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Community Engagement Plan



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Yanco Delta Wind Farm: Modification application

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Acknowledgement of Country

We at Origin Energy acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples as the Traditional Owners of the land, waters, sea and sky and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

We recognise the continuous connection of the Wiradjuri Nation as the traditional owners of the country where the Yanco Delta Wind Farm is located and pay our respects and celebrate their enduring culture and connections to country.



1 Introduction

1.1 Purpose of this plan

This Modification Application Community Engagement Plan (CEP) has been developed to guide communication and engagement activities during the preparation and post lodgement of the Modification report to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI).

The CEP has been prepared in line with the community engagement guidance provided in the community engagement section of DPHI's State Significant Development Guidelines – Preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (July 2022) as well as Undertaking Engagement Guidelines for State Significant Projects (July 2021). It also responds to consultation feedback and emerging Project considerations, allowing adaptation to evolving stakeholder and community priorities and opportunities as the Project progresses.

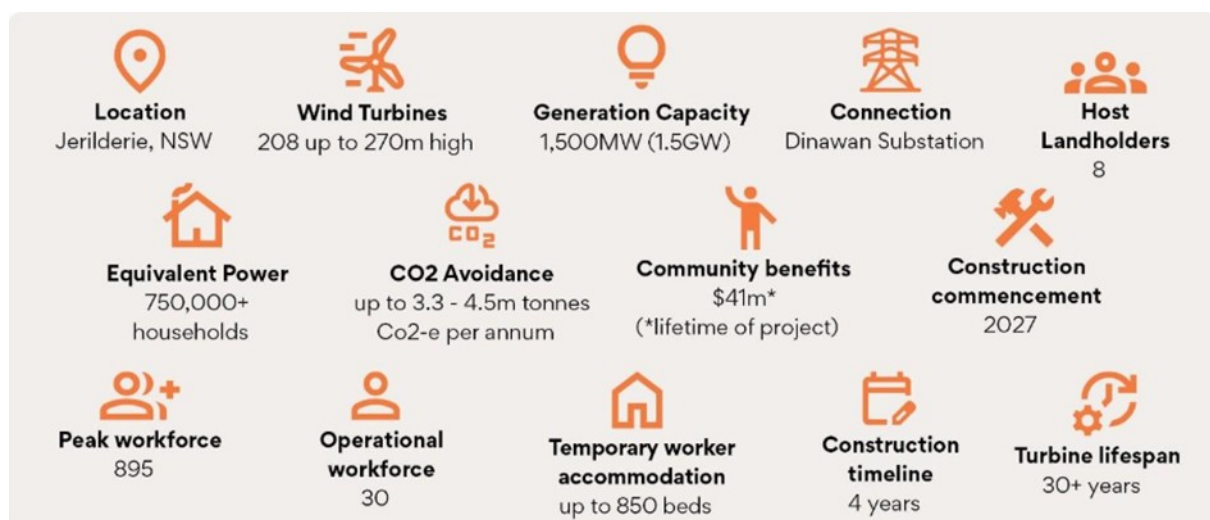
All communication and engagement activities outlined within the Modification Application CEP are delivered in accordance with Origin's community engagement approach.

1.2 Project overview

Once built, the Yanco Delta Wind Farm is anticipated to be one of the largest onshore wind projects in New South Wales. Consisting of a 1.5GW wind farm, with up to 208 turbines and an option for an 800 MWh battery, the project will generate enough electricity to power 750,000+ households. Figure 1 provides a Project snapshot.

Origin entered into an agreement with Virya Energy (previous owner) to acquire the Project in April 2024 as part of Origin's strategic direction into growing a cleaner energy portfolio. The transaction completed in May 2024, resulting in Origin's complete ownership of the Yanco Delta Wind Farm. The Project has significant plans for supporting infrastructure and transmission in place and has received New South Wales Government development approval (December 2023), EPBC approval (February 2024) and South-West Renewable Energy Zone (REZ) Access Rights (April 2025).

Figure 1 Project snapshot



1.3 Project location

The Project will occupy a 33,000-hectare site, within the New South Wales (NSW) Government-designated South-West REZ, an area identified by the NSW Government as a priority region for the development of renewable energy projects. The site is located on Wiradjuri Country, 10 km north-west of Jerilderie in the Riverina Murray Region, within the Murrumbidgee Council and Edward River Council Local Government Areas (LGAs), New South Wales.

The Project is primarily located on private properties owned by eight landholders with the exception of the proposed transmission route running along McLennons Bore Road, whereby Murrumbidgee Council are the lessee (refer to Figure 2). The Yanco Creek and Delta Creeks flow through the site, which is rural in nature and the land bordering the site is primarily used for sheep grazing, cropping and agriculture. Other land uses include residential farm infrastructure, road reserves and managed resource protection.

The Riverina Murray Region has three regional centres, including Wagga Wagga, Albury and Griffith. The closest town centre is Jerilderie, followed by Coleambally, approximately 45 kilometres north-east, and Deniliquin located approximately 70 kilometres south-west of the Project.

Figure 2 Approximate Project location within the NSW South-West REZ

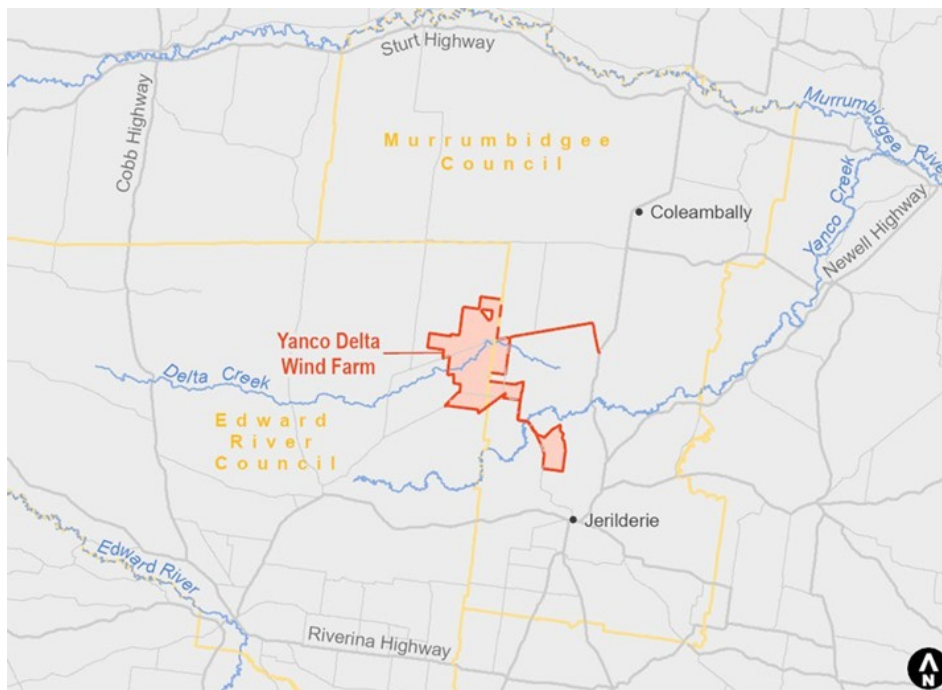
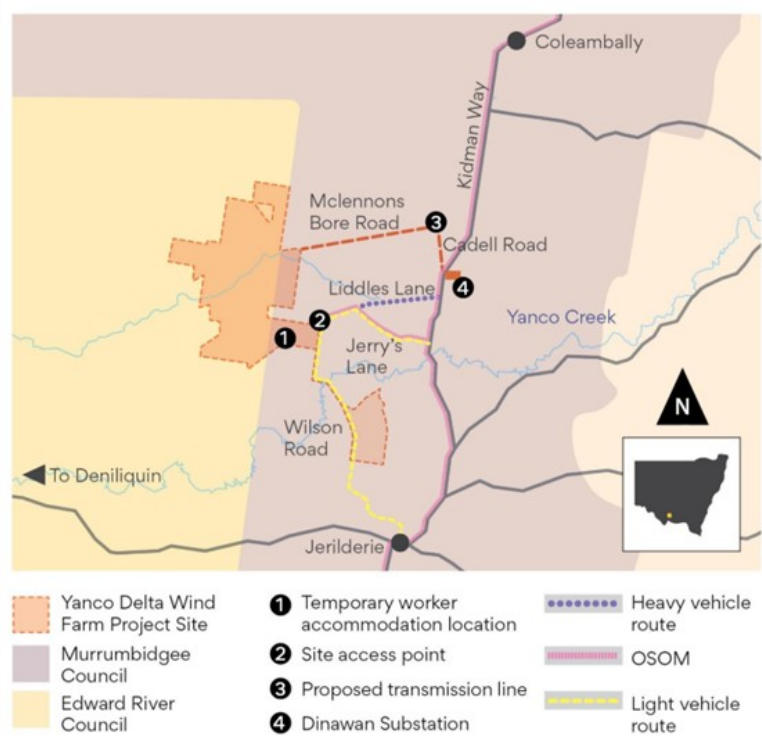


Figure 3 Project location with proposed access routes



2 Modification application: engagement approach and strategy

Engagement goals and objectives	This CEP seeks to generate the following outcomes: • Inform key stakeholders and the surrounding community about the scope of the proposed modification application. • Provide opportunities for stakeholders and community to engage with Origin on the changes to the Project. • Provide guidance on the next steps, including the exhibition process for public comment. • Ensure transparency, regulatory compliance, and meaningful stakeholder participation throughout the process.
Opportunities for input	Through this phase of the Project, the anticipated level of community and stakeholder influence is: • Inform: To keep stakeholders and the community informed about the proposed Project modifications, timelines, and processes. • Consult: To seek feedback on the proposed changes and understand stakeholder and community concerns or suggestions before finalising the modification. Whilst we encourage and value stakeholder and community feedback, due to statutory and technical requirements, some elements of the Project are unable to be influenced. The negotiable aspects of the Project include: • community benefits program priorities (e.g. funding for local projects, scholarships, training)

- engagement methods and frequency (e.g. additional drop-in sessions, feedback channels, newsletters)
- timing and format of consultation events to suit community preferences
- landscaping and visual screening measures to reduce local impacts.

The non-negotiable aspects of the Project include:

- turbine technology and specifications, driven by technical, safety, and grid connection requirements
- compliance with NSW and Commonwealth environmental assessment frameworks and approvals
- obligations under the Commonwealth EPBC Act and NSW State Significant Development approvals
- adherence to statutory noise, biodiversity, and cultural heritage protection requirements
- transmission line routing within the approved corridors or as permitted by regulators
- Project capacity limits as defined in development consents and environmental approvals.

3 Industry best practice

3.1 Clean Energy Council

Achieving best practice community engagement for the Project starts with recognising and adopting the Clean Energy Council's – Community Engagement Guidelines (CEC, 2018), four guiding principles to best practice community engagement outlined in Table 6.

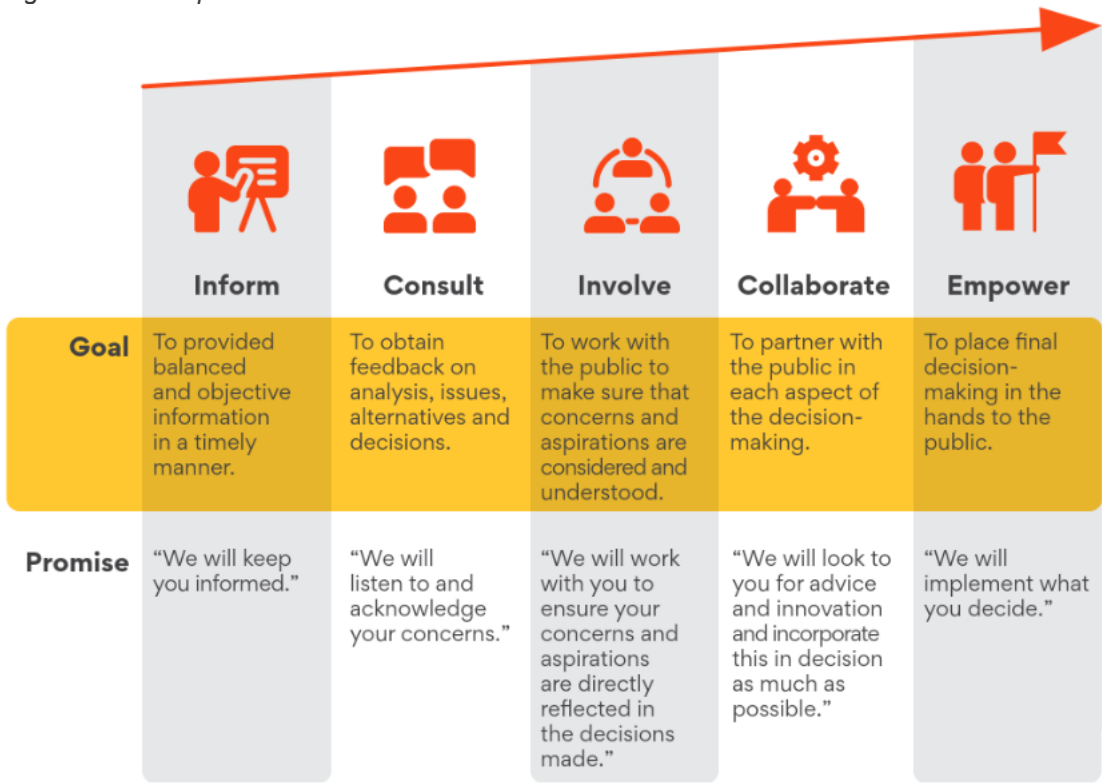
Table 1 Clean Energy Council Community Engagement Guidelines

Openness	Inclusiveness	Responsiveness	Accountability
Sharing relevant information about the decisions and activities of the developer with communities in a way that is clear, accurate, timely and honest.	Identifying and interacting with all Project stakeholders to ensure their perspectives are understood and taken into consideration.	Listening and responding to community concerns and needs as relevant to the wind farm.	Involves the ongoing process of monitoring, evaluating, and disclosing information about the activities, and positive and negative impacts of the wind farm.

3.2 International Association of Public Participation

Our approach to engagement will follow the principles and values outlined in the International Association of Public Participation's (IAP2) Quality Assurance Standard. These high-level frameworks and standards outline best-practice expectations of principle, process, and value and provide a consistent model for designing and delivering engagement. The proposed level of engagement for the Project will be to involve, inform, and consult, as per the IAP2 Spectrum in Figure 4.

Figure 4: IAP2 Spectrum



4 First Nations engagement

It is essential the Project demonstrates place-based, culturally appropriate practices and seeks to understand, acknowledge, and represent Aboriginal knowledge in the renewables sector. To achieve authentic representation, engagement with First Nations stakeholders will be undertaken with consideration to and in accordance with the following guidelines:

- Clean Energy Council – Leading Practice Principles: First Nations and Renewable Energy Projects (2024)
- First Nations Clean Energy Network – Best Practice Principals for Clean Energy Projects (2022)
- Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water - First Nations Guidelines: South West (2024)
- Origin’s First Nations Engagement Strategy and the Yanco Delta Wind Farm First Nations Engagement Plan.

4.1 First Nations engagement approach

Origin has a significant role to play in the energy transition as one of the nation’s leading electricity generators. As an organisation, Origin has the ability to influence and impact the lives of communities around the country – including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. Origin’s First Nations Engagement Strategy details key guiding principles to support its commitment in prioritising fairness, transparency, and respect when engaging with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander individuals and communities.

By committing to the below key guiding principles shown in Figure 5 we aspire to build a foundation of relationships, respect, and shared opportunities with First Nations peoples.

Figure 5 Key Guiding Principles



Origin seeks to meaningfully engage with Traditional Owner groups, along with other interested First Nations groups and individuals who identify with the area. Origin respects First Nations people's right to self-determination and is committed to working in partnership to achieve mutually beneficial outcomes. Specifically, Origin acknowledges the long-term goals and aspirations of the South-West REZ Working Group, with a priority focus on:

- Long-term skills and capability development
- Caring for country
- Cultural safety and wellbeing
- Relationship building and commercial partnerships
- Improving energy security and affordability for First Nations communities.

Fundamentally, our Plan sets out how at every step of the Project lifecycle we will:

- Build **respectful relationships** and work collaboratively with community, while respecting the rights of First Nations peoples.
- **Involve** First Nations stakeholders in the decision-making processes to help shape projects and ensure there are two-way conversations about common interests.
- Proactively consult and work with relevant First Nations groups to **protect and manage cultural heritage** in Origin's project areas.
- Ensure **Origin shares benefits and contributes towards community health and wellbeing**, while also playing an appropriate role in increasing each community's participation in economic development.

Throughout the Project lifecycle Origin will seek guidance and collaboration with Traditional Owners, First Nations Stakeholders and EnergyCo's First Nations Outcomes Team, to shape First Nations engagement activities and Industry and Aboriginal Participation Plan (IAPP) for the Yanco Delta Wind Farm. These activities will be carried out in conjunction with other stakeholder and community activities for the Project.

5 Opportunities, issues and mitigations

Theme	Opportunity/issue/s	Mitigation/s
Project timing	Perception of rushed process	• Provide timely communications on Project updates and multiple opportunities for involvement • Include clear timeline visualisations • Emphasise planning and approvals works completed to date and communicate modifications in plain English.
Environmental concerns	Perceived inadequate assessment	• Share technical study summaries • Ensure technical experts are available to answer community questions during consultation events.
Workforce accommodation	Concern about local housing pressure	• Explain temporary accommodation facility plans • Highlight measures to minimise local housing impact • Provide updates on accommodation progress.
Traffic and transport	Potential disruptions and safety risk	• Share detailed traffic management plans • Coordinate with transport authorities • Provide clear communication on timing and routes. • Communicate with school and public bus routes
Cultural heritage	Respect and protection of Aboriginal heritage	• Ongoing engagement with Traditional Owner groups • Conduct thorough cultural heritage surveys • Incorporate avoidance measures into design.
Visual and noise impacts	Concerns about visual and noise disturbance	• Share visual impact and noise assessment results • Outline mitigation measures like turbine setbacks and noise controls.
Community benefits	Desire for local benefits and opportunities	• Develop and communicate community benefits program • Seek community input on priorities (e.g., scholarships, local projects).
Ongoing engagement and feedback	Need for ongoing two-way communication	• Maintain multiple contact points (email, hotline, meetings) • Provide regular updates and respond to feedback • Demonstrate how feedback has refined and shaped the Project.

6 Communication and engagement tools

Tool/activity	Targeted stakeholder group/s	Purpose	Level of engagement
Key Messages and FAQ	All key stakeholders	Provide consistent and clear messaging to address anticipated questions and concerns.	Inform
Project email	All key stakeholders	A dedicated email address enables stakeholders and the community to communicate to Origin: powerdevelopmentprojects@originenergy.com.au Incoming emails are monitored by roster of staff and redirected to the appropriate project team member. We commit to getting back to email enquiries within 5 working days.	Inform
Land access email	- Host and neighbouring landholders - Bundure LH Group	A dedicated email address enables host and neighbouring landholders to community with relevant land access contacts: AccessAndCommunities@originenergy.com.au Incoming emails to the AccessAndCommunities inbox are monitored by the Land Access Team and are actioned and escalated as required.	Inform
1800 number	All key stakeholders	Call 1800 677 315. This National Response Centre number provides 24-hour 7 day a week access to Origin.	Inform
Webpage	All key stakeholders	Communication collateral and notification of community engagement will be made available on the Project webpage: www.yancodelta.com.au	Inform
QR Codes	All key stakeholders	QR codes will be provided across all collateral, linking directly to the Project webpage.	Inform
Email notifications	All key stakeholders	Disseminate Project updates, meeting invitations, and notification of public exhibition periods.	Inform
Stakeholder briefings	Key stakeholders: - Host and neighbouring landholders - State government agencies Traditional Owners or First Nations representatives	Provide Project updates, respond to queries, and seek input on key aspects of the Project. Briefings are tailored to stakeholder interests and level of influence.	Consult/Involve

Tool/activity	Targeted stakeholder group/s	Purpose	Level of engagement
	- Local government - Local community		
Direct consultation and alerts	- Host and neighbouring landholders - Local community	Verbal connection with stakeholders. Provide updates and address immediate concerns through phone calls, face-to-face interactions or site visits.	Inform/Consult
Factsheets	All key stakeholders	Provide clear, targeted information about key Project topics and updates – interpreting technical Project details into clear, easy-to-understand information.	Inform
Public notices	All key stakeholders	Broader notification of upcoming community information sessions: - Notice Board - Murrumbidgee and Edward River Council Facebook pages - Murrumbidgee Council website - Newspapers advertisements - Murrumbidgee and Edward River community e-newsletter	Inform
In person drop-in sessions	- Local community - Host and neighbouring landholders	A forum for direct engagement, review of Project materials, and opportunity for Q&A with the Project team.	Consult
Yanco Delta Wind Farm shop front	- Local community - Host and neighbouring landholders	Permanent location for stakeholders to ask questions, access printed materials and book meetings with Project team members: 40 Jerilderie Street, Jerilderie NSW 2716	Consult
Webinar	- Local community - Special interest groups - Regional stakeholders	Online platform to share Project information and answer questions, particularly for those unable to attend in-person events.	Consult
Engagement register	All stakeholders	All community and stakeholder interactions are logged in Borealis, Origin's stakeholder management system, to ensure transparency and accountability.	Record/Monitor (internal)
Post engagement summary report	All stakeholders	Transparently communicate how feedback was considered and what changes were made.	Inform/Consult

7 Stakeholder analysis approach

The Project engagement team will employ a range of consultation tools during the project planning and development phases (Refer to: Action plan, Section 9 of this CEP).

Figure 6 below shows how the stakeholder mapping analysis informs our engagement approach with key stakeholders and helps to prioritise and group stakeholders so that the most appropriate level and methods of engagement can be used.

The matrix below shows the stakeholders are mapped either as individuals or groups and their interest and influence are rated across three levels – Low, Medium and High. A stakeholder analysis for the Project is in Section 8.

Figure 6 Identifying stakeholder level of influence and level of interest.



Level 1 (Low – Inform):

- Provides stakeholders with balanced and objective information to assist them in understanding the Project
- “We will keep you informed”.

Level 2 (Medium – Consult):

- Stakeholders are actively informed, key concerns are acknowledged and feedback on influenced decisions is provided
- “We will consult and actively seek your input”.

Level 3 (High – Involve):

- Working directly with affected stakeholders throughout the process to ensure concerns are understood and directly considered
- “We will work with you to find the solution”.

8 Stakeholder analysis

The following stakeholder analysis identifies key stakeholder groups and their anticipated issues and/or interests in the modification application.

Stakeholder Group	Key issues/interests	Responsibility
Local Government	- Construction and operational workforce impacts on housing and services - Road use and traffic impacts from modified oversize and/or overmass (OSOM) routes - Local economic benefits - Consultation timing and transparency - Voluntary Planning Agreements - Local community benefits - Opportunities for feedback. - Impacts to road verge vegetation	Social Performance Approvals
NSW State Government and Government Departments	- Statutory compliance with environmental and heritage frameworks - Revised layouts and biodiversity and cultural heritage impacts - EP&A Act and Bushfire Planning compliance - Modification of turbine locations and transmission corridors - Opportunities for feedback.	Government Relations Approvals
Federal Government and Commonwealth Departments	- EPBC Act referral and assessment - Impacts to MNES including Superb Parrot and Plains-wanderer - Cumulative impacts from national perspective - Opportunities for feedback.	Government Relations Approvals
VIC State Government and Government Departments	- Transport of components via Geelong - OSOM traffic management planning within Victoria - Opportunities for feedback.	Government Relations Approvals
SA State Government and Government Departments	- Transport of components via Port Adelaide - OSOM traffic management planning within South Australia - Opportunities for feedback.	Government Relations Approvals
Landholders	- Transparent two-way communication - Opportunities for feedback - Changes to infrastructure locations - Land access for surveys and construction - Construction staging and rehabilitation - Temporary worker accommodation facility site location.	Land Access

Stakeholder Group	Key issues/interests	Responsibility
Neighbours	• Transparent two-way communication • Opportunities for feedback • Community investment • Project impacts and benefits • Project timing • Traffic, dust and noise during construction • Visual and noise impacts • Use of local roads and public land. • Temporary worker accommodation facility location and impacts	Land Access Social Performance
Traditional Owners and First Nations Groups	• Yanco Delta Wind Farm First Nations Approach • Cultural heritage protection • Impacts on Country • Native Title • Consultation • Land access • Benefits sharing • Free, Prior and Informed Consent • Indigenous Participation Plans • Consultation on design changes • Participation in Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report (ACHAR) process.	Social Performance
Environmental, community and special interest groups	• Biodiversity, bird and bat impacts • Offset strategy transparency • Cultural heritage protections • Visual and cumulative impacts.	Social Performance
Emergency Services	• Access routes for emergency response • Emergency response management plans • Bushfire risk • Safety coordination during peak construction.	Approvals Social Performance
Network providers	• Grid connection design and timing • Coordination of transmission route refinements • Interface with other major infrastructure projects.	Approvals

Stakeholder Group	Key issues/interests	Responsibility
Industry Groups	- Impact on renewable energy targets and delivery - Opportunities for feedback - Workforce skills development - Best practice for large-scale renewable developments.	Social Performance
Local business	- Opportunities for contracts and supply during construction - Impacts of increased workforce on local services and facilities - Potential increased competition for accommodation and labour - Interest in long-term economic benefits and community investment initiatives.	Social Performance
Local community	- Awareness of Project changes and impacts - Opportunities for feedback - Access to community benefits program - Clarity on construction timeframes - Shared community benefits.	Social Performance
Media	- Project updates - Public perception - Media relations - Transparency - Broader regional benefits and impacts.	Corporate Affairs

9 Action plan

9.1 Modification engagement activities

In addition to the early engagement activities outlined in Section 6, the following engagement activities will be completed prior to and during the public exhibition period to inform key stakeholders and the community, provide opportunities for feedback, and support understanding of the proposed modification.

Timing	Activity	Description	Target audience	Distribution method
Q4 2025	Project update	Notify local community of modification inclusions, submission process and Project update.	Host landholders, surrounding neighbours and local community	Letterbox drop Stakeholder email
Q1 2026	Scoping letter	Formal notification to DPHI and other agencies outlining scope of modifications.	DPHI and NSW regulatory agencies	Email with attachments, online meetings as requested
Q1 2026	Partnership updates	Provide updates to key partners including councils, EnergyCo, Transgrid.	Government and delivery partners	Email updates, regular meetings

Timing	Activity	Description	Target audience	Distribution method
Q1 2026	Project notifications	Notify of upcoming public exhibition and how to participate, including invitation to in person drop-in sessions.	Host landholders, surrounding neighbours and local community	Letterbox drop Webpage Email Social Media Local newspaper Community e-newsletters and business newsletters
Q1 2026	In person drop-in sessions	Hold in-person sessions to provide updates, answer questions, and gather feedback during the exhibition period.	Local community	In-person sessions at local venues
Q1 2026	Stakeholder Briefings	Hold in-person and online sessions to provide updates, answer questions, and gather feedback up to and during the exhibition period.	Host landholders, surrounding neighbours	In person and online meetings
Q2 2026	Submissions report	A response to submissions will be prepared in the form of a submissions report, including responses to the full range of matters and recommendations raised in any agency advice.	All stakeholders DPHI	NSW Major Projects Portal Project Web page

9.2 Future and ongoing engagement activities

As the Project progresses through planning and approvals, construction, commissioning, operations, and decommissioning, Origin remains committed to genuine, proactive, and transparent engagement with the community and stakeholders. Ongoing activities are detailed in the table below. Additional CEP's will be developed at key Project milestones to guide future engagement efforts.

Timing	Activity	Description	Target audience	Distribution method	Status
Ongoing	Project two-way contact points	Dedicated email and hotline for enquiries, feedback, and support.	Key stakeholders Landholders Surrounding neighbours Local community	Project email 1800 hotline	Ongoing
Ongoing	Regular Project updates	Provide Project updates, milestones, and upcoming activities	Key stakeholders Landholders Surrounding neighbours Local community	Email newsletters Project web page Social media	Ongoing
Ongoing	Community feedback surveys	Collect feedback periodically to understand community concerns and improve engagement.	Key stakeholders Landholders Surrounding neighbours	Project web page Project factsheets Emails	Ongoing

Timing	Activity	Description	Target audience	Distribution method	Status
			Local community		
Ongoing	Direct engagement	General direct engagement via preferred means (face-to-face, phone, email) • Maintain contact • Offer to meet regularly • Property access notifications for site investigations or early works (as required).	Landholders Surrounding neighbours	Phone Email In-person meetings	Ongoing
Ongoing	Yanco Delta Wind Farm shop front	Permanent location for stakeholders to ask questions, access printed materials and book meetings with Project team members.	Local community	In-person	Ongoing
As required	Face-to-face meetings (online or in person)	Regular meetings to discuss Project updates, address concerns, and maintain engagement (as requested).	Key stakeholders Landholders Surrounding neighbours Local community	In-person meetings Online meetings	Ongoing
As required	Briefing notes	Targeted briefing notes prepared for a particular audience to support other forms of engagement e.g., council or state government department briefings.	Key stakeholders	In person Online meetings Email	Ongoing
TBC	Community Consultative Committee (CCC) or Community Reference Group (CRG)	Engage community representatives to facilitate ongoing dialogue and support co-designing a community Investment Plan aligned with local needs and context.	Community representatives (TBD)	Participate in or develop a CCC or CRG through an application process or via invitation	To be established
TBC	Local Voices Survey	Developed to inform benefit sharing program and garner community sentiment.	Local community	Project web page Project factsheets Emails	To be drafted
TBC	Community events	Seek community feedback on Project awareness, community sentiment and outcomes of the technical reports. Allow stakeholders and the community to see how feedback has influenced the Project to date. Sessions to be held in: • Coleambally • Jerilderie • Deniliquin	Key stakeholders Landholders Surrounding neighbours Local community	In-person sessions at local venues	To be planned.

10 Monitoring and evaluation

The effectiveness of this CEP will be evaluated throughout its delivery and reflected on prior to future Project stages.

Objective	Evaluation measure
Inform key stakeholders and the surrounding community about the scope of the proposed modification application.	• All relevant stakeholders are notified via email, letter, or briefing of upcoming modification application and public notification period. • Supporting communications materials (e.g. modification factsheet, Project maps) are developed and made available on Project webpage and at drop-in sessions. • Briefing sessions and drop-ins conducted prior to and during exhibition.
Provide opportunities for stakeholders and community to engage with Origin on the changes to the Project.	• Host minimum of four drop-in sessions and a webinar. • Attendance, feedback and queries from sessions recorded and reviewed. • Engagement summary prepared post-exhibition.
Provide guidance on the next steps, including the exhibition process for public comment.	• Timeline and process for exhibition clearly communicated via Project webpage, notices, and briefings. • At least one formal communication (email or letter) issued to each stakeholder group with exhibition details.
Ensure transparency, regulatory compliance, and meaningful stakeholder participation throughout the process.	• All engagement activities logged in Borealis stakeholder database. • Community feedback captured and included in Modification Report. • Engagement activities align with NSW SSD Guidelines and EPBC Act expectations.