

# Bowmans Creek Wind Farm



A photomontage showing what the wind farm would look like from Bowmans Creek Road, looking west from about 1 km from the nearest wind turbine.

## Environmental Impact Statement for Stage 2

The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Bowmans Creek Wind Farm Stage 2 has been lodged with the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) and is due to be placed on exhibition.

The Stage 2 proposal consists of 21 wind turbines in the southern part of the project area. It would take advantage of planned construction and infrastructure for approved Stage 1 and add 120 megawatts (MW) of generation capacity to the project.

The EIS will include specialist and technical assessments for:

- Aboriginal cultural heritage
- Aviation
- Biodiversity
- Blade throw
- Bushfire
- Cumulative impact
- Economic impact
- Hazards and risks
- Historic heritage
- Landscape and visual amenity
- Noise and vibration
- Social impacts
- Soils, land and agriculture
- Telecommunications
- Traffic and transport
- Water quality and resources

## Stage 2 EIS documents

After the EIS for Stage 2 (application number SSD-73123714) has been accepted by DPHI it will be placed on exhibition for comment on the Bowmans Creek Wind Farm Stage 2 page in the NSW Government's Major Projects portal. To access this page and for guidance on how to make a submission scan the QR code right or visit: [www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/bowmans-creek-wind-farm-stage-2](http://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/bowmans-creek-wind-farm-stage-2)

For any questions about the EIS or to discuss any of the technical assessments, community members and other stakeholders are welcome to contact the project team and consultants directly via 1800 731 296 or [info@bowmanscreekwindfarm.com.au](mailto:info@bowmanscreekwindfarm.com.au).

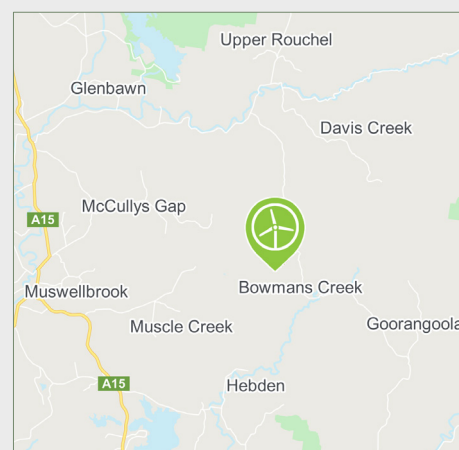


Bowmans Creek Wind Farm Stage 2 (SSD-73123714) - NSW Government's Major Projects portal page.

## Stage 1 BESS modification

A separate application to add a battery energy storage system to the approved Bowmans Creek Wind Farm (application number SSD-10315-Mod-1) is also being prepared. Target for submission is Q1 2027.

## Location



The Bowmans Creek Wind Farm project area is about 12 km east of Muswellbrook and located within the Hunter-Central Coast Renewable Energy Zone. Stage 1 is approved and expected to deliver:

- 54 wind turbines with a generation capacity of 335 MW.
- More than 200 direct and indirect jobs in the regional area during construction, and 30 direct and indirect jobs during operation.
- \$179 million in the regional economy through direct and indirect expenditure, value-add and household income.
- Neighbour benefit program and significant community benefit funds from start of generation and for the life of the wind farm.

## Planning & assessment Stage 2

Utility-scale wind farms in NSW are considered State Significant Development and assessed by the NSW Government.

1 Site selection and preliminary investigations

2 Initial concept and consultation

3 Referral to the Australian Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) for review under the Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).

4 Scoping Report submitted to the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI)

5 Determination on EPBC Act referral by DCCEEW

6 Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) for the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) issued by DPHI

7 Studies, assessments

8 Finalising EIS for lodgment

9 Development application (DA) and EIS lodged with DPHI

10 DA and EIS on public exhibition and open for submissions

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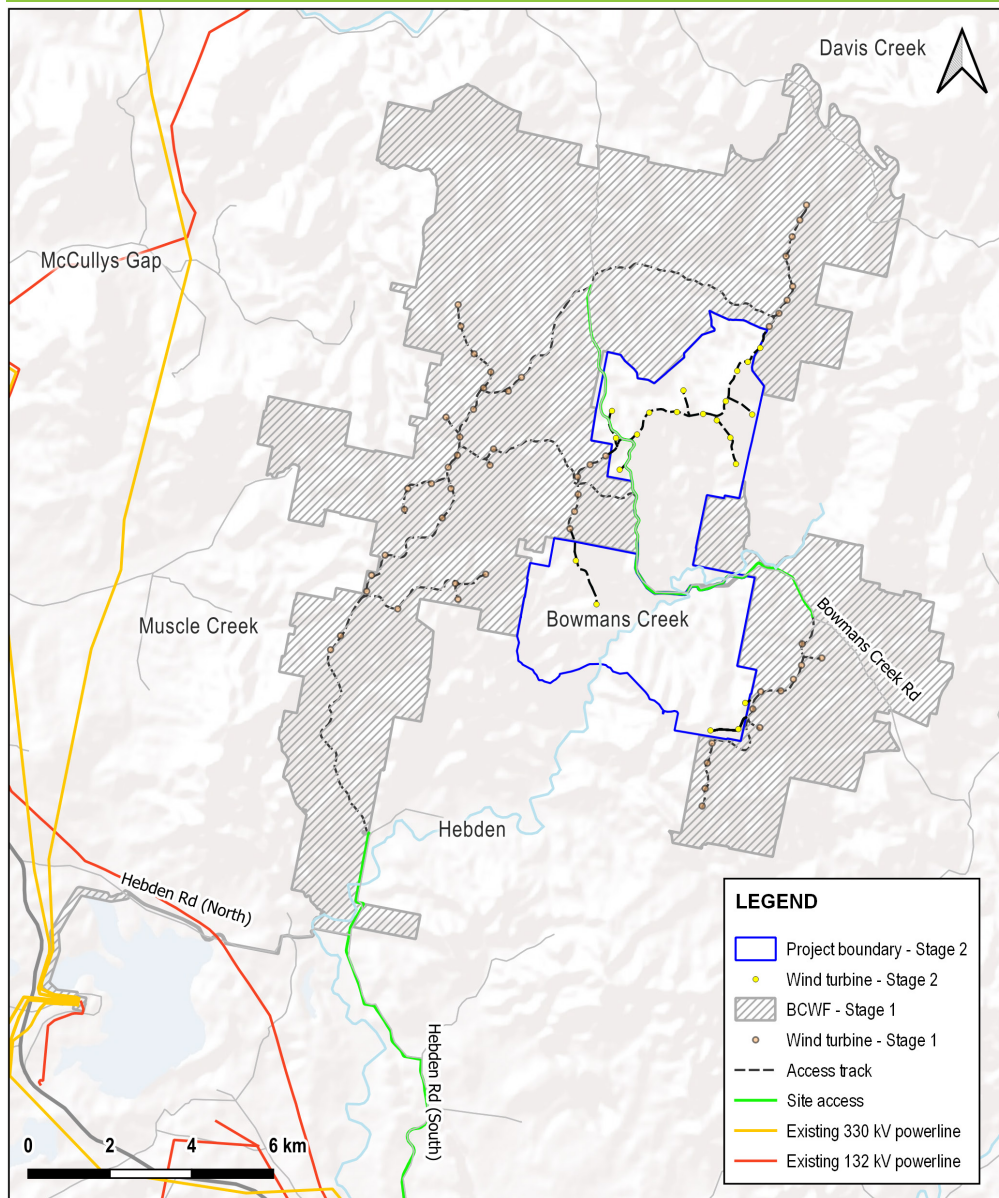
11 Response to submissions and requests for further information (if required)

12 Assessment by DPHI

13 DPHI assessment report and recommendation

14 Final determination by DCCEEW

## Bowmans Creek Wind Farm proposed layout



Stage 2 involves an additional 21 wind turbines with a generation capacity of 120 MW in the centre of the approved project.

*Thank you to Muswellbrook Shire Council and attendees for the opportunity to participate in the Community Consultation: Energy Projects event at McCullys Gap Community Hall in May.*

*This gave community members, industry representatives and other stakeholders a valuable opportunity to come together and discuss energy projects and economic transition in the region.*



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