

Project Update

Project SEARs have been issued

Earlier this year Epuron submitted a Scoping Report to the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE), describing the Bowmans Creek Wind Farm project and requesting the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs).

DPIE having reviewed the Scoping Report has recently issued the SEARs for the project and in doing so has set out the requirements for an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Epuron has engaged independent environmental consultants Hansen Bailey to complete this EIS.

What is the next step in the development?

Specialist Consultants will undertake the various studies required for the EIS. This will include studies to address issues in relation to Visual Amenity, Construction and Operational Noise, Ecology, Heritage, Traffic and Transportation as well as any potential Hazards and Risks associated with the project.

The SEARs can be viewed on the DPIE Major Project Portal and the Epuron website by following the links below.

<https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/project/11691>

<https://epuron.com.au/wind/bowmans-creek/>

Establishment of a project CCC

In the previous Newsletter we called for expressions of interest for the project Community Consultative Committee (CCC). Thank you to those who have expressed an interest in being part of the CCC.

DPIE has included a requirement for the CCC within the SEARs. This means that the establishment of the CCC will follow the Guidelines for State Significant Developments starting with the appointment of a Chairperson by DPIE. The Chairperson will then review the expressions of interest and make recommendations to DPIE to appoint the remaining positions.

Epuron will forward on any expressions of interest it has received for consideration by the Chairperson. If you would like to nominate to join the CCC please send an email to:

info@epuron.com.au

A Community Consultative Committee (CCC) provides a forum for open discussion between Epuron and representatives of the community, local councils and other stakeholders on issues directly relating to the project.

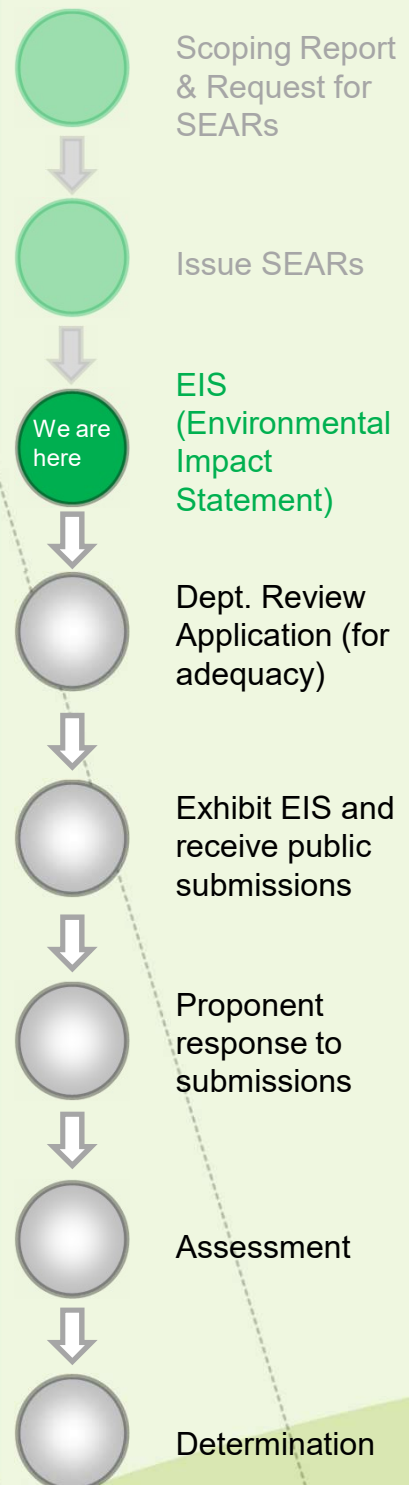
CCC meetings would occur regularly during the project development phase.

Have you got a question?

Our website has information addressing common issues raised. Please follow the link below or email us directly.

<https://epuron.com.au/downloads>

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Specialist Studies Commencing

In accordance with the SEARs, independent specialists will undertake various Environmental Assessments as part of the Development Application for the project. These studies will include some on site survey work, particularly for Ecology, Traffic and Heritage. This work will be commencing in mid-September. Our consultants will be accessing the site via public roads and private land that is associated with the project and will be using light 4WD vehicles. All access across private property will be prearranged with the landowner. As part of the bird and bat surveys they will be conducting some targeted night-time spotlighting searches within the development area. You may also notice them on the side of the road as they conduct their surveys.

Would you like to receive project updates?

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Next Information Session

Last year we conducted information sessions in McCullys Gap, Muscle Creek, Hebden and Mount Olive. We will be holding another series of information sessions at the same venues later this year. The sessions will provide an opportunity for Epuron to provide a summary of the proposed project, including maps showing the proposed layout being assessed by our specialist consultants and to seek further feedback from the community. Further details to follow in the next community update.

