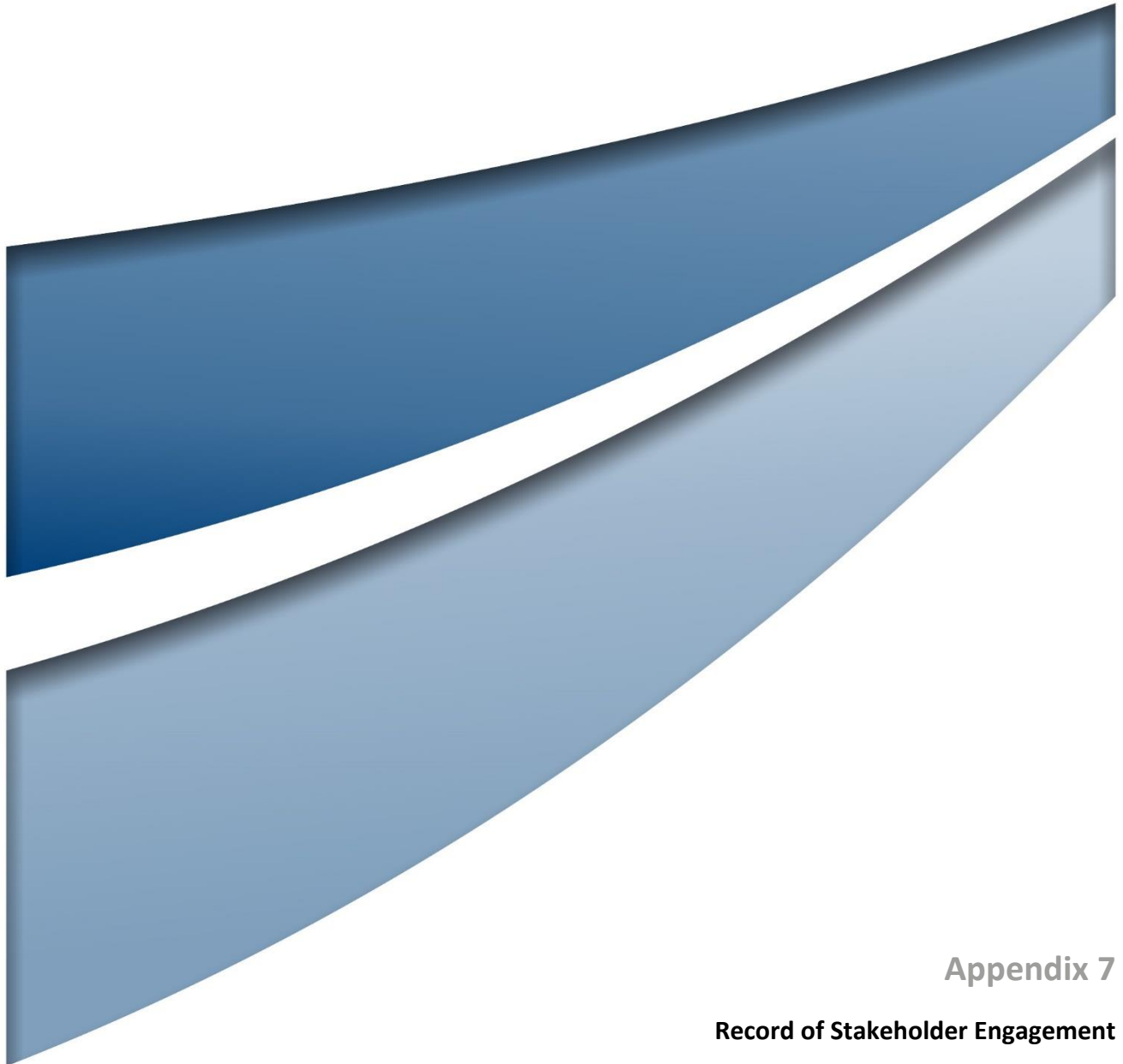




Appendix 7

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Stakeholder	Timing	Mechanism	Key Feedback/Consultation Detail	Key Issue(s)	Section in EIS (where relevant)
Registered Aboriginal Parties					
Balranald Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC)	Q4 2021 – Q3 2023	Email, face-to-face (F2F), letter, phone	Engagement related to the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (ACHA). Including details on the Project and registration for interest, provide Project methodology, general Project and fieldwork communications. Draft ACHA provided for comment. Provision of information on the Project benefits and opportunities and Project updates.	Complex local relationships	Section 5.0 Section 6.5
Bangerang Aboriginal Corporation	Q1 2022 – Q3 2023	Email, F2F, letter, phone	Engagement related to the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (ACHA). Including details on the Project and registration for interest, provide Project methodology, general Project and fieldwork communications. Draft ACHA provided for comment.	NA	Section 5.0 Section 6.5
John Jackson	Q1 2022 – Q3 2023	Email, F2F, letter, phone	Engagement related to the ACHA. Including details on the Project and registration for interest, provide Project methodology, general Project and fieldwork communications. Draft ACHA provided for comment. Project updates.	Complex local relationships	Section 5.0 Section 6.5
Pappin Family Aboriginal Corporation	Q1 2022 – Q3 2023	Email, F2F, letter, phone	Engagement related to the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (ACHA). Including details on the Project and registration for interest, provide Project methodology, general Project and fieldwork communications. Draft ACHA provided for comment. Project updates.	Complex local relationships	Section 5.0 Section 6.5

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Wakool Indigenous Corporation	Q1 2022 – Q3 2023	Email, F2F, letter, phone	Engagement related to the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (ACHA). Including details on the Project and registration for interest, provide Project methodology, general Project and fieldwork communications. Draft ACHA provided for comment. Provision of information on the Project benefits and opportunities and Project updates.	Complex local relationships	Section 5.0 Section 6.5
Yarkuwa Indigenous Knowledge Centre	Q1 2022 – Q3 2023	Email, F2F, letter, phone	Engagement related to the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (ACHA). Including details on the Project and registration for interest, provide Project methodology, general Project and fieldwork communications. Draft ACHA provided for comment.	NA	Section 5.0 Section 6.5
Aboriginal Stakeholders					
Various individuals	Various dates	Email, F2F and phone	Topics discussed included: introduction to Windlab and the Project, Windlab's Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) and artwork engagement, evaluation panel for the Community Benefit Pilot Program.	NA	Section 2.5.3 Section 5.0 Section 6.5
Maari Ma Health		Email, F2F and phone	Introduced Windlab and the Project and kept updated. Assisted with distribution of Project information to local Aboriginal people.	NA	Section 5.0 Section 6.5
Moores Buses		Email, F2F and phone	Introduced Windlab and the Project and kept updated. Engaged about traffic usage in particular school runs.	NA	Section 5.0 Section 6.5

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Business and Service Providers					
Iluka Resources Limited	Q2 2022 – Q4 2023	Emails, F2F, phone and video call	Introduced Windlab and the Project. Consultation regarding the overlapping mineral exploration licence.	Concerns about unavoidable overlap of wind farm development footprint and Iluka's EL 7626	Section 2.3
Limondale Solar Farm	Q3 2022 – Q4 2023	Email, phone and video call	Introduced Windlab and the Project. Offered opportunity to ask any questions.	Traffic impacts Balancing Community Fund Engagement fatigue/efforts	Section 2.4 Section 6.15
Sunraysia Solar Farm	12 October 2022	Email and video call	Introduced Windlab and the Project. Offered opportunity to ask any questions.	Sentiments towards Project Energy Connect	Section 2.4 Section 6.15
Viewmont Gold Pty Ltd	NA – exploration mineral licence overlapping Project area expired	NA	NA	NA	Section 2.3
State Government – Departments and Utilities Providers					
NSW Crown Lands	February 2022 – Q4 2023	Email, phone and video call	Introduced Windlab and the Project. Discussed Travelling Stock Routes in the Project Area and landholders consent from Crown Lands.	NA	Section 6.10
Department of Planning, Housing and Environment	2021 - 2024	Email and phone	Various engagements starting in 2021 with scoping meeting to introduce Windlab and the Project, followed by ad-hoc phone calls and emails relating to assessments, Project status and EIS updates, queries related to SW REZ and planning fees, requests for SEARs extension and Project name change.	Various	Section 5.3

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			Pre-lodgement meeting on 19 April 2024 to discuss EIS assessment results and lodgement date.		
Biodiversity, Conservation and Science Directorate (BCS)	22 March 2023 29 April 2024	Email, phone and video call	Introduced Windlab and Project. Discussed Land Category Mapping, survey methodologies and Biodiversity Assessment Results (including proposed mitigation and management measures).	Feedback relevant to biodiversity impacts	Section 5.3 Section 6.4
DPE Water Group	11 October 2023	Email	Introduction and overview of Project, including offer to meet and discuss Project. DPE Water Group responded via email on 10 October 2023 stating that they did not have any comments and would provide formal advice when the full report has been logged for review.	NA	Section 5.3
Department of Primary Industries – Agriculture and Fisheries (DPI)	11 October 2023	Email	Introduction and overview of Project, including offer to meet and discuss Project. Department of Primary Industries – Agriculture and Fisheries (DPI) replied via email on 11 October 2023 indicating that the email was forwarded to the Principal Economist Climate.	NA	NA
Environment Protection Authority (EPA)	11 October 2023	Email	Introduction and overview of Project, including offer to meet and discuss Project. EPA responded via email on 20 October 2023 noting their inability to meet.	NA	NA
Fire and Rescue NSW	11 October 2023	Email	Introduction and overview of Project, including offer to meet and discuss Project.	NA	NA
Heritage NSW	Q4 2022 – Q4 2023	Email and phone call	Introduction and overview of Project. Provided ACHA findings on site and Windlab/NGH's approach to survey and assessment to ensure aligned with Heritage NSW expectations. Heritage	Aboriginal cultural heritage assessment findings and	Section 6.5

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			NSW responded noting they are unable at this time to complete pre-submission review of ACHA.	survey/assessment approach	
Heritage NSW	14 December 2023	Email	Provided a detailed summary of the ACHA for the Project. Heritage NSW responded via email on 14 December 2023 noting that the department does not have capacity to complete a formal pre-submission review. Heritage NSW added that during their formal review, the department will consider whether the information presented in the ACHAR and the ATR adequately addresses the SEARs, including consideration of the requirement to undertake test excavation.	NA	Section 6.5
Murray Local Land Services	11 October 2023	Email	Introduction and overview of Project, including offer to meet and discuss Project.	NA	Section 6.4 Section 6.10
NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service	September 2023 – January 2024	Email	Introduction and overview of Project, including information about potential aviation impacts. NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service replied via email on 11 October 2023 requesting that the following be considered in the final version of the Aviation Impact Assessment: • information about cumulative effects • additional information about Conservation Agency aerial operations • additional information about aerial firefighting operations • consideration of other nearby aircraft landing areas in addition to those included in Aviation Impact Assessment. In an email on 26 September 2023, NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service raised the issue of the	Aviation impacts and visual impacts	Section 6.2 Section 6.11.1

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			potential for turbines to be visible from Yangan National Park, Yanga State conservation Area and Yanga Nature Reserve. NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service provided a further follow-up via email on 17 January 2024 indicating that the department had no further comments to make at that point.		
NSW Rural Fire Service	11 October 2023	Email	Introduction and overview of Project, including offer to meet and discuss Project.	NA	NA
Regional NSW – Mining, Exploration and Geoscience (MEG)	July 2022	Email, phone call	Introduction and overview of Project, and discussed overlapping exploration licence (EL7627) held by Iluka. MEG passed on Iluka contact details.	Overlapping exploration licence	Section 2.3.2
Transport for NSW (TfNSW)	1 November 2022 May 2024	Email	Introduction and overview of Project, including offer to meet and discuss Project. TfNSW replied via email on 23 November 2023 indicating that a meeting may be held once the Traffic and Transport Impact Assessment and proposed road or site access upgrade concept plans are available. Summary of Traffic and Transport Impact Assessment sent to TfNSW.	Feedback regarding traffic and transport assessments	Section 5.3 Section 6.7
Essential Energy (through Spot on Power Projects)	22 December 2023	Email and phone call	Light pole relocation along the NSW portion of the haulage route.	NA	NA
WaterNSW	11 October 2023	Email	Introduction and overview of Project, including offer to meet and discuss Project. WaterNSW replied via email on 13 October 2023 indicating the email has been forwarded to DPIE to respond directly, and that a reply could be expected shortly.	NA	NA

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VicRoads	9 October 2023 10 May 2024	Email	Introduction and overview of Project, including offer to meet and discuss Project. VicRoads has been provided with relevant haulage route details.	NA	NA
V/Line	10 May 2024	Email	Introduction and overview of Project, including offer to meet and discuss Project.	NA	NA
VicTrack	9 October 2023	Email	Introduction and overview of Project, including offer to meet and discuss Project.	NA	NA
Department of Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) South Australia	9 October 2023	Email	Introduction and overview of Project, including offer to meet and discuss the Project. DIT replied on 16 October 2023 and have been provided with a copy of the draft haulage route assessment.	NA	NA
Local Government – Local Councils					
Murray River Council	Q3 2021 – Q4 2023	Email, F2F, phone and video call	Introduction to Windlab and the Project, key assessment topics and the proposed Community Benefit Fund. Facilitation of Smarty Grants to administer Community Benefit Pilot Grant DA preparation for the met mast Provided Executive Summary from Scoping Report. Briefed Councillors and Executive Employees. Enquired about local suppliers for geotechnical investigations (boreholes, test pits and lab testing). Briefed Murray River Councillors and Executive Staff on the Project.	Community Benefit Fund misaligned with impacts to neighbours and community	Section 2.5.3 Section 5.3
Balranald Shire Council	Q3 2021 – Q4 2023	Email, F2F, phone and video call	Community Benefit Fund, Update of the Junction Rivers wind Project, key impacts to Balranald, potential areas for collaboration, resourcing discussions, and initial thinking around the Community Benefit Fund for feedback. Project Recap/ Key discussion points (from Balranald	Community Benefit Fund amount and split between two councils Misalignment of financial governance between	Section 5.3

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			Council response to SEARs): Transport and roads, Workforce and accommodation, Water and construction materials, Waste management, Local content, community benefits and Next Steps.	community and administrator	
Swan Hill Rural City Council	14 March 2023 15 September 2023 23 November 2023	Email, F2F and phone	Introduction and overview of Project, including information about potential aviation impacts. Swan Hill Rural City Council replied via email on 11 October 2023 stating that Council will assess the potential aviation impacts and would provide a response. Provision of presentations and key findings report from a housing summit within the next couple of weeks.	Feedback for aviation safety assessment Housing constraints	Section 6.11.1 Section 6.12
Commonwealth Government					
Airservices Australia	October 2023 and March 2024	Email	Airservices Australia was consulted during preparation of the Aviation Impact Assessment for the Project, and provided relevant advice for the assessment.	Feedback for aviation safety assessment	Section 6.11.1
Bureau of Meteorology (the Bureau)	10 January 2023	Email	Introduction and overview of Project, including information about potential electro-magnetic interference impacts. The Bureau responded via email on 19 January 2023 noting manageable impact on the Bureau's assets, specifically on its weather radar network, in normal atmospheric/propagation conditions. The Bureau advised that they could conditionally agree to the Project.	NA	Section 6.11.2
Department of Climate Change, Energy,	20 January 2022 31 August 2023	Email, phone, video call	Introduction to the Project, proposed ecological surveys, potential impacts to Matters of National Environmental Significance.	Information relevant to biodiversity assessments and referral	Section 4.0 Section 6.4

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Environment and Water (DCCEEW)	17 October 2023 14 November 2023 19 December 2023		Referral feedback and details required. Referral submitted. The Project was determined to be a controlled action (EPBC 2023/09603) on 14 November 2023. Supplementary SEARs provided.		
Department of Defence	2 October 2023 23 April 2024	Email	Department of Defence was contacted on 2 October 2023 to advise of the Project, and a request was made for comments regarding the Project. Department of Defence replied on 23 April 2024 advised of assessment requirements and also noted that there were no concerns with the Project at that time.	Information relevant to aviation impact assessment	Section 6.11.1
Elected Federal & State Government Representatives					
Sussan Ley (Federal)	18 August 2023 22 March 2023 6 December 2022 9 November 2022 16 July 2022 19 October 2021	Email and phone	Request for meeting. Introduction to Windlab and the Project. Update and status on the Project.	Consultation regarding the Project	Section 5.2.2
Helen Dalton (State)	18 August 2023 24 January 2023 15 November 2022 19 July 2022 7 July 2022 13 April 2022	Email, F2F and phone	Request for meeting. Introduction to Windlab and the Project. Update on the status of the Project	Consultation considering different community issues	Section 5.2.2

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	17 February 2022 8 December 2021 3 June 2021				
Elected Local Government Representatives					
Murray River Greater Wakool Ward Councillors (x 3)	21 November 2023 13 September 2023	Email and F2F (2 out of 3)	Provided Project fact sheet, information about community benefits and opportunities fact sheet. Shared Project update and invited feedback on the design, construction, and operations approach.	Community concerns regarding the proposed VNI West Transmission Line Locals unable to access reliable and affordable power.	Section 5.2.2
Murray River Councillors (all)	June 2022	F2F	Introduction to Windlab and the Project. Project overview, why this site, engagement to date, grid connection options, forecast timeline and next steps.	Financial benefits Access to affordable and reliable power (Wakool ward often has of power outages, particularly brown outs)	Section 5.2.2
Swan Hill Rural City Council	21 March 2023 23 November 2023	F2F and email	Met the Mayor in person to provide a high-level introduction of the Project and Swan Hill being included as a key service town subject to approval.	Consultation regarding the Project	Section 5.2.2
Volunteer Community Advisory Committees – Balranald Shire Council in Administration					
Growing Business Industry & Tourism Balranald Council Advisory Committee (GBITAC)	Q3 2021 – Q4 2023	Email, F2F and phone	Provided information about community financial benefits and non-financial benefits.	Community benefits being an inadequate for the size and proposed impacts to the area	Section 5.2.2

Stakeholder	Timing	Mechanism	Key Feedback/Consultation Detail	Key Issue(s)	Section in EIS (where relevant)
				Misalignment of decision making and governance between Council and the community	
Strengthening Community Access Inclusion and Wellbeing Balranald Council Advisory Committee (SCAIWAC)	Q3 2021 – Q4 2023	Email, F2F, letter and phone	Cross –border LGA & State Workforce Forum Detailed discussions about proposed community benefits. Explained Project name change.	Community Benefits being an inadequate for the size and proposed impacts to the area. Misalignment of decision making and governance between Council and community	Section 5.2.2
Balranald Beautification Balranald Council Advisory Committee (BBAC)	Q1 2023 – Q4 2023	Email	Provided upcoming dates to connect about Project status and have detailed discussions about the community financial benefits and non-financial benefits. Explained Project name change and Community Benefit Pilot Program.	Consultation regarding the Project and community benefits	Section 2.5.3 Section 5.2.2
Euston Progressive Advisory Committee (EPAC)	Q1 2023 – Q4 2023	Email and F2F	Explained Project name change and Community Benefit Pilot Program.	Community benefits	Section 2.5.3 Section 5.2.2
Sport & Recreation Advisory Committee	Q1 2023 – Q4 2023	Email and F2F	Explained Project name change and Community Benefit Pilot Program	Community benefits	Section 2.5.3 Section 5.2.2
Aging Well Aged Care & Facilities Advisory Committee	July 18 2023	Email	Provided Project introduction and overview of the Project, and kept updated. Provided information about Project name change and Community Benefit Pilot Program.	Community benefits	Section 2.5.3 Section 5.2.2
Broader Community – Schools					

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Balranald St Josephs School & Associated Parents & Friends Committee	Q3 2021 – Q4 2023	Email, F2F, phone and video	Provided introduction and overview of the Project and kept updated. Windlab was a sponsor of the St Josephs Fete. Consultation on the Community Benefit Pilot Program.	Work opportunities and traineeships for students Wanting families to establish in the town	Section 2.5.3 Section 5.2.2
Balranald Central K-12	Q2 2021 – Q3 2023	Email, F2F, phone and SmartyGrants Service	Introduction and overview of the Project and kept updated. Provided information about Community Benefit Pilot Program. Delivered a presentation to 35 students in years 9 and 10.	Work opportunities and traineeships Non-financial opportunities and benefits Benefits – exposing young local people to different career options	Section 2.5.3 Section 5.2.2
Tooleybuc Central School	Q2 2022 – Q3 2023	Email, F2F and phone	Provision of Project updates. Drop-in Session was scheduled pre and during school pickup.	Non-financial opportunities and benefits Benefits – exposing young local people to different career options	Section 5.2.2
Broader Neighbours – Other Stakeholders					
Cadell Orchards and Canally Orchards (part of Australian Farming Services)	Q1 2022 – Q4 2023	Email, F2F and phone	Introduction to Windlab and the Project. Provided information about Cross border Future Workforce Forum, Euston plus Project fact sheet and Community Benefits and Opportunities Project fact sheet.	Competition of local workforce resources	Section 5.2.2
Section 355 Committee under Local NSW Gov. Act 1993					

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Kyalite Progress & Recreation Reserve Association (KPA)	Q3 2022 – Q4 2023	Email, F2F and phone	KPA provided an update on Kyalite Water Supply Project aligned to the funding Windlab provided as part of the Community Pilot Program. Emailed links to the Project fact sheet and Community Benefits and Opportunities Project fact sheets on website.	NA	Section 2.5.3 Section 5.2.2
Tooleybuc Piangil Action Group	Q3 2022 – Q4 2023	Email, F2F and phone	Provided an update on the six Projects through the Community Pilot Program. Hand-delivered hard copy of the Project fact sheet and Community Benefits and Opportunities Project fact plus emails for committee members. Advised about Project Name change.	NA	Section 2.5.3 Section 5.2.2
Goodnight Hall and Reserve Committee	Q1 2023 – Q4 2023	Email, F2F and phone	Delivered Junction Rivers branded caps to the Goodnight Hall & Rec Reserve and sited the upgrade BBQ which the Community Pilot program funded. Provided fact sheets.	NA	Section 2.5.3 Section 5.2.2
Special interest and community members					
Kyalite Fishing and Sporting Club	Q3 2022 – Q4 2023	Email, F2F and phone	Explained about Project name change. Provided information about Community Benefit Pilot Program.	Consultation regarding the Project and community benefits	Section 2.5.3 Section 5.2.2
Balranald Inc. [Independent Committee]	Q4 2022 – Q4 2023	Email, F2F and phone	Introduced Windlab and the Project. Explained about Project name change. Involved in co-designed process for Community Benefit Pilot Program.	NA	Section 2.5.3 Section 5.2.2
Balranald Country Education Foundation and Regional Development Australia – Murray Region	21 August 2023 18 November 2023	Email and F2F	Explained about non-financial community benefits. Attended housing event by Swan Hill Council. Noted that economic development strategy has commenced between Wentworth and Balranald Councils.	NA	Section 2.5.3 Section 5.2.2

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10 groups who applied for the Community Benefit Pilot Program and 6 successful: 1. Goodnight BBQ and Recreational Reserve 2. Balranald Early Learning Centre Inc 3. Kyalite Fishing and Sporting Club 4. Far West Local Health District – Balranald Health Service 5. Kyalite Progress and Recreation Reserve Association 6. St Joseph's Primary School Balranald	5 June 2023 29 March 2023 10 February 2023	Phone, Email & Website	Involved in Community Benefit Pilot Program.	NA	Section 2.5.3 Section 5.2.2
Accommodation Providers					
Balranald • Balranald Shire Caravan Park • Club Motel Balranald • Colony Inn Balranald • Lake Paika Accommodation • Motel Capri Balranald • Motor Inn Balranald	Q1 2022 – Q4 2023	Email, F2F and phone Approximately 15+ stays	Introduced Windlab and the Project. Participated in commercial stays and engagement (at all except the Shamrock Hotel).	Have experienced the solar farms and acknowledge the role of the temporary camp	Section 6.12 Section 6.13

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- Shamrock Hotel Balranald - Qantac Temporary Accommodation Village - Blacktown Services – subbies - Sirron – subbies - Sturt Motel Balranald					
Kyalite Community Hotel Pty Ltd	Q2 2022 – Q3 2023	Email, F2F and phone	Introduction to Windlab and the Project.	No drinking water supply Unreliable power Retaining staff to manage the venue	Section 6.12 Section 6.13
Tooleybuc/Piangil - Tooleybuc Caravan Park - Tooleybuc Club Moton Inn - Country Club Hotel (Tooleybuc) - Tooleybuc Sport Club - Tooleybuc River Retreat Villas - Piangil Cabin & Caravan Park (Vic)	2022 – 2023	Email, F2F and phone	Introduction to Windlab and the Project. Participated in commercial stays and engagement.	Frequent power outages	Section 6.12 Section 6.13

*Face to Face (F2F) not only includes in person meetings but also includes engagement at meetings at industry and community events

*Phone engagement covers text messages and phone calls

*Certain engagement records have been redacted for privacy reasons