
Wagga South BESS (formerly Arundel BESS) Project Update – November 2025

This update outlines recent changes to the project and the expected timing for the Scoping Report submission. It also reflects the feedback and concerns the community has raised with us throughout the year.

Project name change

Over recent months, some residents shared that the existing project name held personal or historical significance. We want to acknowledge and respect those connections.

In response, we have formally updated the project name to **Wagga South BESS**. This change reflects our commitment to listening and responding to community feedback. While a name change does not resolve every concern, we hope it demonstrates our intent to incorporate community input wherever possible.

The new name will now be used consistently across all project communications as we progress into the next phases of planning.

Scoping Report – estimated submission and what it means

The project team is currently finalising the Scoping Report, which identifies preliminary issues and considerations for the project and summarises what we have learned so far from early engagement and technical work.

We expect to submit the Scoping Report to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) in early 2026.

Once lodged:

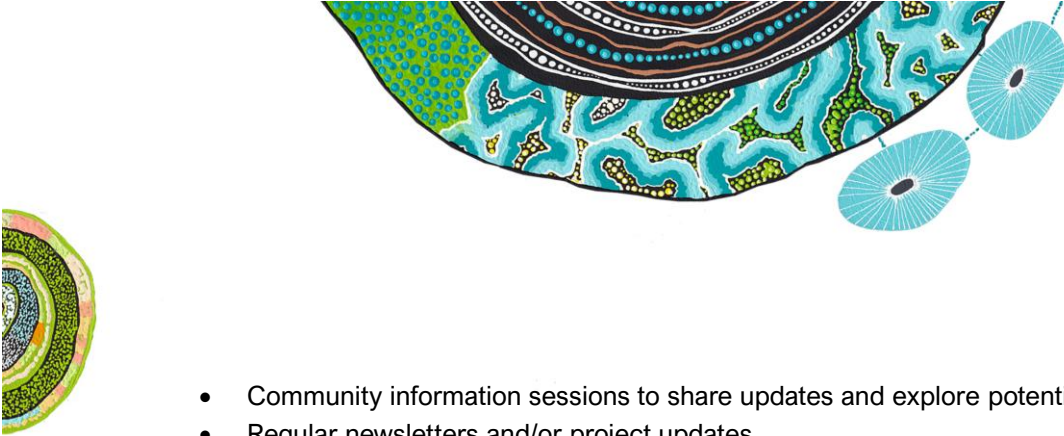
- DPHI will review the report and issue the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs).
- The SEARs will confirm the full suite of technical studies required for the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) so that DPHI, the community and stakeholders can assess the economic, environmental and social impacts of a project. These studies generally include noise, traffic, hazards, visual, biodiversity, social impacts, bushfire and others.
- The Scoping Report will be made publicly available, and we will notify the community once it is online.

Community engagement in 2026

We recognise that 2025 has been a complex and, at times, challenging year of discussion. We appreciate the willingness of community members to share concerns, ask questions, and engage in good faith, even when views differ strongly. Your feedback directly shapes how the project progresses.

In 2026, the community can expect:

- One-on-one neighbour meetings (as requested) to discuss technical assessment results and early findings,
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- Community information sessions to share updates and explore potential design refinements,
- Regular newsletters and/or project updates,
- Opportunities to speak directly with the project team, and
- Clear guidance on how to participate in the planning process, including during public exhibition of the EIS.

Thank you and happy holidays

As we wrap up for the year, we want to sincerely thank the community for your engagement throughout 2025. We recognise the time, thought, and energy that many community members have invested in providing feedback.

We wish you and your families a safe and happy holiday period, and we look forward to continuing conversations in 2026.

Get in touch

Please do not hesitate to reach out to the project team via waggasouth@ekuenergy.com or [1800 989 687](tel:1800989687) if you have any further questions.