

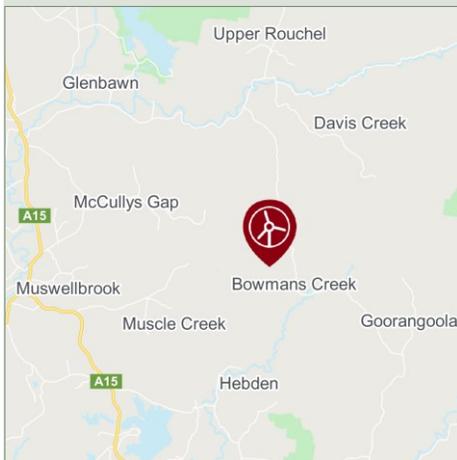
Bowmans Creek Wind Farm

Project Update

March 2021



Location



Transforming energy generation in the Hunter

The Hunter region is significant to the NSW energy system and well placed to continue this tradition into the future through renewable energy generation.

Bowmans Creek is an excellent location for a wind farm due to its high wind speeds and proximity to the transmission network.

The NSW Government has identified the Hunter-Central Coast region as a priority zone for renewable energy generation and is committed to transforming it into one of the state's key renewable energy hubs.

DA and EIS on public exhibition

Following two years of ecological studies, technical assessments and community consultation the development application and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Bowmans Creek Wind Farm in the Hunter region of New South Wales has been lodged with the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

The Department has reviewed the application and it is now on public exhibition for six weeks until 11 May, and can be accessed from the NSW Planning Portal for Major Projects:

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

During the exhibition period members of the public have the opportunity to review the EIS and make a formal submission to the Department. The project team is also hosting EIS information sessions in mid-April – see details below.

EIS information sessions

Epuron invites interested members of the community to an information session to learn more about the final project proposal and EIS. Small group sessions will be hosted by a member of the project team every 30 minutes from 2pm to 6pm at the following locations.

McCully's Gap

Thursday, 15 April
McCully's Gap Community Hall
1052 Sandy Creek Rd

Hebden

Friday, 16 April
Hebden Hall
Hebden Road

Please note session numbers are limited. Due to this and COVID protocols booking is essential. To book your preferred time please contact Sonya at Hansen Bailey on 6575 2000 any weekday between 9am-3:30pm. Sessions will run for approximately 30 minutes.

For more information visit bowmanscreekwindfarm.com.au

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Planning process

The proposed Bowmans Creek Wind Farm is State significant development and subject to rigorous assessment by the NSW Government. The key steps and status of the project in the state planning process are listed below.

- 1 Site selection
- 2 Initial concept and consultation
- 3 Scoping Report submitted to the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE)
- 4 Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) for the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) issued by DPIE
- 5 Studies, assessments, finalising site design
- 6 Development application (DA) and EIS lodged with DPIE

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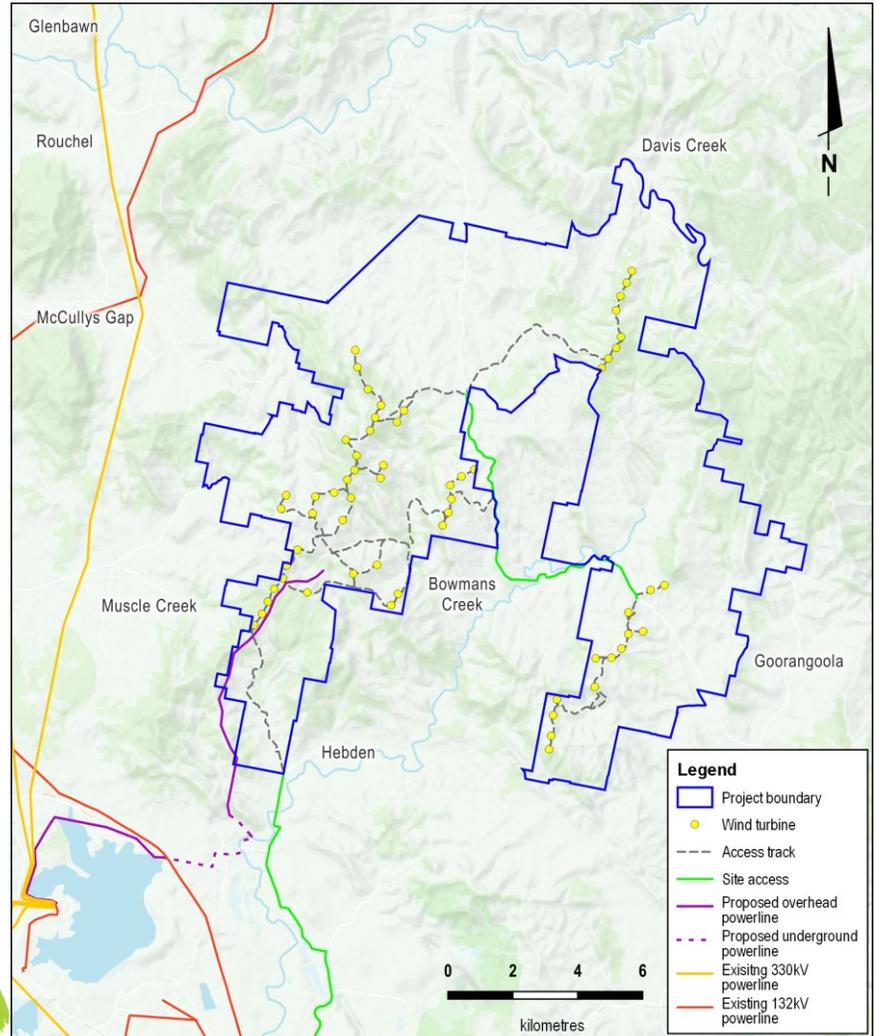
- 8 Responses to public submissions
- 9 Assessment by DPIE
- 10 Determination

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Bowmans Creek Wind Farm proposed layout



The proposal involves a layout of 60 wind turbines connected via a new powerline.

Next steps

After the public exhibition period closes submissions will be collated and Epuron will respond. The Bowmans Creek Wind Farm, deemed a controlled action under the Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act), will then be assessed by the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment under the bilateral agreement between the NSW and Commonwealth Governments.

Thank you for engaging with us

Thank you to nearby residents and members of the local community for engaging with us on this project.

We appreciate the feedback we have received through community information sessions, the Bowmans Creek Wind Farm Community Consultation Committee and direct correspondence.

The project team has listened to the concerns that have been raised and where possible incorporated feedback from the community into the project design. This input has played an important role in the final proposed wind turbine layout and project design.