Bowmans Creek Wind Farm EPURON

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Thank you for coming to the Community Information Sessions

The Epuron team would like to thank everyone who took the time to attend the Information Sessions at the end of 2019. It was a great opportunity for us to meet so many community members and discuss opportunities as well as concerns about the proposed wind farm project.

Feedback We Received

Some issues that were raised by the community during the 4 sessions were:

- Operational Noise from the turbines,
- Visual Impacts of the proposed turbine locations,
- The potential for negative impacts to Property values,
- Bushfires and the impact on aerial fire fighting,
- Decommissioning at the end of the project,
- Aerial application of fertilizer,
- Hazards for raptors and other bird species (ie. Eagles), and
- Increased traffic volumes during construction.

This feedback helps us to understand your concerns about the potential impacts of the proposed project. Together with the specialist studies conducted for the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), we will use this information to make refinements to the proposed project layout prior to lodgment of the EIS.

The issues raised above will be addressed in the EIS. We will also be addressing individual subjects in upcoming newsletters to provide more information in relation to these issues.



CCC Established

Our Community Consultation Committee (CCC) has also recently been formed and will shortly have its first meeting. The CCC will provide another avenue for the project to provide updates and collect feedback on the proposal.

NSW PLANNING STAGES

As a State Significant Development, the project will go through a rigorous planning process with the NSW **Department of Planning, Industry** & Environment (DPIE). The major milestones are outlined below.

Scoping Report & Request for SEARs

Issue SEARs



Prepare Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)



DPIE Review Application (for adequacy)



Exhibit EIS and receive public submissions



Proponent response to submissions



Assessment



Determination

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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Next Steps and further consultation

Some community members told us they would like to have a public meeting as well as the information sessions.

In response to this we are proposing that our next information session will be a facilitated meeting with a presentation and Q & A session for the community. This will be prior to lodgment of the EIS, anticipated to be in the middle of this year and will allow us to share the updated layout and provide answers to the issues raised at the previous sessions.

In the coming months our consultants will be concluding their field surveys and collating results to understand all the potential constraints to the proposed wind farm layout. We thank the community for your patience while we ensure that the constraints of the site are fully understood before we revise the layout.

Draft Turbine Layout & Refinement

At the recent community information sessions the turbine layout as presented in the Scoping Document was displayed for feedback. The map below shows that draft layout. Based on feedback and the EIS studies, revisions to the draft layout are ongoing and will continue as the studies conclude. The final turbine layout will be presented to the community prior to the EIS being lodged with NSW Department of Planning (DPIE).

