

# Bowmans Creek Wind Farm

Project Update

March 2022



## Location



The Bowmans Creek Wind Farm site is approximately 10 km east of Muswellbrook. It is in the Hunter-Central Coast Renewable Energy Zone, an area identified by the Australian Energy Market Operator as optimal for new projects to support the state's renewable energy growth and clean energy transition.

- 56 wind turbines.
- Capacity of ~347 megawatts.
- Up to 150 jobs during construction and 15 ongoing jobs during operation.
- Boost of approx. \$114 million to the regional economy.
- Community fund of \$3,400 per installed wind turbine per year.
- Neighbour benefit program.

## Assessment update

Following the public exhibition period, Epuron's response to submissions and a number of changes to the project design to further reduce impacts, the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) issued a request for further information and Epuron has submitted its response. The additional information provides further clarification on mitigation options for potential visual impacts and biodiversity offsets.

The development application is now being assessed by the DPE and Epuron anticipates a decision within the next few months.

The assessment documentation is available on the project's profile page in the NSW Government's Major Projects Portal:

[mpweb.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/project/11691](https://mpweb.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/project/11691)

## Increased community benefits

A Community Enhancement Fund for the project has been increased significantly, with the previous commitment of \$3,000 per installed wind turbine boosted to \$3,400 per installed wind turbine, per annum, indexed to CPI. Based on the proposed layout of 56 wind turbines this would amount to at least \$190,400 per year to support community projects and initiatives for the life of the wind farm.

Resident owners of a dwelling within 5 km of a wind turbine are also being given the opportunity to benefit through a Neighbour Agreement if the residence is within 3 km of a wind turbine or the Neighbour Benefit Program for those with a residence between 3 to 5 km from a wind turbine. More details are available on the 'Community' page of the project website.

## Project news

Project updates are available via post or email. For email updates register at [epuron.com.au/mailling-list-details](https://epuron.com.au/mailling-list-details). To receive updates via post email [info@bowmanscreekwindfarm.com.au](mailto:info@bowmanscreekwindfarm.com.au) with your name, postal address and a request to be added to the mailing list. We value your privacy and your details will only be used for this purpose.

Questions and feedback are welcome at any time and can be sent to the project team via email to [info@bowmanscreekwindfarm.com.au](mailto:info@bowmanscreekwindfarm.com.au).

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## Planning and assessment

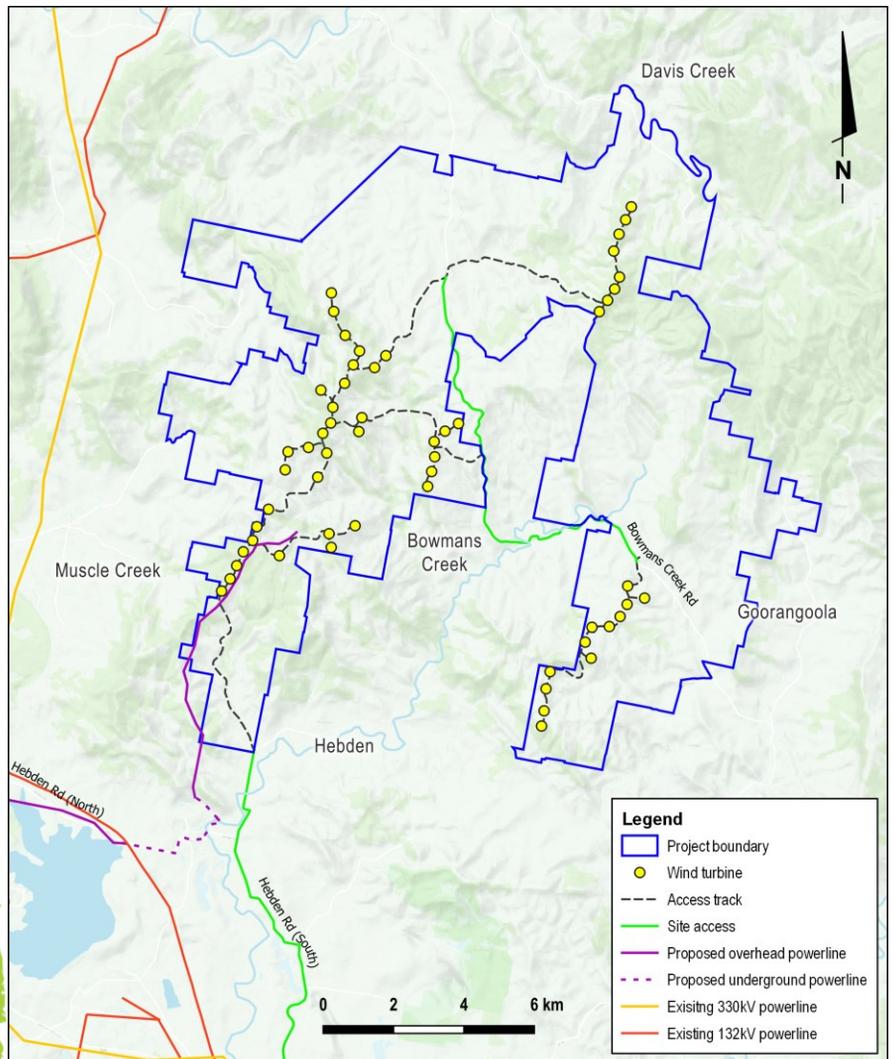
The project is State significant development and subject to rigorous assessment by the NSW Government. It is also a controlled action under the Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* and will be assessed under the bilateral agreement between the NSW and Commonwealth Governments.

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

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Assessment by DPE

- 10 DPE recommendation and draft conditions of consent - referred to Independent Planning Commission (IPC)
- 11 Review and determination by IPC



*Bowmans Creek Wind Farm proposed site layout – the project involves 56 wind turbines and associated infrastructure connected to existing powerlines.*

## Thank you

Thank you to all community members and other interested stakeholders who have engaged with us on this project so far. We appreciate the feedback we have received through community information sessions, the Community Consultation Committee, direct correspondence and submissions on the proposal. This input has played an important role in the final proposed wind turbine layout and overall project design.

## Epuron and Ark Energy

In December 2021 after a strategic review into potential new investment Epuron signed a sale agreement with Ark Energy Corporation Pty Ltd, an Australian subsidiary of Korea Zinc Co. Ltd.

There are some steps to be completed before the sale is finalised and further information will be available in future updates. Plans for Bowmans Creek Wind Farm will not be affected by the change in ownership. For more information on Ark Energy visit [arkenergy.com.au](http://arkenergy.com.au)

### More information

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