



APPENDIX 2

Additional Consultation Register

Additional Stakeholder Engagement - 13th August 2024 – 4th June 2025

Stakeholder Category	Engagements by type	Key themes
<p>Local Government Including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Murray River Council (MRC) • Balranald Shire Council (BSC) • Mildura Rural City Council • Hay Council • Swan Hill Council 	<p>Email: 101 Phone: 11 Text Message: 6 Event - Industry: 1 Video Conference: 2</p> <p><i>*note majority of these engagements with MRC and BSC</i></p>	<p>Murray River Council Council feedback:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns regarding infrastructure impacts (roads, waste, water), workforce accommodation, agricultural land use, cumulative impacts, and community consultation. • Emphasis on transparency and clarity regarding South West Renewable Energy Zone (SW REZ) access to manage community expectations. • Council deferred detailed negotiations due to resourcing constraints and multiple developer approaches. <p>Windlab Response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acknowledged Council’s limited resourcing and offered flexible engagement approaches. • Reaffirmed commitment to transparent collaboration and community engagement. • Proposed early discussions on Road Upgrade Alignments, Landowner Consent, and Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) terms. • Offered multiple briefings, including for incoming councillors, and continued to share shapefiles and project updates. • Indicated willingness to align VPA discussions with the Community Benefit Fund and explore early agreement in good faith, pending SW REZ confirmation.

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		<p>Official letters received by Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • July 2024: MRC issued a letter of support for the project. • August 2024: MRC submitted an objection to the Department, flagging intent to trigger an Independent Planning Commission (IPC) referral. • September 2024: MRC expressed intent to Windlab to refer the project to the IPC. • October 2024: Letter of Intent from MRC indicated conditional support for a VPA, subject to Windlab securing SW REZ access. • February 2025: MRC submitted Supplementary Advice to DPHI outlining key concerns and expectations related to infrastructure, consultation, and contributions. <p>Summary of key engagements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Late 2024: Windlab sent letters reaffirming commitment to collaboration, including congratulations to the new Council and invitations for project briefings. • November 2024: Windlab formally invited Council to meet before RTS lodgement to progress road upgrades, landowner consents, and VPA alignment. • 2025: Continued informal outreach and reaffirmed intent to progress discussions post-local government elections.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing: Regular engagement via calls, shapefile sharing, invitations to community meetings. <p>Balranald Shire Council</p> <p>Council feedback:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns over impacts to neighbouring properties, including land value, fire risk, and insurance. • Transport and road safety concerns, particularly near Balranald Hospital. • Limited local water availability during construction and clarification of waste volumes and tip capacity. • Internal resourcing constraints due to multiple project engagements across the SW REZ. <p>Windlab Response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided a detailed project briefing to Council staff (August 2024). • Sent congratulatory letters and offered briefings to incoming councillors (October 2024). • Held a pre-submission meeting (March 2025) to align on roads, water, waste, and quarry access. • Invited Council to meet with Windlab’s Chief Development Officer (November 2024) to discuss a potential Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA). • Acknowledged resourcing challenges and confirmed willingness to engage post-submission. • Windlab reiterated its commitment to a Community Benefit Fund (CBF) managed through a merit-based panel involving Council and the community.

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		<p>Proposed a post-approval VPA with in-principle support, including establishment of a separate First Nations Fund and collaboration with Council to implement.</p> <p>Official letters received by Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • August 2024: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Council advised the Economic Development Plan could not be shared pre-election. – Formal submission on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) received. • October 2024: Correspondence received from Council, including the incoming Mayor and Councillors. <p>Summary of key engagements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • August 2024: Windlab delivered a project briefing to Council staff. • October 2024: Windlab issued congratulatory correspondence to new councillors and offered project briefings. • November 2024: Windlab invited Council to meet with the Chief Development Officer to discuss a potential VPA. • March 2025: Pre-submission meeting held with Council to align on key infrastructure and construction considerations ahead of RTS lodgement.

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		<p>Mildura Rural City Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Windlab presented a project overview to operational Council officers (Oct 2024) <p>Council feedback:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion focused on transport logistics, including component haulage from Port Adelaide and potential impacts on Mildura’s roads and bridge infrastructure. • Challenges in workforce availability (low unemployment) and housing constraints. <p>Windlab response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committed to sharing traffic studies and engaging Mildura’s transport teams. • Agreed to maintain contact and schedule a future briefing following the SW REZ access outcome. <p>Swan Hill City Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Windlab contacted Council to discuss potential implications of the project on the Swan Hill Aerodrome, with Council nominating relevant technical staff for further discussions.
<p>Federal & State Government Government & Political Offices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office of Sussan Ley MP • Office of Helen Dalton MP 	<p>Email: 25 Phone: 10 F2F Meeting: 4 Project Email: 6 Event - Hosted by Windlab: 3 Event - Hosted by Counterparty: 1</p>	<p>Elected reps and offices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided project updates including economic and social opportunities to the Federal Member for Farrer (11 December 2024) and the State Member for Murray (1 October 2024), whose electorates cover the project area.

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<p>State Government</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department of Regional NSW (Various roles including Economic Development & Coordination, Regional Economic Development) • Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure • Crown Lands (NSW) • South West Renewable energy Zone First Nations Working Group • BCS (Biodiversity, Conservation and Science Group) • HeritageNSW • Transport for NSW • Workforce Australia (Support Officers, Employment Coordination) 	<p>Video Conference: 9 Text Message: 2</p>	<p>State Government Departments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worked with Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development NSW on western NSW economic development, licensing, and workforce. • Crown Lands NSW discussions on land licensing and infrastructure access. <p>Environmental & Land Management Agencies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crown Lands NSW processed land access and licensing applications. <p>Employment & Workforce Agencies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partnered with Workforce Australia and SuniTAFE on job expos and training. • Focused on workforce development for South West Renewable Energy Zone (REZ). • Updates on Cross-Border Future Industry Workforce Forum <p>BCS (Biodiversity, Conservation and Science Group) (Meeting held on the 17 December 2024)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with BCS to discuss BCS submission on the Project. Meeting discussed several items raised in the BCS feedback, which will be considered in the RtS. <p>HeritageNSW (Meeting held on the January 21 2025)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with Heritage NSW to discuss issues identified in the Heritage NSW submission. Provided

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		<p>further clarification on the suitability of the response being prepared.</p> <p><i>Transport for NSW (Meeting held on the 19 February 2025)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with TfNSW and DPHI to discuss issues raised in the TfNSW submissions. This included further clarification on some of the items raised in TfNSW feedback, assessment of bridges for OSOM route, further justification on OSOM axle weights on the pavement conditions and further discussion on haulage pinch. <p>NSW Rural Fire Service (Meeting held 4th of June 2025)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with regionally based Superintendent District Managers from the Mid Murray and Lower Western districts. These senior representatives are familiar with the local area and wind farm developments more broadly. Topics discussed included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Project's proposed fire management measures; ○ Local RFS resources and existing firefighting assets; ○ Development of the Project's Bushfire Management Plan; ○ Development of an early fire detection system that could be fitted to turbines to

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		<p>passively monitor for landscape level fire threats;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Training the Project’s operational workforce in grass fire suppression and other firefighting abilities.
<p>Community including community organisations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balranald Central School P and C • Balranald Ex-Services Club • Balranald Football Netball Club (Secretary, Netball Coach) • Balranald Shire Beautification Advisory Committee (BBAC) • Can Assist Balranald - Cancer Assistance Network NSW • Euston Progressive Advisory Committee • Growing Business Industry & Tourism Advisory Committee (GBITAC) • Koraleigh Hall and Rec. Reserve Committee (Committee Members) • Kyalite Fishing & Sporting Club (Committee Members) • Murrumbidgee Classic Fishing Competition Committee (Committee Members) 	<p>Email: 35 F2F Meeting: 1 Phone: 8 Website: 1 Text Message: 4</p>	<p><i>Sponsorship & Funding Requests</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussions on sponsorship opportunities, process for awarding funding, decisions and community benefit fund overview <p><i>Community Engagement & Meetings</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared information on the close of the exhibition period, next steps, EIS documents and how stakeholders can contact the project team with questions. • Coordination with Robinvale College Career Mentoring Program. <p><i>Local Workforce & Skills Development</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussions on Victorian towns addressing skilled worker shortages. • Discussed regional strategies to address skilled worker shortages in cross-border Victorian towns. • Analysed and discussed Euston-Robinvale Census data to inform local workforce planning and identify targeted actions. • Discussed ways to build a pipeline of skilled and job-ready workers through partnerships with schools,

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robinvale Euston Workforce Network, Robinvale (Manager) • Sport & Recreation Community Advisory Committee • Tooleybuc Piangil Action Group • Balranald Community Arts & Crafts Inc • Balranald Country Education Foundation (BCEF) • Strengthening Community Access Inclusion and Wellbeing Advisory Committee (SCAIWAC) 		<p>training providers, and community organisations with community members.</p> <p>Project Communications & Public Engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Windlab’s Junction Rivers Wind project information sharing. • Discussed workforce barriers and how to build a skilled local pipeline, essential for the region experiencing rapid industry growth.
<p>Traditional Owners</p> <p>The Junction Rivers Project, with the support of GIRA Advisory, is working to create a culturally safe and inclusive engagement strategy with Traditional Owners connected to the Project Area. In the absence of a formalised Native Title determination or single recognised governance body, the engagement has centred around building direct relationships with recognised Traditional Owner family groups, Elders, and their organisations. The focus of this work currently is the <i>Traditional Owner Participation Matrix</i>, which outlines</p>	<p>Email: 35 Phone: 44</p>	<p>Activities Undertaken</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification and validation of Traditional Owner family groups and Knowledge Holders relevant to the Project Area. • Development of a framework to guide respectful and structured participation across social, economic, cultural, and heritage domains. • Direct consultations, workshops, and advisory sessions with Traditional Owners to inform and shape project processes. • Coordination with Aboriginal organisations and community corporations to support inclusive engagement across multiple stakeholders. • Ongoing mapping of interests, responsibilities, and aspirations of Traditional Owners to align with

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<p>how different individuals and groups wish to be informed, consulted, and involved.</p>		<p>project focus areas, specifically in relation to cultural heritage in the near future.</p> <p>General Sentiment and Community Response The overall sentiment of Traditional Owner engagement has been cautiously positive, with a strong willingness to participate. The Traditional Owners have appreciated the collaborative and tailored approach, particularly emphasising the direct consultation with family groups which aligns with their cultural governance structures. Windlab’s approach is centred on laying a foundation for trust-based, culturally grounded engagement that acknowledges both the rights and interests of the Traditional Owners, while supporting Windlab to develop a socially responsible and sustainable project pathway.</p>
<p>Kyalite Community Including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kyalite Landowners • Kyalite Fishing & Sporting Club • Kyalite Progress & Recreational Reserve Association • Kyalite Community Hotel Pty Ltd) 	<p>Email: 12 Phone: 14 Text Message: 8 F2F Meeting: 6 Project Email: 9</p>	<p>Project scope and approvals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responding to community enquiries to help provide clarity on the project’s status and next steps while awaiting access rights for the SW REZ. • Held meeting with oppositional neighbours to table their concerns raised in the EIS process and committed to seeking consultant advice where appropriate, and maintaining open lines of communication. • Discussions on biodiversity offsets, gravel, and electricity bill credits. <p>Sponsorship & Funding</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussions on sponsorship requests. <p>Community Engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meetings and follow-ups with Kyalite neighbours Legal fee reimbursement discussions. <p>Christmas Outreach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delivered Christmas gifts to key stakeholders.
<p>Education and Training Including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apprenticeships Support Australia Asuria - SEA Program CVGT MEGT (Australia) Mallee Regional Partnerships Murray Mallee LLEN NSTA Echuca (National Skills Training Association) Regional Industry Education Partnerships (RIEP), Skills and Workforce Programs SuniTAFE VIC Sureway TAFE NSW Workpac 	<p>Email: 56 Phone: 14 F2F Meeting: 14 Event - Hosted by Windlab: 9 Event - Hosted by Counterparty: 5 Event - Industry: 7 Media: 3 Text Message: 1 Video Conference: 1</p>	<p>Workforce & Employment Engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participation in the Echuca Jobs Expo, including employer registration and follow-ups. Discussions on apprenticeships, trainee programs, and employment pathways, particularly with TAFE NSW and Workforce Australia. Engagement with organisations like CVGT, MEGT, and APM on workforce and job readiness programs. <p>Education & Training Initiatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collaboration with TAFE NSW, SuniTAFE, and Regional Industry Education Partnerships (RIEP) on workforce capability and training. Workshops and campus tours at SuniTAFE Mildura and Swan Hill. Participation in the TAFE Connects with Hay event, including follow-ups and discussions on training innovation. <p>Junction Rivers Wind Project & Industry Participation</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workforce Australia – Local Jobs Murray Riverina • Workforce Australia – Local Jobs Goulburn Murray 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seeking input and letters of support for the Junction Rivers Wind Project from stakeholders. • Engaging Business NSW and other partners for feedback and industry collaboration. • Presentation and discussions on the Industry and Aboriginal Participation Plan (IAPP) for the project. <p><i>Community & Stakeholder Engagement</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendance at a networking event in Broken Hill due to its role as a regional service and workforce hub, with shared health, education, cultural, and infrastructure links to Balranald and the broader Western NSW region. • In response to industry feedback, facilitated and participated in regional workshops across the Riverina and Western NSW, from Mildura to Albury (including Deniliquin), to support workforce development and community coordination. • Connecting with key stakeholders to discuss regional workforce challenges and skills shortages. • Renewables Ready High School Program, engaging students in clean energy careers. <p><i>Research & Policy Discussions</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussions on regional workforce capability, capacity, and innovation with training providers. • Engagement with regional industry education partnerships to align job training programs with industry needs.

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<p>Businesses Including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blake Contractors • The Riverina Grazier • Outback Quarters Motel • Leo Conway Agencies • Lloyd Property Management • Local Logic Place • Northern Land Solutions • Various local accommodation and hospitality vendors 	<p>Phone: 1 F2F Meeting: 1 Project Email: 1 Email: 8 Event - Industry: 1 Text Message: 1</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contributions to government and policy discussions on regional skills development. • Engagement with contractors and landowners regarding project-related matters. • Follow-ups with local advisory committees and councils on the Junction Rivers Wind Project post-exhibition. • Request for information and responses related to the project. • Participation in industry and community workshops.
<p>Industry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICN - Murray Riverina (Industry Capability Network) • Farmers for Climate Action • Business NSW 	<p>Email: 12 Phone: 1 Event - Hosted by Windlab: 1</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed capability reference list for supply chain considerations. • Ongoing discussions and invitations for letters of support for Junction Rivers. • Seeking input on Junction Rivers Wind Project. • Discussion on specific electrical supply needs. • Invitation to the summit in Melbourne (7-8 Nov).
<p>Economic Development Associations Including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wimmera Southern Mallee Development • Victorian Cross-border Commissioner • Mallee Regional Partnerships 	<p>Email: 48 Phone: 3 Project Email: 4 Event - Hosted by Windlab: 3 Event - Hosted by Counterparty: 1 Event - Industry: 2 Media: 2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions and networking with key regional and industry representatives. • Contributions to a Regional, Rural, and Remote Jobs and Skills Roadmap. • Discussions to understand regional workforce trends and migration patterns. • Engagement in national and regional summits related to economic and workforce development.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee for Echuca Moama • Work and Stay • Business NSW • RDA (Regional Development Australia) Murray • Regional Institute Australia 	Video Conference: 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation in TAFE NSW Community Connect Workshop. • Seeking input from Business NSW and other organisations on the Junction Rivers Wind Project. • Discussions on new research about regional Australians' views on renewables.
Regional Advocacy Groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NSW Farmers Association • Farmers for Climate Action • National Farmers Federation 	Email: 34 Phone: 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions and follow-up calls to discuss project alignment. • Industry knowledge sharing and collaboration.
Schools & Childcare <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balranald Central School • Balranald Central School P and C • St Joseph's Primary School • Tooleybuc Central School 	Event - Industry: 6 Email: 35 F2F Meeting: 3 Phone: 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Engagement – Industry presentations at Balranald & Tooleybuc schools (~80 students), coordinating sessions, and providing content. • First Nations Scholarship – Promoting 2025 NvG Dreamers Foundation scholarship. • Junction Rivers Wind Project – Seeking input and engaging schools/communities. • Community Support – Funding for Will Ellis Memorial Garden/Playground and school initiatives.