com.au](http://www.boomerhub.com.au) or scan the QR code right.



Scan QR code to visit the website's 'Community' page

## Join the fun at the Marlborough Show!

Ark Energy is proud to be a Platinum Sponsor for the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Marlborough Show, which will take place on Saturday, 2 May 2026 at Marlborough Show Grounds. This major community event promises a fantastic day out for the whole family, with a packed program of equestrian events, cattle judging and dog jumping, pavilion displays showcasing cookery, handicrafts, horticulture, photography and art, a treasure hunt, stalls, kids' entertainment, live music and more! The Boomer Green Energy Hub project team looks forward to being part of this great community event. For more information and updates visit the Marlborough Show Society's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/MarlboroughShowSociety](http://www.facebook.com/MarlboroughShowSociety).

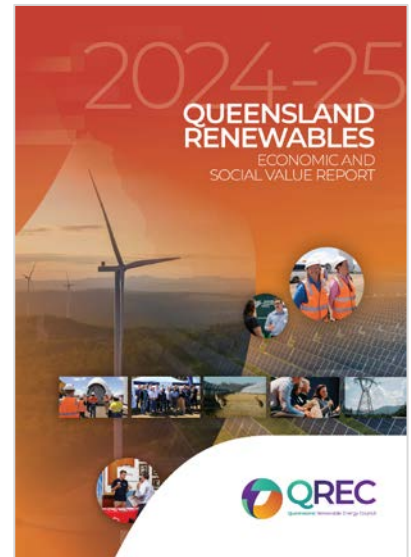
## Pilot report shows renewables delivering for Queensland

The Queensland Renewable Energy Council (QREC) has published an inaugural 'Renewable Industry Economic and Social Value Report'. The pilot report, based on data from eight member companies including Ark Energy, shows the economic and social contribution renewable energy businesses are making across Queensland, including through jobs, procurement from local businesses and Indigenous suppliers, and delivery of community benefits.

Participating companies contributed a total of around \$1 billion to Queensland's economy last financial year, including \$456 million in direct spend, 3,252 direct and indirect jobs, \$412 million across 759 local businesses and \$1.7 million across 125 community organisations and groups.

As more renewable energy projects progress to construction and operation, and more data is captured, the sector's contribution to Queensland's economy, workforce and regional communities will continue to expand.

The '2024-25 Queensland Renewables Economic and Social Value Report' is available from the QREC website at [www.qrec.org.au/publications](http://www.qrec.org.au/publications) or download by scanning the QR code right.



**\$1B**  
total economic and social contribution

**\$456M**  
total direct spend in Queensland



## More information

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