

Involving the Community

Ark Energy's approach

Ark Energy appreciates the importance of engaging, listening to and involving community members and other local stakeholders throughout the project's development, and ensuring that local priorities and concerns are considered.

Ark Energy's approach to consultation is informed by the International Association for Public Participation's (IAP2) Core Values, Code of Ethics and Public Participation Spectrum, widely accepted as the industry benchmark. It is open, inclusive, responsive, accessible and transparent.

The company is also a signatory to the Clean Energy Council's *Best Practice Charter for Renewable Energy Projects*, a voluntary commitment to engage respectfully with communities, be sensitive to environmental and cultural values, and make a positive contribution to the regions in which we operate.

We are focused on providing opportunities for interested community members and stakeholders to participate, and maximising opportunities for the community to benefit from the project in meaningful ways.

We value input from local community members and community consultation is ongoing. There are many ways to stay informed, provide feedback and participate in the process, and where possible the community's input will be incorporated into project plans to improve outcomes and lasting benefits.

Ways to stay informed & participate

Website with 'Feedback' and 'Supplier' forms

The project website – bowmanscreekwindfarm.com.au – provides up to date project information, maps and previously issued newsletters. It also includes a general 'Feedback' form and a 'Supplier' form for businesses to register interest in being considered for the project.

Project newsletters

Project newsletters are available by post and email. To receive newsletters by email register online at arkenergy.com.au/mailling-list-details. To receive newsletters by mail, please send your postal address and a request to be added to the mailout list to info@bowmanscreekwindfarm.com.au. We respect your privacy, and your details will only be used for this purpose.

All previously issued newsletters are available under the 'News' tab on the project website, bowmanscreekwindfarm.com.au.

Community consultation sessions

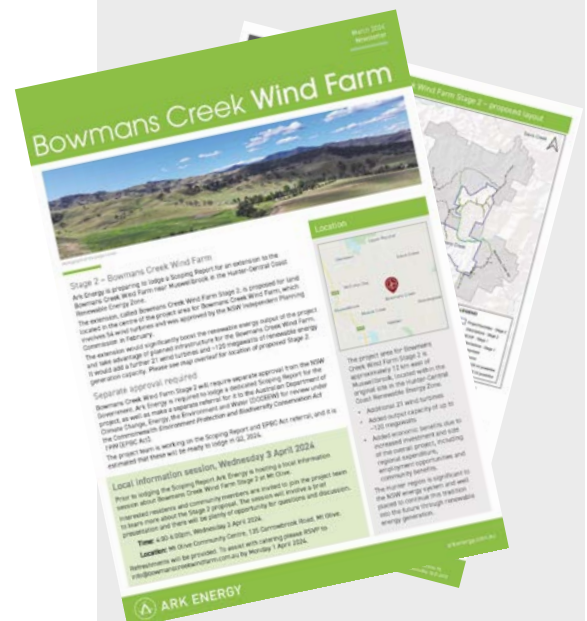
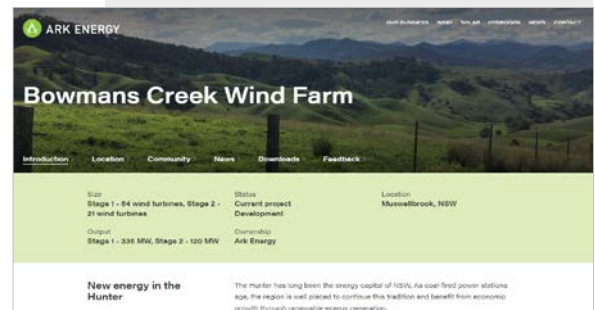
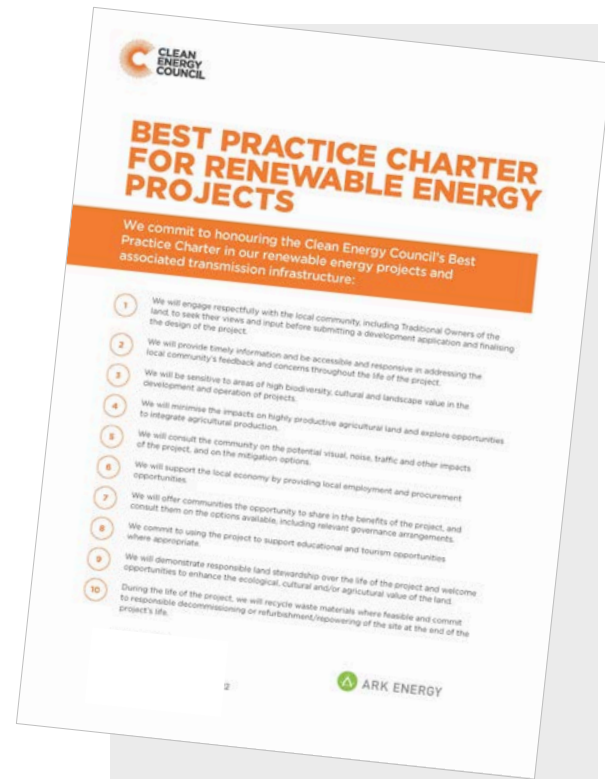
Local consultation sessions are held at regular intervals and key points in the planning process. Details are advertised in project newsletters.

Public exhibition of documents

After the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Stage 2 has been accepted by the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) it will be placed on public exhibition and open for submissions. Exhibition periods will be advertised in project newsletters and through local media.

Community benefit sharing

The project will involve a range of commitments to provide meaningful, lasting benefits for the local community. Feedback on priorities for community benefit funds are welcome and can be sent directly to the project team.



Tell us what's important for Bowmans Creek Wind Farm's community benefit plans

Bowmans Creek Wind Farm will involve community benefit plans with funding for the life of the project. This is intended to:

- **Share** benefits with the broader local community.
- Make a **meaningful contribution** to issues the community cares about.
- Be **flexible** to focus on changing priorities over time.
- Ensure the project is a **positive, rewarding and beneficial** development for the local community.

Community members and other local stakeholders are invited to share their views on what is important for the local community. This can be done through the Feedback form on the project website or by emailing the project team directly using the contact details below.

Community commitments

Bowmans Creek Wind Farm Stage 1 and BESS involve a range of commitments to provide meaningful local benefits.

For details see the 'Community' page on the project website or scan the QR code right.



Questions and feedback welcome at any time

Questions and feedback are welcome at any time. Please send your comments directly to the project team via the contact details right. We appreciate all input and will do our best to respond to enquiries as quickly as possible.

Ark Energy's engagement goals and commitments

Ark Energy's goals for community engagement include to:

- Ensure community members are well informed and kept up to date on project status and developments.
- Obtain feedback and provide ample opportunities for community members to communicate their views, concerns and aspirations for the project.
- Address any community member's issues or concerns promptly.
- Work to avoid and minimise the impacts and maximise the benefits of the project for the local community.
- Wherever possible utilise input from community members to optimise the design of the project.

Ark Energy commits to:

- Be proactive – connect early in the process and regularly share information so community members know what is happening and how to interact with the project team and provide feedback on the project.
- Be transparent – be honest and ethical in our dealings with all.
- Seek solutions – engage to understand, explore and collaborate on ways to avoid and minimise impacts and maximise the benefits of the project.
- Be flexible and inclusive – ensure that our engagement provides opportunities for all interested community members to have access to information and members of the project team.



Local consultation session

More information

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Email - info@bowmanscreekwindfarm.com.au

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