

Chalumbin Wind Farm

Community Advisory Group and Community Benefit Program

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Chalumbin Wind Farm Announces Community Advisory Group and Industry-Leading Commitment for Community Benefit Program

Local residents who would like to participate in plans for the proposed Chalumbin Wind Farm near Ravenshoe in northern Queensland are invited to apply to join a new community forum, with the project committing to run a Community Advisory Group.

Those keen to see increased local investment and social support for the region are also being encouraged to apply, with the group set to help design a community benefit program for the project, based on an industry-leading commitment of \$500,000 per annum.

The proposed 600 megawatt wind farm is currently in development and if approved is expected to generate 2,170GWh of electricity and supply enough clean energy to power 350,000 households. It is proposed the advisory group would meet every two months and be a forum to share project information, discuss topics of interest, and collaborate on building greater community awareness and participation in the project.

“This new Community Advisory Group will be a positive and productive means to engage with the community and exchange views on the project’s design, scientific evaluations and implementation,” said Anthony Russo, General Manager Development, Queensland for proponent Epuron.

“We’re also keen for advisory group members to take a lead role in generating ideas and plans for how the project can support the local community over the long term.”

The project has also announced its commitment to the Chalumbin Wind Farm Community Benefit Program with funding of \$500,000 per year, to commence from when the project enters the construction phase and for the life of the wind farm.

“Early feedback indicates this sort of funding will go a long way to helping the local community shape and deliver the programs and priorities it needs,” Mr Russo said.

Initial ideas for the Community Benefit Program include a community fund to support local initiatives and projects, a social housing program and an allocation for emergency relief.

Mr Russo said plans for the program would be canvassed through the advisory group and ongoing local engagement, with the final program to be co-designed with community members and other local stakeholders.

“We’ve got some work to do obviously, to work out exactly how the funding should be directed. That’s where advice and guidance from the advisory group and the wider community will be invaluable.”

Participate in the Chalumbin Wind Farm Community Advisory Group

The nomination form for membership of the Chalumbin Wind Farm Community Advisory Group is available on the Community page of the project website at www.chalumbinwindfarm.com.au.

Expressions of interest for the role of the group’s Independent Chair are also invited and can be submitted with credentials to CWFCAG@chalumbinwindfarm.com.au.

Have your say in the design of the Chalumbin Wind Farm Community Benefit Program

Community members are encouraged to contribute their views to help develop the proposed Community Benefit Program by completing the survey on the Community page of the project website at www.chalumbinwindfarm.com.au