

Project Update

Located about 10 km east of Muswellbrook, Bowmans Creek Wind Farm would involve the construction, operation, maintenance and eventually the decommissioning of around 70 – 80 wind turbines.

The scoping document for this project has been lodged with the NSW Department of Planning and Environment (DPE). This is the first step for Epuron in the request for the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs). These requirements will guide the preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

What is the next step in developing a wind energy project?

The project is to be assessed as a State Significant Development (SSD) under Part 4 of the EP&A Act 1979. After the SEARs are issued by DPE, Epuron will commence preparation of the EIS. This will take around twelve months to complete. The EIS involves assessing any potential impacts including Flora and Fauna and impacts that result from being able to see or hear the wind farm, along with impacts to aviation and traffic. Reports on these assessments will be prepared by independent specialist consultants.

Establishment of a project CCC

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 approximately every 3-4 months during the project development phase and would be for a duration of about 2 hours each time.

Epuron is inviting expressions of interest to join a CCC that they are establishing for the Bowmans Creek Wind Farm project. You might seek to join it as a landowner in the vicinity of the wind farm, a local business person or representative of a community or environmental group.

To nominate to join the CCC send an email to info@epuron.com.au

Where can I get more information?

DPE website

The Scoping Report can be viewed at:

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

Information on the SSD development process is at:

<https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/assessment/state-significant-development/ssd-process>

Epuron website

The Scoping Report and a map showing the proposed layout is at:

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

Clean Energy Council

Information about issues such as electricity prices and investment and job creation can be found at:

<https://www.cleanenergycouncil.org.au/advocacy-initiatives/electricity-prices>

<https://www.cleanenergycouncil.org.au/resources/project-tracker>

Would you like to receive project updates?

Contact Julian Kasby,
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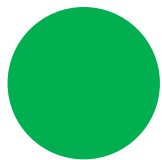
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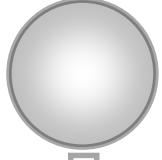
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What this means for the community



Scoping Report submitted and request for Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs)

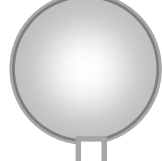
The Scoping Report and SEARs are made available on the NSW DPE Website (see link address overleaf)



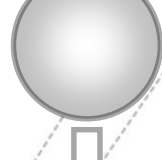
Issue of the SEARs

Through the EIS preparation Epuron will be available to meet and talk with the community. Community engagement is a requirement of the SEARs and assessment of issues requires community perspectives of those issues. Through the EIS preparation Epuron will:

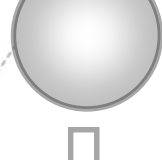
- Keep information up to date at www.epuron.com.au
- Meet with local residents including those directly affected
- Conduct community information sessions - advertised and open to all
- Provide newsletters to update you on the project progress every six months or at key milestones
- Establish and meet with the community consultative committee (CCC).



Preparation of Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

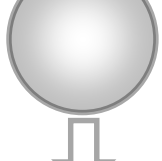


DPE reviews the EIS (for adequacy)



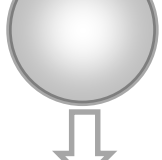
EIS exhibited and submissions invited

Submissions are invited and during the exhibition. Epuron will hold sessions to answer questions about the project and EIS document. Submission are made via the DPE website.

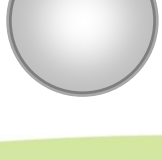


Exhibition closes and proponent responds to submissions

The response to submissions document will provide a response to issues raised and will outline where changes have been made in response to the comments or suggestions of the submissions.



Project is assessed



Project is determined

DPE will make a recommendation to the Minister or an Independent Planning Commission (IPC) who will make the determination.