

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Earlier this year, Granite Hills Wind Farm engaged in community and stakeholder consultations, including both Bega Valley Shire Council and Snowy Monaro Regional Council. Some of the topics the community raised at that time included traffic management, fire risk, possible fauna and noise impacts and visual amenity. These topics, along with many others, are being considered during the preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement, which is guided by regulations from both the NSW state Department of Environment and the federal Department of Energy and Environment. If you have any ideas on ways the wind farm could positively enhance the local community, please let us know.

WE ARE LISTENING - MEET OPF!

Following feedback from the CCC and other stakeholders, Granite Hills Wind Farm has appointed OPF Consulting (OPF) to conduct the ongoing community consultation role for this project. Their team has long term experience in community liaison and with clean energy projects - from initial concepts through the approval, design, construction and operational phases. OPF helps to facilitate open and transparent engagement through traditional and digital communication channels and IAP2 consultation methodologies. Elizabeth Picker and Diana Forrester will be meeting residents, community groups and other stakeholders in late November and early December and ongoing.

STAKEHOLDER AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PLAN

The Stakeholder and Community Engagement Plan has been released. This plan outlines the activities and tools we will use to consult key stakeholders and the community during all phases of the Granite Hills Wind Farm project - from development through construction, operation and final decommissioning. It includes stakeholder mapping, objectives, guiding principles and methods of engagement. An early draft version of the plan was circulated to the CCC in September. The finalised plan is now available on our website, where it can be read online or downloaded. Hard copies of the plan will be provided to both Councils and the Community Consultative Committee.

WELCOME

Our newsletters focus on updating you about the project, sharing any news, events or engagement activities in the community.

Visit the website today and register your interest to receive these updates about the project via email.

ABOUT THE PROJECT

Granite Hills Wind Farm is a State Significant Development, situated in Steeple Flat, approximately 12 kilometres South East of Nimmitabel in New South Wales. When complete the project will comprise of up to 32-wind turbines, with approximately 3-5 megawatts capacity and a maximum tip height of 200 metres. The 132MW wind farm would generate enough clean energy for around 50,000 homes.

STAY IN TOUCH

If you have any questions or would like to know more about the project, please send an email to granitehills@akuoenergy.com or phone 1800 961 761.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Community Consultative Committees (CCC) play an important role in ensuring proponents engage with the community and stakeholder groups on State Significant Developments. The list of members is available on our website.

CCC meetings ensure the community and stakeholder groups are kept informed of the status of the project, consulted on the development of the project, plans and any proposed changes. Members are also able to provide feedback on issues that may arise during the development of the project.

The last CCC meeting was held on Tuesday 11th of September 2018. Minutes of all CCC meetings can be found on the project website. Every meeting is chaired by an Independent Chair, Peter Gordon. Peter can be contacted via peter.gordon@charterpoint.com.au or call 0417 064 767. The next CCC meeting will be held in early December 2018. Please note these meetings are not open to the public.

PROJECT UPDATE

We continue to work on the Environmental Impact Statement. Additional bird monitoring is currently underway to increase our understanding of birds in the area so we can avoid impact.

In accordance with the Office of Environment and Heritage Aboriginal Cultural Heritage consultation requirements for proponents (2010), indigenous Australians and Registered Indigenous Parties were consulted by an independent specialist during heritage surveys of the project area. The independent specialist determined Bega Local Aboriginal Land Council to be most connected to the project site. The specialist has been contracted to provide strategies for ensuring any indigenous heritage found on site is protected and maintained. All registered parties have been asked to provide comment on the draft archaeological report.



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PROJECT TIMELINE

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| EIS Studies finalised | Q1/Q2 2019 |
| EIS submitted | Q2 2019 |
| EIS approval process | Q2/Q3 2020 |
| Construction commences | Q1 2021 |

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