

Project Update

thepines
wind farm



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Agenda

1. Project update
2. Next Steps
3. Responses to questions received from Council



Project update



Bat monitoring device

- ▶ Two additional LiDARs were installed in April to measure wind resource => four are installed in total
- ▶ We are continuing to meet with project neighbours to give them the opportunity to participate in the project, if they choose to. This is either by hosting wind turbines on their land or by participating in the Nearby Neighbour Program if they own a house within 3.5km of proposed wind turbines.
- ▶ Preliminary biodiversity survey has been completed by our ecologists with no red flags found. Further in-depth surveys to be completed between now and 2027.

Community Engagement Update



Community events to date:

- ▶ Drop-in sessions – 8
- ▶ Information stands – 2
- ▶ Meet the team walk-in days in Oberon

Logged/reported individual communications:

- ▶ 300+ since March meeting with Oberon Council
- ▶ 1500+ since the start of the project (12 months)

Ongoing engagement with neighbours

- ▶ Eligible landowners can choose to host wind turbines on their property or participate in Nearby Neighbour Program
- ▶ We use augmented reality technology to illustrate what wind turbines may look like from neighbouring properties



Community Benefits

- ▶ During the planning and approvals stage, The Pines Wind Farm will be funding \$50,000 per year of community projects (2x\$25,000 rounds),
- ▶ **Round 2 winners are:** Black Springs Community Association, Burraga District Community Association, Pejar Local Aboriginal Land Council, Oberon Show Society, Oberon United Football Club.
- ▶ Round 3 closes 31st August 2025
- ▶ 17 organisations put forward applications for grant funding in the first 2 rounds





Electricity bill credit payments

- ▶ \$100 per year for all households in the Oberon LGA and some Bathurst LGA suburbs (near Mount David)
- ▶ This increases to \$250 per year for the life of the wind farm the project is approved and proceeds to construction
- ▶ Residents can submit electricity bills annually and we pay \$100 credit to their electricity retailer account

As of 1 May 2025, over \$17,000 has been provided to the community as electricity bill credits since the start of the investigations phase in late May 2024.



Next Steps for The Pines Wind Farm

- ▶ Seasonal bird and bat surveys will commence in July and continue for 2 years (8 surveys total).
- ▶ Other assessments are planned to commence during the second half of 2025.
- ▶ Continued engagement with neighbours and the local community to provide opportunities for participation

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