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**OVERVIEW AND PURPOSE OF THE DOCUMENT**

Environmental Resources Management Australia Pty Ltd (ERM) was commissioned by EPYC Pty Ltd (EPYC) to prepare a Stakeholder and Community Engagement Strategy (the Strategy). The Strategy has been prepared to direct the community and stakeholder engagement process for the proposed Jupiter Wind Farm (the Project).

The Strategy ensures that an adequate level of consultation is undertaken during the environmental investigations and approval stages of the Project, during preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and when the Development Application (DA) for the Project is submitted to the NSW Department of Planning and Environment (DP&E) for assessment as a State Significant Development (SSD) under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act). The Strategy provides the process setting for engagement with key stakeholders and the community.

The Strategy is centred around the following key stages:

- Stage 1: preliminary consultation prior to submission of a request for the Director General Requirements (DGR) (now referred to as Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs)) for the Project to DP&E;
- Stage 2: consultation during the environmental impact assessment phase;
- Stage 3: consultation during the public exhibition of the EIS; and
- Stage 4: post approvals consultation encompassing community and stakeholder engagement during the pre-construction, construction and commissioning phases of the Project.

The Strategy was originally prepared by ERM in 2014. Consultation has been undertaken in accordance with this Strategy and the following documents, with the strategy being updated during this period as required:

- DGRs issued 31 January 2014;
- Supplementary SEARs dated September 2015;
- Draft Wind Farm Guidelines (DP&I 2011); and
- Revised SEARs dated March 2016.

The Strategy, which reflects the requirements of the SEARs issued for the Project, is a dynamic tool and has, and will continue to be periodically updated throughout the Project stages, as required.

**OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of the community and stakeholder engagement process are:

- identification of all key stakeholders that require engagement during the consultation process;
- identification of the relevant techniques and methods and the extent of engagement with the identified stakeholders;
- to ensure all stakeholders understand the environmental approvals process for the Project;
- to ensure that the community and stakeholders are routinely informed throughout all stages of the Project through the provision of factual Project information;
- to devise a system to document all issues raised by the stakeholders and the community and procedures for responding to the issues raised; and
- to ensure compliance with the consultative requirements specified under Part 4 of the EP&A Act, the DP&E NSW *Draft Planning Guidelines: Wind Farms 2011* and other relevant guidelines and policies.

## 2 THE PROJECT

### 2.1 SITE LOCATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING

The proposed development involves the construction and operation of the Jupiter Wind Farm (the Project) within the Southern Tablelands Region of New South Wales (NSW). The Project Area (PA) covers an area of approximately 4,999 hectares (ha) spanning across the Goulburn Mulwaree Local Government Area (LGA) and the former Palerang LGA<sup>1</sup>, and is situated approximately 5 kilometres (km) south east of the township of Tarago and approximately 18 km east of Bungendore.

The Project spans across 87 individual privately owned lots (consisting of 23 private landholders) that will host Project infrastructure, including wind turbine generators (WTGs), access roads and other ancillary infrastructure.

The PA and broader region consists of extensively cleared farm land and hill formations. The farm land is predominantly used for commercial grazing with some small isolated lots used for cropping. The hill formations consist of both cleared and light density tree coverage. Several ephemeral creeks extend through the PA, however Reedy Creek experiences constant flows and connects to the Shoalhaven River.

### 2.2 PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Project would involve the construction, operation and maintenance of up to 88 WTGs. It is anticipated the Project will have a total installed capacity of up to 350 Megawatts (MW) and generate up to approximately 1,100 Gigawatt hours (GWH) of electricity per annum<sup>2</sup>. Broadly the Project will involve:

- Up to 88 WTGs, each with:
  - a capacity of up to 4.5 MW;
  - three blades mounted on a tubular steel tower, with a maximum tip height of approximately 173 m; and

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<sup>1</sup> On 12 May 2016, the NSW Government announced the merger of the Palerang Regional Council and the adjacent Queanbeyan City Council to become the Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council. For the purposes of this strategy, reference has been made to the former Palerang LGA throughout.

<sup>2</sup> Calculated using the NSW Wind Farm Greenhouse Gas Savings Tool developed by NSW Office of Environment and Heritage

- an adjacent pad mounted wind turbine transformer (or alternatively located within the steel tower), crane hardstand area, and related turbine lay down area.
- The WTGs will be located across two distinct precincts. It is proposed that up to 75 WTGs will be located within the northern precinct and up to 13 WTGs will be located within the southern precinct.
- An electrical substation / switchyard located in the northern precinct, including transformers, switchgear, insulators and other ancillary equipment.
- A permanent operations and maintenance building, located adjacent to the substation.
- An internal private access road network connecting the WTGs and associated infrastructure within the Project Area to the public road network.
- 33 kV electrical reticulation and fibre optic cabling connecting the WTGs within each precinct (installed predominantly underground, with some sections aboveground where required by topographical or other constraints), and located generally along the same alignment as the internal private access road network.
- A 33 kV transmission line connecting the 33 kV electrical reticulation networks, extending from the southern precinct to the substation, installed predominantly underground, with some sections aboveground where required by topographical or other constraints, and to be located within the road reserve of Goulburn- Braidwood Road, the Kings Highway and the proposed access road into the southern precinct.
- A short 330 kV above ground transmission line connecting the on-site substation to the existing TransGrid 330 kV transmission line that passes through the PA.
- Minor upgrades to local roads and intersections, as required for the delivery, installation and maintenance of WTG components and other associated materials and structures.
- Up to four permanent meteorological monitoring masts.

Temporary construction facilities will also be required during construction of the Project. These include:

- Earthworks for access roads and WTG foundations.

- A temporary mobile concrete batching plant to supply concrete for WTG footings and substation construction works, and potentially rock crushing facilities for the generation of suitable aggregates for concrete batching or sized rock for access road and hardstand construction. Three representative locations and associated access roads for these facilities have been incorporated in the EIS, which would be utilised at various times as construction progresses across the PA.
- Cleared hardstand areas for construction equipment and storage (construction laydown areas).
- Temporary buildings and facilities for construction personnel / equipment, including site offices, car parking, and amenities for the construction work force, and lay down areas for the temporary storage of construction materials, plant, equipment and wind turbine components and temporary power supply for construction.
- External water supply for concrete batching and construction activities.
- The transport, storage and handling of fuels, oils and other hazardous substances for construction and operation of wind farm infrastructure.

The Project will also require the subdivision of land for the substation / switchyard and any deemed subdivision arising from the grant of leases for any other project infrastructure components.

### 3.1 EXISTING ENVIRONMENT

The northern precinct of the Project spans across both the Goulburn Mulwaree LGA and former Palerang LGA, with the southern precinct located wholly within the former Palerang LGA. There are no major developments within or immediately adjacent to the proposed PA. A number of small townships are located in the broader region, which include Tarago, Mayfield, Boro, Mount Fairy and Manar. These townships have a combined population of less than 5,000.

#### 3.1.1 Community Demographic Profile

A demographic profile of the Goulburn Mulwaree LGA and former Palerang LGA has been prepared using publicly available information from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS). Key statistics are provided in *Table 3.1*.

**Table 3.1 Key Demographic Statistics**

Demographic Aspect	Goulburn-Mulwaree LGA (2011a)	Former Palerang LGA (2011b)	NSW (2011c)
Population	27,481	14,352	6,917,658
Percentage population growth since 2006	~5%	~14.2%	~5%
Median age (yrs)	41	41	38
Proportion males	50.5%	50.1%	49.3
Proportion females	49.5	49.9%	50.7
Median family income (\$AUD/week)	1,281	2,104	\$1,477

Source: ABS (2011a); ABS (2011b); ABS (2011c)

The statistics contained in *Table 3.1* indicate that the Goulburn-Mulwaree population growth since 2006 was around the same as that experienced across NSW, while the population growth within the former Palerang LGA was significantly larger at approximately 14.2%. A similar proportion of males and females was reported in both LGAs and across NSW.

The median age within of both Goulburn-Mulwaree and former Palerang LGA was the same at 41 years, slightly higher than the NSW median of 38 years. The age structure of both LGAs is similar to the State, with 24% and 19% of the population aged over 60 years within the Goulburn-Mulwaree and former Palerang LGAs respectively, compared to 20% of the population within NSW.

Both LGAs have a similar proportion of young people as the State average (25%), with between 25-28% of the population aged under 20 years for the Goulburn-Mulwaree LGA and former Palerang LGA respectively.

According to the 2011 Census data, the population across both LGAs is characterised by households consisting primarily of two-parent families and couple families without children, with only a small proportion of households consisting of one parent families. However, Goulburn-Mulwaree LGA has double the proportion of single parent households (18%) compared to the former Palerang LGA with (9%).

### 3.1.2 *Employment*

Table 3.2 provides an overview of the labour force across both the Goulburn-Mulwaree and former Palerang LGAs. The labour force profile within both LGAs generally reflects the State trends, however there is a slightly lower unemployment rate in the former Palerang LGA compared to Goulburn-Mulwaree and that of the State.

**Table 3.2** *Labour Force Profile*

Aspect	Goulburn-Mulwaree (2011a)	Palerang 2011 (2011b)	NSW 2011 (2011c)
Employed full-time	59.6%	63.6	60.2%
Employed part-time	28.8%	27.4	28.2%
Employed away from work	5.8%	6.3	5.7%
Unemployed	5.7%	2.6	5.9%
Total labour force (persons)	12,861	7,832	3,334,585

Source: ABS (2011a), ABS (2011b), ABS (2011c)

Table 3.3 provides an overview of the occupation profile across both LGAs. The occupational profile appears similar to that across greater NSW, however Palerang LGA has considerably more people employed as managers compared to Goulbourn-Mulwaree. The lower level of professionals and high degree of labourers in Goulburn-Mulwaree is likely due to the areas reliance on the agricultural industry.

**Table 3.3** *Profile of Occupation within the former Palerang and Goulburn-Mulwaree LGAs.*

Occupation	Goulburn-Mulwaree (2011a)	Former Palerang (2011b)	NSW (2011c)
Managers	11.3%	19.8%	13.3%
Labourers	11.8%	6.0%	8.7%
Technicians and Trades Workers	14.5%	13.6%	13.2%
Professionals	14.2%	21.9%	22.7%
Clerical and Administrative Workers	13.1%	17.4%	15.1%
Community and Personal Service Workers	14.9%	8.6%	9.5%
Machinery Operators And Drivers	8.7%	5.1%	6.4%
Sales Workers	10.0%	5.8%	9.3%

**Source: ABS (2011a), ABS (2011b), ABS (2011c)**

Table 3.4 outlines the most common industries within both LGAs. The most common industries within Goulburn-Mulwaree LGA centres around retail and hospitality, while in the former Palerang LGA, the most common industries were government administration, defence and farming. The Project Area is comprised predominantly of people employed in farming.

**Table 3.4** *Industry and Employment Profile*

Industry	Goulburn-Mulwaree (2011a)	Former Palerang (2011b)
Supermarket and Grocer Stores	3.5%	-
School Education	4.4%	4.0%
Public Order and Safety Services	5.4	-
Government Administration	-	12.2%
Defence	-	5.3%
Farming	-	3.8%
Hospitals	4.0%	-
Cafes, Restaurants and Takeaway Food Services	5.5%	-

**Source: ABS (2011a), ABS (2011b)**

### 3.1.3 *Income*

According to the ABS Census data (2011a; 2011b; 2011c), the median weekly individual income in Goulburn-Mulwaree LGA was \$516 with the former Palerang LGA being \$824, compared with \$561 in NSW. The median weekly family income in Goulburn-Mulwaree LGA is marginally lower (\$1,281) than that of NSW (\$1,477) while the median household income in the former Palerang LGA is considerably higher at \$2,104.

Wind farm developments have been constructed within both LGAs and across the greater Southern Tablelands region in NSW. The construction of wind farms has been in response to the favourable wind speeds and cleared farming landscape across the region, which is generally required to support such developments. Further, an increase in renewable energy projects such as wind farm developments has stemmed from the NSW Government's Renewable Energy Action Plan 2013, which was developed to support the former national renewable energy target of a 20% renewable energy component by 2020.

An overview of existing and approved (but not yet constructed) renewable energy developments in the vicinity to the Project is outlined in *Table 3.5*.

*Table 3.5 Renewable Energy Developments in the Region*

Operational	23 WTG; 48.3 MW	Bungendore	6 km north west
Operational	67 WTG; 140.7 MW	Bungendore	13 km west
Planning approval received; investment decision pending	41 WTG; 90 MW	Bungendore	14 km west
Approved, in detailed design	55 WTG	Collector	38 km north west
Operational	30 MW	Gunning	43 km north west
Operational	31 WTG; 46.5 MW	Gunning	54 km north west
Operational	73 WTG; 165.5 MW	Gunning – Crookwell	56 km north west
In planning approval process	30 WTG; 54-102 MW	Crookwell	56 km north
Approved	46 WTG; 92 MW	Crookwell	64 km north
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## 4.1 OVERVIEW

The social and environmental impacts associated with wind farm developments are well documented and understood. Based on ERM's experience on the assessment of environmental impacts associated with wind farm development, available literature relating to existing and proposed wind farm developments, and the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) issued for the Project, a comprehensive list of issues has been developed, which are outlined in *Table 4.1*.

**Table 4.1** *Summary of Environmental and Social Issues*

Issue	Description
Visual Impacts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>community concerns raised about appearance of wind turbines on the landscape, especially their height;</li> <li>community concerns about proliferation of wind farms in the local area;</li> <li>visual impacts associated with the introduction and/or expansion of high voltage transmission lines to remote areas; and</li> <li>concerns regarding the occurrence of shadow flicker from wind turbines.</li> </ul>
Impacts to Land values	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>concerns about the potential reduction of land values in proximity to wind farm developments.</li> </ul>
Noise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>community concerns regarding amenity impacts due to increases noise levels generated from wind turbines and high voltage transmission lines.</li> </ul>
Road Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>concerns regarding road safety issues associated with increases in heavy vehicles during construction</li> </ul>
Fire Hazards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>community concerns regarding faulty wind turbines generating a bush fire; and</li> <li>concerns raised by the community and Rural Fire Service (RFS) regarding access and safety issues in fighting bushfires within close proximity to wind farm developments.</li> </ul>
Aerial Agricultural Activities Ecology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>concerns raised regarding increased costs, difficulty of aerial activities and safety issues by agricultural landholders and aircraft operators.</li> <li>potential impacts to threatened flora and fauna species and habitat loss.</li> </ul>
Cultural Heritage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>concerns regarding potential disturbances to known and previously unidentified cultural heritage sites (European and Indigenous).</li> </ul>
Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>potential interference to radio and TV reception.</li> </ul>
Perceived Health Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>perceived electromagnetic fields generated from wind turbines and electrical exporting infrastructure; and</li> <li>concerns from excessive low frequency noise generated from WTGs.</li> </ul>

## 5 *STAKEHOLDER IDENTIFICATION AND MAPPING*

### 5.1 *METHODOLOGY FOR STAKEHOLDER MAPPING*

There are numerous stakeholders who hold an interest or have the potential to be directly or indirectly affected (both positively and negatively) by the Project.

A stakeholder mapping process has been undertaken in order to identify all stakeholders, their level of interest and level of potential impact from the Project, which has been identified and gauged based on:

- ERM's knowledge of existing wind farm developments and experience in previous wind farm approvals ;
- the outcomes of consultation with DP&E and other regulatory authorities; and
- the outcomes of consultation activities with other key stakeholders.

### 5.2 *IDENTIFIED STAKEHOLDERS*

Stakeholders identified in the mapping process, their level of interest in the Project and the level of potential impact during the consultation phase is outlined in *Table 5.1*.

Table 5.1 Identified Stakeholders

Stakeholder	Description	Level of Interest	Potential Level of Impact
<b>Local Landholders</b>			
Landholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>landholders who will host turbines on their land or are part of the Project.</li> <li>landholders within 2 km of a proposed turbine in accordance with the NSW Draft Planning Guidelines for Wind Farms, December 2011.</li> <li>landholders to host transmission line infrastructure or other ancillary infrastructure associated with the Project.</li> <li>residents within 5 km of a WTG in the townships/localities of Tarago, Boro, Mayfield, Mount Fairy and Manar.</li> </ul>	High	High
<b>Local Community Groups</b>			
Tarago Landcare Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>potential environmental impacts.</li> </ul>	High	Moderate
Tarago and District Progress Association (TADPAI)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>facilitate and unify the efforts of the community in the development and maintenance of the rural lifestyle valued by the residents of this district.</li> </ul>	High	Moderate
<b>Local Members of State and Federal Parliament</b>			
Mr Angus Taylor MP (LP)- Federal Member for Hume. The Hon. (Pru) Prudence Jane Goward, MP (LP)- State Member for Goulburn (Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault) Mr Rob Stokes MP-State Member for Pittwater, (Minister for Planning) Mr John Giovanni Domenic Barilaro, MP- State Member for Monaro, (Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business) Dr Peter Hendy MP (LP)- Former Federal Member for Eden-Monaro Dr Mike Kelly AM, MP (ALP)-Federal Member for Eden-Monaro	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>community complaints and objection to the Project.</li> <li>environmental and community impacts.</li> </ul>	High	Moderate

Stakeholder	Description	Level of Interest	Potential Level of Impact
<b>Local Government</b>			
Mr Peter Harrison, Mayor of former Palerang Council	• community complaints and objection to the Project.	High	Moderate
Mr Peter Bascomb, General Manager, former Palerang Council	• environmental and socio-economic benefits and impacts, in particular, potential impacts on local roads.		
Mr John Wright, Director of Environment and Planning, former Palerang Council			
Mr Geoff Kettle, former Mayor Goulburn Mulwaree Council	• representation on Community Consultative Committee.		
Mr Bob Kirk, Mayor Goulburn Mulwaree Council (elected 2016)			
Mr Warwick Bennet, General Manager, Goulburn Mulwaree Council	• establishment of Community Enhancement Fund.		
Ian Aldridge, Manager engineering services.			
Stephanie Mowle, Town Planner, Goulburn Mulwaree Council.			
Other Council Staff (Goulburn Mulwaree and former Palerang Councils)			
<b>Government Agencies</b>			
NSW Department of Planning and Environment (DP&E)	• as the key approval authority for the Project.	High	Low
NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA)	• as licensing authority and regulator of pollution.	Moderate	Low
NSW Office of Environment & Heritage (OEH)	• as a key regulator, OEH will have an interest in the potential environmental impacts associated with the Project, especially in relation to threatened species (flora and fauna) and Indigenous Heritage.	High	Moderate
NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) - Water (formerly NSW Office of Water) (incorporating the former Sydney Catchment Authority (SCA))	• concerns with potential impacts to groundwater and surface water bodies.	Moderate	Low
WaterNSW (formerly State Water)	• facilitates the supply of water across the state and to protect and manage catchment areas and water management works so as to promote water quality, public health and safety and the environment.	Moderate	Low
NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) - Land and Natural Resources (Crown Lands)	• key regulator and manager of Crown Lands, with an interest in works and activities within the Crown lands reserve.	Moderate	Moderate
NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) -Fisheries	• manages risks from use of land and water.	Moderate	Low
NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) -Agriculture	• responsible for increasing the productivity and resilience of the agricultural sector.	Moderate	Low

Stakeholder	Description	Level of Interest	Potential Level of Impact
NSW Department of Industry (Resources & Energy) (formerly NSW Trade and Investment, Resources and Energy)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>key driver for sustainable economic growth with key interests in large scale regional developments such as wind farms and meeting growing energy demands in NSW.</li> </ul>	Moderate	Low
Greater Sydney and South East Local Land Services (previously known as the Hawkesbury Nepean and Southern Rivers Catchment Management Authorities respectively)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>concerns with potential impacts to surface water bodies.</li> </ul>	Moderate	Moderate
NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>potential impacts on safety and accessibility for aerial fire fighting activities.</li> </ul>	High	Moderate
NSW Roads and Maritime Services (RMS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>potential vehicular/ traffic impacts and structural impacts to roads under the jurisdiction of the RMS.</li> </ul>	Moderate	Low
NSW Department of Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>concerns regarding health effects, including those associated with noise, shadow flicker and electromagnetic fields.</li> </ul>	Moderate	Low
NSW Department of Education and Communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>concerns regarding the impact on school numbers.</li> </ul>	Moderate	Low
NSW Department of Family and Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>no specific concerns identified, however to be consulted as per DP&amp;E advice.</li> </ul>	Low	Low
Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>concerns regarding wind turbine placement and their impact on flight paths and the safety of aviation operations in the area.</li> </ul>	Moderate	Low
Department of Defence (DoD)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Potential impacts to flight paths utilised by the DoD.</li> </ul>	Moderate	Low
NSW Government Telco Authority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>issues relating to or impacting on telecommunication systems used by NSW government organisations</li> </ul>	Low	Low
Commonwealth Department of Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As the key federal regulator, Commonwealth Department of the Environment has a particular interest in potential impacts to listed threatened species und the Environmental Protection Biodiversity and Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act); and other impacts to Matters of National Environmental Significance (MNES) as described under the Act.</li> </ul>	High	Moderate

Stakeholder	Description	Level of Interest	Potential Level of Impact
<b>Other Relevant Agencies and Groups</b>			
Airservices Australia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the impact of wind turbine placement compromising flight paths and/or affecting the safety of aviation operations in the area.</li> </ul>	Moderate	Low
Aerial Agricultural Association of Australia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>wind turbine placement causing access and safety issues for agricultural aerial application activities to the surrounding farmland.</li> </ul>	High	Low
NSW Farmers Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>issues affecting NSW farmers.</li> </ul>	Low	Low
Operators of non-regulated aerodromes (e.g. Canberra and Goulburn Airports)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the impact of wind turbine placement on aviation operations.</li> </ul>	Moderate	Low
Australian Wind Alliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>interested in promoting the benefits of wind power.</li> </ul>	High	Moderate
Communications service providers (e.g. Telstra, Optus, Internet Providers etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>issues relating to or impacting on communication services in the area.</li> </ul>	Low	Low
Organisations with existing communications infrastructure/services in the area (e.g. Essential Energy)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>issues relating to or impacting on communication services in the area.</li> </ul>	Medium	Low
Organisations reliant on communication services in the area (e.g. Fire and Rescue NSW, St. John Ambulance Australia, Wamboin Rural Fire Brigade)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>issues relating to or impacting on communication services in the area.</li> </ul>	Medium	Low
Mineral exploration and mining title holders (OCHRE Resources)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>placement of wind farm infrastructure within mineral exploration and/or mining tenements</li> </ul>	High	Moderate
Royal Flying Doctor Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the impact of wind turbine placement affecting flight paths for aircraft.</li> </ul>	Low	Low
Batemans Bay LALC Aboriginal Land Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>impacts to known or previously unknown areas of Indigenous cultural significance.</li> </ul>	High	Moderate
Ngambri Aboriginal Land Council			
Pejar Aboriginal Land Council			
<b>Media</b>			
Bungendore Mirror	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>headlines regarding local interests.</li> </ul>	Low	Low
Tarago Times	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>political and community conflict.</li> </ul>		
The District Bulletin			
Goulburn Post			
Braidwood Times			
Canberra Times			

## 6.1

## OVERVIEW

The aim of the Strategy is to ensure that stakeholders as defined in *Table 5.1*, along with and any additional stakeholders identified through the consultation process should they arises, are provided with:

- adequate and accurate information regarding the Project;
- the timely delivery of relevant information; and
- regular updates on Project information such as changes in the Project design.

The consultation methods and techniques outlined in the Chapter are required to:

- facilitate effective consultation with key stakeholders, allowing them the opportunity to voice their comments and concerns;
- ensure a transparent platform for the delivery of information to stakeholders is provided; and
- demonstrate that EPYC is committed to ensuring that all relevant stakeholders are consulted throughout all stages of the Project through a robust consultative approach.

The Strategy is being delivered over four key stages, which include:

**Stage 1** – (Completed) – preliminary consultation prior to submission of the Preliminary Environmental Assessment (PEA) and associated request for issue of Director General Requirements (DGRs) (now referred to as Secretary’s Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs)) for the Project by DP&E. This first stage involved the initial consultation with key stakeholders prior to the receipt of (the original) DGRs, which were issued on 31 January 2014.

**Stage 2** – (completed) consultation that will occur during the preparation of the EIS;

**Stage 3** – consultation that will occur during public exhibition of the EIS for the Project; and

**Stage 4** – consultation during the pre-construction, construction and ongoing operation of the Project.

## 6.2

### *STAGE ONE- PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENT ASSESSMENT/REQUEST FOR DGRs*

Consultation during this stage is complete and was undertaken during the Preliminary Environmental Assessment phase for the Project. The receipt of DGRs on 31<sup>st</sup> of January 2014 signalled the completion of this consultative phase. An overview of the consultation undertaken during this phase is provided in *Section 6.2.3*.

### 6.2.1

#### *Planning Focus Group Meeting (PFGM)*

The first and critical step in the consultation process was to brief the local Council and relevant State Agencies. The local Council are likely to be the first point of contact for residents and the community in respect to concerns or questions about the project, therefore forging a positive relationship with the Council early in the process was important. The local Council concerns and recommendations into the both the community consultation and the Project itself, provided valuable information which was effectively used during the environmental assessment process.

Both Goulburn-Mulwaree and the former Palerang Council's planning/environment teams, were separately provided a Project overview in November 2013.

Goulburn-Mulwaree and the former Palerang Councils and key State Agencies (such as DP&E, OEHL, Department of Health (Goulburn office) and the NSW EPA were also briefed on the Project at the PFGM, held in Tarago on 19 December 2013. ERM and EPYC provided an overview presentation and engaged directly with agencies in a question and answer session. Following the meeting, a brief site visit over the key areas of the site was undertaken.

This step signified the commencement of bringing the Project into the public realm. Ongoing consultation with both Councils and relevant State Agencies has continued throughout the environmental assessment phase of the Project.

### 6.2.2

#### *Information Pack*

Initially in March 2012, EPYC distributed 184 information packs to landholders within the vicinity of the site boundary, including properties within 2 km of the PA. These information packs contained general information leaflets about wind farms from publically available sources as well as an introductory letter which provided EPYCs contact details as well as indicating the company's interest in assessing if there was a potential for a wind farm in the area. As a consequence of the distribution of the information packs, 60 landholders contacted the EPYC project office, and others registered for further information on the Project, or sought an interest in hosting WTGs. Following the distribution of the information packs and follow up consultations, additional information packs were distributed in the area upon request and / or as a result of further identification of the landholders.

### 6.2.3

#### *Other Briefings*

EPYC attended the United Farmers Organisation (UFO) monthly meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> of July 2012. During the meeting, EPYC gave a brief presentation of the Project and were available to answer questions raised by the attendees. There were approximately 40 people from the community in attendance.

### 6.3

#### *STAGE TWO- CONSULTATION DURING THE PREPARATION OF THE EIS*

The second stage has involved more thorough and comprehensive community consultation during the preparation of the EIS and the detailed environmental investigations. This stage has continued up until lodgement of the EIS and associated SSD application for the Project with DP&E (October 2016) and has been the most intensive and important stage in delivering Project information and seeking input from the community regarding the Project.

Consultation activities undertaken during this stage have included the following:

- provision of factual information regarding wind farms for residents in the vicinity of the preliminary investigation area;
- face-to-face meetings with those landholders interested in hosting Project infrastructure to discuss the details of the Project and planning approval process, and terms of agreement for involved landholder;
- ongoing open dialog with involved landholders hosting Project infrastructure to address their queries and provide updates on the Project;
- establishment of a project website, telephone information line and email address;
- distribution of newsletters;
- community information sessions, including distribution of feedback forms;
- door-knocking in the local community and one-on-one meetings with non-involved landholders in the vicinity of the Project, regarding the Project generally, and in response to specific issues of concern to individual landholders;
- establishment of a Community Consultative Committee (CCC);
- advertisement of important events in the local media;
- targeted and specific discussions with non-involved owners of nearby dwelling regarding the proposed benefit sharing programme; and

- targeted and specific discussions with non-involved owners of nearby dwellings identified as having potential for significant visual impacts associated with the Project, to discuss potential impacts at their property and site specific mitigation options.

A chronological summary of these key consultation and engagement activities is provided in *Table 6.1* and additional details are provided in subsequent sections.

A consultation log, summarising the frequency and method of consultation for each individual dwelling located within 3 km of a WTG, along with copies of the consultation material prepared for the Project are included in Annex C of the EIS.

**Table 6.1 Summary of Key Community Consultation Activities -Pre EIS Lodgement**

Activity	Timing	Objectives	Targeted Stakeholders and Delivery Mode	Status
Consultation with former Palerang Council	June 2011 – on going	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduce the Project, the Project team and provide contact details</li> <li>• Seek feedback on key assessment requirements and issues of concern to Council</li> <li>• Facilitate Council involvement and agreement on key aspects of the Project as required</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introductory meetings with Council planning officers (June 2011 and November 2013)</li> <li>• Planning Focus Meeting and Site Visit (December 2013)</li> <li>• Introductory meeting with Mayor and General Manager (February 2014)</li> <li>• Project introduction to Councillors and Council Executive representatives (July 2014)</li> <li>• Meeting with planning officer on Project progress and crown lands (June 2015)</li> <li>• Appointment of Council representative on the CCC (August 2015)</li> </ul>	Completed and Ongoing
Initial distribution of general fact sheets about wind farms and an introductory letter to the residents	March 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduce EPYC and the company's interest in developing a wind farm in the area</li> <li>• Provide accurate information about wind farms</li> <li>• Seek feedback as to key community issues</li> <li>• Build trust with the local community</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 184 Residents within and surrounding the preliminary project investigation area with available correspondence addresses</li> <li>• Postal address mailout</li> </ul>	Completed
Contact with the community members in response to the initial information distributed in the area and follow ups	March 2012-on going	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To establish contact with more members of the local community</li> <li>• Answer questions with respect to the proposal to various community members as one-one one or in small groups</li> <li>• Seek feedback as to key community issues</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local residents within and surrounding the PA (those including, but not limited to the residents initially identified)</li> <li>• Phone calls, one-on-one meetings with individuals and some established local groups</li> </ul>	Completed and Ongoing

Activity	Timing	Objectives	Targeted Stakeholders and Delivery Mode	Status
Provide information and ongoing consultation with potential landholders to host Project infrastructure	2012 - 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To provide relevant information to landholders interested in participating in the Project through hosting Project infrastructure</li> <li>Gain agreement with those landholders interested to be involved and host Project infrastructure</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Potential landholders within the PA to host Project infrastructure</li> <li>Postal mailout, one-on-one meetings with individual landholders, ongoing phone/email correspondence</li> <li>Signed involved landholder agreements</li> </ul>	Completed
Ongoing contact with involved landholders hosting Project infrastructure	June 2012 - on going	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To maintain ongoing contact with involved landholders hosting Project infrastructure to address their queries and provide updates on the Project</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Involved landholders</li> </ul>	Ongoing
Project presentation to the United Farmers Organisation (UFO)	29 July 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduce EPYC and the company's interest developing a wind farm in the area.</li> <li>Seek feedback as to key community issues</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>United Farmers Organisation</li> <li>Face-to-face presentation to local UFO members and Q&amp;A following the presentation</li> </ul>	Completed
Consultation with Goulburn Mulwaree Council	November 2013 - on going	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduce the Project, the Project team and provide contact details</li> <li>Seek feedback on key assessment requirements and issues of concern to Council</li> <li>Facilitate Council involvement and agreement on key aspects of the Project as required</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introductory meeting with Council planning officers (November 2013)</li> <li>Planning Focus Meeting and Site Visit (December 2013)</li> <li>Project introduction to Councillors and Council Executive representatives (July 2014)</li> <li>Meeting with planning officer and briefing for Mayor and General Manager on Project progress and Voluntary Planning Agreement (June 2015)</li> <li>Appointment of Council representative on the CCC (August 2015)</li> <li>Meeting with Council Director of Planning regarding Project benefits and progress (January 2016)</li> </ul>	Completed and Ongoing

Activity	Timing	Objectives	Targeted Stakeholders and Delivery Mode	Status
Newsletter 1	February 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduce the Project, the Project team and provide contact details</li> <li>• Explain the planning process and matters to be addressed in the environmental assessment</li> <li>• Outline the benefits of the Project for the community</li> <li>• Invite for community Input</li> <li>• Provide a map showing the investigation area (area of interest) for the proposed wind farm</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Landholders and residents within an approximate 5 km radius of the initial investigation area</li> <li>• Goulburn-Mulwaree and former Palerang Councils</li> <li>• Political stakeholders as defined in <i>Table 5.1</i>.</li> <li>• Postal/email address mailout</li> <li>• Subsequently published on the Project website (May 2014)</li> </ul>	Completed
Newsletter 2	May 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide information regarding Community Information Session 1</li> <li>• Provide a Project update and indicative timing of future activities for Project assessment and determination</li> <li>• Provide a map showing the active land area of the proposed wind farm</li> <li>• Provide website address for community reference</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Landholders and residents within an approximate 5 km radius of the initial investigation area</li> <li>• Former Palerang and Goulburn-Mulwaree councils</li> <li>• Political stakeholders as defined in <i>Table 5.1</i>.</li> <li>• Hand delivered to local residents within 5 km radius of the site by EPYC as well as posted to those who provided an alternate correspondence address and those who provided an email address</li> <li>• Subsequently published on the Project website</li> </ul>	Completed
Website, Information Line and Project Email Address	May 2014 - Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide information about EPYC and the Project to the public via the internet</li> <li>• Seek feedback and enquiries</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All stakeholders</li> <li>• General public</li> </ul>	Completed (and ongoing)

Activity	Timing	Objectives	Targeted Stakeholders and Delivery Mode	Status
Community Information Session 1	14 June 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide information about EPYC and the Project to the public via a face to face community information session</li> <li>• Gather information and feedback from the community</li> <li>• Provide website and email address for community reference</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All stakeholders</li> <li>• General public (approximately 150 people attended)</li> <li>• Political stakeholders</li> <li>• Notice of event was published in two local newspapers</li> <li>• Invitations were forwarded to relevant Political stakeholders (refer Section 6.3.3) (none attended)</li> <li>• Event held at the local Tarago Town Hall</li> <li>• Presentation material subsequently published on the Project website</li> </ul>	Completed
Newsletter 3	September 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide information regarding the one-on-one community consultation sessions planned for October 2014</li> <li>• Provide a project update and indicative timing of future activities for Project assessment and determination</li> <li>• Provide a preliminary layout of the proposed WTG locations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Landholders and residents within an approximate 5 km radius of the initial investigation area</li> <li>• Former Palerang and Goulburn-Mulwaree councils</li> <li>• Representatives of former Palerang and Goulburn-Mulwaree Councils (Mayor/General Manager/Councillors)</li> <li>• Postal mailout to non-local residents / hand delivered to local residents by EPYC &amp; forwarded via registered email addresses</li> <li>• Project website</li> </ul>	Completed

Activity	Timing	Objectives	Targeted Stakeholders and Delivery Mode	Status
Two weeks of one-on-one consultation	13 -16 October 2014; and 27-30 October 2014.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify additional stakeholders</li> <li>Provide a Project update, including a preliminary layout of the proposed WTG locations, and indicative timing of future activities for Project assessment and determination</li> <li>Gather information and feedback from the community regarding the release of the preliminary WTG layout for consideration in updating the layout in order to address specific concerns</li> <li>Receive any other specific community feedback on relevant community issues</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Landholders and residents within an approximate 5 km radius of the PA and others who requested a meeting</li> <li>Opportunity for meeting advertised in the Bungendore mirror and Tarago times, and in Newsletter 3</li> <li>Face-to-face meetings at landholder residences</li> <li>Facilitated in response to direct request from individual landowners and door-knock across the area</li> </ul>	Completed
Newsletter 4	December 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide information regarding Community Information Session 2</li> <li>Provide a Project update, Advise of revised layout to be released during second info day.</li> <li>Provide information regarding the establishment of the Community Consultative Committee</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Landholders and residents within an approximate 5 km radius of the PA.</li> <li>Former Palerang Council</li> <li>Goulburn-Mulwaree Council</li> <li>Other identified community groups, including the Tarago and District Progress Association Inc. (TADPAI).</li> <li>Postal mailout to non-local residents / hand delivered to local residents by EPYC and forwarded via registered email addresses</li> <li>Project website</li> </ul>	Completed

Activity	Timing	Objectives	Targeted Stakeholders and Delivery Mode	Status
Community Information Session 2	11 December 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide information about EPYC and the Project to the public via a face to face community information session</li> <li>• Gather information and feedback from the community regarding the revised WTG layout, and seek feedback on the revised layout</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General public (approximately 54 people attended)</li> <li>• Political stakeholders</li> <li>• Notice of event was published in two local newspapers</li> <li>• Invitations were forwarded to former Palerang and Goulburn-Mulwaree Councils</li> <li>• Event held at the local Tarago Town Hall</li> <li>• Presentation material subsequently published on the Project website</li> </ul>	Completed
Newsletter 5	July 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide a Project update</li> <li>• Provide details on the appointment of the CCC members and scheduled date of first meeting of August 2015</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Landholders and residents within an approximate 5 km radius of the PA.</li> <li>• Former Palerang Council</li> <li>• Goulburn-Mulwaree Council</li> <li>• Other identified community groups, including the Tarago and District Progress Association Inc. (TADPAI).</li> <li>• Postal mailout to non-local residents / hand delivered to local residents by EPYC and forwarded via registered email addresses</li> <li>• Project website</li> </ul>	Completed
First Meeting of the CCC	5 August 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss the functioning of the CCC</li> <li>• Provide a Project update</li> <li>• Identify information needs of the CCC going forward</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CCC members (by invitation only)</li> <li>• Meeting minutes subsequently published on Project website</li> </ul>	Completed
Second Meeting of the CCC	20 August 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide a Project update</li> <li>• Discuss key issues of concern to the CCC</li> <li>• Identify issue for further discussion at the next meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CCC members (by invitation only)</li> <li>• Meeting minutes subsequently published on Project website</li> </ul>	Completed
Third Meeting of the CCC	8 September 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide a Project update</li> <li>• Discuss key issues of concern to the CCC</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CCC members (by invitation only)</li> <li>• Meeting minutes subsequently published on Project website</li> </ul>	Completed

Activity	Timing	Objectives	Targeted Stakeholders and Delivery Mode	Status
Fourth Meeting of the CCC	14 October 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide specific Project information previously requested by CCC</li> <li>• Discuss key issues of concern to the CCC</li> <li>• Advise of proposed Benefit Sharing Programme</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CCC members (by invitation only)</li> <li>• Meeting minutes subsequently published on Project website</li> </ul>	Completed
Fifth Meeting of the CCC	2 December 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide update on the project and adequacy review</li> <li>• Discuss key issues of concern to the CCC</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CCC members (by invitation only)</li> <li>• Meeting minutes subsequently published on Project website</li> </ul>	Completed
Newsletter 6	December 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide a Project update and general industry news</li> <li>• Advise community on establishment of the CCC and ongoing meetings</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Landholders and residents within an approximate 5 km radius of the PA.</li> <li>• Former Palerang Council</li> <li>• Goulburn-Mulwaree Council</li> <li>• Other identified community groups, including the Tarago and District Progress Association Inc. (TADPAI).</li> <li>• Postal mailout to non local residents / hand delivered to local residents by EPYC and to registered email addresses</li> <li>• Project website</li> </ul>	Completed

Activity	Timing	Objectives	Targeted Stakeholders and Delivery Mode	Status
Initial Discussions of Proposed Benefit Sharing Programme and Options for Visual Mitigation	Separate occasions in December 2015; January 2016; February 2016; March 2016; and April 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advise of proposed Benefit Sharing Programme, and offer involvement in this programme</li> <li>Discuss with non-involved landholders visual concerns and possible mitigation options.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Neighbouring non-involved landholders with a dwelling within 3 km of a WTG</li> <li>Hand delivered letters, posted letters, phone calls and emails to those with registered contact details</li> <li>Face-to-face meetings with individual landholders who responded to communication from EPYC. This will be repeated during exhibition phase and continue as required</li> </ul>	Ongoing
Sixth Meeting of the CCC	2 March 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide update on the project. DPE also advised on updated SEARs.</li> <li>Discuss key issues of concern to the CCC</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CCC members</li> <li>Meeting minutes subsequently published on Project website</li> <li>Question and Answer and Outstanding Action Log (dated 8 June 2016) subsequently published on Project website</li> </ul>	Completed
Seventh Meeting of the CCC	6 July 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide update on the project. Particularly regarding submission of EIS.</li> <li>Discuss key issues of concern to the CCC and community.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CCC members</li> <li>Meeting minutes subsequently published on Project website</li> <li>Question and Answer and Outstanding Action Log (dated 5 August 2016) subsequently published on Project website</li> </ul>	Completed
Notification of Public Exhibition of EIS	Just Prior to Public Exhibition of the EIS (anticipated November 2016)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide update on Project status.</li> <li>Provide notification of public exhibition of the EIS.</li> <li>Provide contact details and opportunity for consultation with the Proponent, and/or invitation for feedback through the public exhibition process.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Non-government stakeholder organisations/groups that may not receive direct notification from DPE or be alerted to local notifications/advertising that would accompany public exhibition of the EIS</li> </ul>	Completed (at the time of public exhibition of the EIS)

### 6.3.1 *Establishment of the Project Website, Information Line and Project Email Address*

A Project specific website hosted on the EPYC website (<http://www.epyc.com.au/>), was launched in May 2014 and is regularly updated to provide current information about the Project to stakeholders and the wider community; and provide a platform for stakeholders to provide feedback and voice any issues. The following information is provided on the website:

- technical overview of the Project including relevant maps and proposed locations of wind farm infrastructure;
- overview and regular updates on the environmental approvals process;
- details on proposed community consultation activities;
- frequently asked questions; and
- a platform for stakeholders to provide feedback and to voice concerns and issues.

In addition, a dedicated project information line “1300 number” (1300 896 189), which is staffed Monday to Friday, along with an email address ([info@epyc.com.au](mailto:info@epyc.com.au)), was initially established in May 2014 for stakeholders to register an interest in the Project, submit concerns or request Project information.

In response to a recommendation by the National Wind Farm Commissioner, a free call service (1800 750 746) was set up by EPYC in August 2016 (in addition to the 1300 number) to provide ease of access for community members during the preparation of exhibition of the EIS and beyond. This initiative was encouraged by the National Wind Farm Commissioner for all developers and proponents to enable a more accessible base for the community in terms of communicating with the proponent with respect to a wind farm project.

Both contact numbers are advertised on the Project website.

### 6.3.2 *Project Newsletters*

Six newsletters have been distributed to date via hand delivery to letterboxes, postal/mail out to alternative addresses provided, and email to residents within the PA and an approximate 5 km radius of the PA. They have also been distributed to anyone who has registered interest in the Project, as well as published through the Project website. The newsletters were emailed to the councils and community groups that may not have been covered in the above mentioned categories.

Newsletters have included updates on the Project, including an outline of the planning and environmental assessment process, advice on upcoming consultation activities, and other activities being undertaken by the Project team to progress the assessment of the Project. A summary of the content of each newsletter is provided in *Table 6.2*. Copies of the newsletters are provided in Annex C of the EIS.

**Table 6.2: Summary of Content of Community Newsletters**

Date	Summary of Contents
Issue 1: February 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduce the Project and the Project team;</li> <li>• provide a rationale for the project including potential community benefits;</li> <li>• explain the planning process and matters to be addressed in the environmental assessment; and</li> <li>• provide contact information of the Project team- 1300 number and email address.</li> </ul>
Issue 2: May 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inform the public of the upcoming information session;</li> <li>• provide an update of where the Project is up to in the planning and environmental assessment process;</li> <li>• provide the latest Project information including a map of the PA;</li> <li>• invite expressions of interest for the CCC;</li> <li>• outline future activities and timing; and</li> <li>• provide updated contact details including the Project website and postal address.</li> </ul>
Issue 3: September 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• provide an update on the EIA;</li> <li>• provide dates and details for one-on-one meetings and consultation activities;</li> <li>• provide a map of preliminary wind turbine locations;</li> <li>• outline future activities and timing; and</li> <li>• provide information on renewable energy and climate change.</li> </ul>
Issue 4: December 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• inform the public of the upcoming information session;</li> <li>• provide a Project update, advise of revised layout to be released during second Community Information Session;</li> <li>• notify the community of the extended period to submit an expression of interest to join the CCC; and</li> <li>• provide a brief progress update including the timing of future activities.</li> </ul>
Issue 5: July 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• provide an update on the EIS and consultation activities;</li> <li>• provide an update on the appointment of the CCC and an indicative start of the process; and</li> <li>• outline future activities and timing.</li> </ul>
Issue 6: December 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• provide an update on the project Status;</li> <li>• advise community of benefit sharing program for neighboring dwellings to the Project Area; and</li> <li>• outline future activities and timing.</li> </ul>

### 6.3.3

#### *Community Information Sessions*

Two community information sessions were held in Tarago on 14 June 2014 and 11 December 2014. These sessions provided an opportunity for interested members of the community to meet with representatives of the Project team; view a poster display; register an interest in the Project or ask questions.

These sessions were advertised in Project newsletters (Newsletters #2 and #4), which were distributed to residences within 5 km of the PA; on the Project website; and through the local press (Bungandore Mirror and Tarago Times). Invitations were also extended to a number of political stakeholders, including representatives of former Palerang and Goulburn-Mulwaree Local Councils, and a number of State and Federal members.

The first community information session provided the public with expressions of interest forms for the CCC. Furthermore, a development footprint of the Project, overview of the SSD process, benefits from the wind farm project and the Project schedule were provided for the public's viewing and comments.

The second community information session provided a further update on the CCC and an updated schedule. Subsequent to consultation with various Governmental Agencies and the community, a revised turbine layout was also provided during the session for public viewing. Copies were made available for community members to take with them if they wished. Additionally, the material for the information session including the revised turbine locations were placed on the Project website for the community's ease of access.

Feedback forms were available to all attendees, to provide an opportunity for the community to formally comment on the Project. Any comments gathered through this avenue were documented as part of the community consultation process.

*Table 6.3* provides a summary of the purpose and outcomes of each of the community information sessions.

**Table 6.3: Community Information Sessions**

Date	Purpose	Attendance	Community Issues Raised / Discussed
Session 1 14 June 2014 Tarago Town Hall, Tarago	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduce the Project and the Project team;</li> <li>• explain where the Project was up to in the planning and environmental assessment process;</li> <li>• answer questions about the Project and identify potential areas of concern; and</li> <li>• gather names and contact details of people who wished to be kept informed about the Project.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 60 individuals filled out the attendance register.</li> <li>• Approximately 150 individuals attended (based on headcount undertake upon entry by EPYC representative).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Location of project infrastructure</li> <li>• Planning process</li> <li>• Land value concerns</li> <li>• Community consultation queries</li> <li>• Ecology Potential noise and visual issues</li> </ul>
Session 2 11 December 2014 Tarago Town Hall, Tarago	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• display maps of a provisional WTG layout for the Project;</li> <li>• provide feedback on the outcomes of some of the specialist environmental studies;</li> <li>• display indicative photomontages of selected public viewpoints of the WTG's; and</li> <li>• outline the way forward with the environmental assessment process.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approximately 54 attended.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Potential visual and noise issues</li> <li>• Wind resource and wind data</li> <li>• Zoning concern</li> <li>• Land value concerns</li> </ul>

#### 6.3.4 Door-Knock/Face-to-Face Meeting

Following public release of the preliminary turbine layout, the Proponent undertook door knocking and one-on-one meetings with residents within 3 km of the Project during two separate campaigns in October 2014. The purpose was to:

- identify additional stakeholders;
- provide a Project update and indicative timing of future activities for Project assessment and determination;
- gather information and feedback from the community regarding the release of the preliminary WTG layout for consideration in layout amendments in order to address specific concerns; and
- receive any other specific community feedback on relevant community issues.

The meeting campaigns were advertised in the Bungendore mirror and Tarago times, and dates were also included in the third newsletter. The two separate weeks of one-on-one consultation occurred 13 - 16 October and 27 - 30 October 2014. EPYC took several appointments for the meetings, and where there was time available in the schedule, and in between appointments, door knocks were undertaken to reach as many residents as possible.

The SEARs require consultation with non-involved landholders in proximity to the PA, in particular those located within 3 km of a WTG (at the time of these meetings, the now superseded DGRs required consultation with the community within 2 km of WTGs). During this campaign, EPYC endeavoured to reach as many residents as possible within 3 km (which was beyond the expectations of the DGRs applicable at the time) to ensure they were provided with opportunity to be involved in the ongoing consultation process. Where a resident was not at home a “we missed you letter” with contact details for the Proponent was left at their door or letter box. Follow up arrangements were made with those who contacted EPYC following the receipt of the letters.

The consultation log included in Annex C of the EIS highlights the individual landholders/dwellings that were captured during this campaign, along with email, phone and letter correspondence that took place prior or subsequent to these meetings.

On the advice of DP&E in March 2015, further door knocking has not been undertaken, however consultation with local residents has continued since this time via various other means as outlined in this Chapter.

### **6.3.5 *Community Consultative Committee***

#### *Purpose*

A CCC has been established to provide a forum for open discussion between representatives of the wind farm, the community, relevant Councils and other stakeholders. The CCC was formulated in accordance with the *Draft NSW Planning Guidelines for Wind Farms*, December 2011.

In general, the Committee is intended to provide:

- community insights into issues relating to the proposed wind farm;
- helps to identify opportunities for the community to benefit from the Project; and
- facilitates communication of relevant information to the broader community.

The CCC should complement other community engagement methods and allow key stakeholders to inform the final Project design.

### *Structure of the Committee*

The CCC comprises the following:

- an independent Chairperson appointed by the DP&E;
- seven representatives of the local community and other stakeholders, also appointed by DP&E. This includes at least two representative of any landholders who own dwellings within 2 km of a proposed WTG;
- one representative from each Council; and
- 2-3 representatives from EPYC.

These meetings will generally occur every 2-3 months or at a frequency agreed to by the CCC during the environmental assessment phase.

### *Operation of the Committee*

Expression of interest forms for joining the CCC were made available to the community during the first Community Information Session in June 2014. These were also placed on the Project website for ease of access by members of the community. The Goulburn-Mulwaree and former Palerang Councils were also contacted to nominate their representatives for the CCC. An application pack was forwarded to those who registered their interest in participating in the CCC process.

The CCC process was originally the responsibility of the Proponent as advised by the DP&E, however in September 2014, the (then) Minister for Planning announced that DP&E would be responsible for selecting and establishing the CCC. Subsequent to this announcement and direction from DP&E, invitations for expressions of interest to participate in the CCC were published in the Tarago Times, Bungendore Mirror, the District Bulletin and the Braidwood Times under the guidance of DP&E in November 2014. In mid-December 2014, reminders were published in Braidwood Times and Bungendore Mirror.

In May 2015, the CCC members were selected by DP&E, and in July 2015, DP&E appointed an independent chair person. The first meeting of the CCC was held on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2015. A further 6 meetings have been held up until the date of finalisation of the EIS (October 2016). Following release of draft minutes by the Chair, these are placed on the Project website following each meeting. Upon endorsement by the Chair and the CCC during the following meeting, the final minutes are uploaded to the Project website. In addition, in 2016, Question & Answer logs (originally included as part of the minutes) were provided as a separate document on the Project website for the community's ease of access. The chair will oversee the update of the Question & Answer logs and once responded to, will be part of the archive for reference purposes.

A summary of the CCC meetings, include key issues raised and discussed, and actions and outcomes arising is provided in Table 6.4. Copies of CCC minutes are provided in Annex C of the EIS.

CCC meetings will continue to take place through subsequent phases of the Project at a frequency agreed by the CCC.

**Table 6.4 Summary of CCC Meetings**

Date	Purpose	Summary of Issues Raised/ Discussed and Actions/ Outcomes
First Meeting of the CCC 5 August 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss the functioning of the CCC</li> <li>• Provide a Project update</li> <li>• Identify information needs of the CCC going forward</li> </ul>	A number of questions were raised by the CCC during the session and those relevant to the processes of the DP&E were addressed by Mike Young from DP&E who was in attendance. The questions relevant to the Project were addressed by EPYC representatives where possible, or taken on notice when the information was not available or required further clarification. The key issues raised and discussed included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EIS process and timing</li> <li>• PAC approval process and decisions</li> <li>• draft wind farm guidelines</li> <li>• WTG coordinates</li> <li>• Confidentiality agreements with hosts</li> </ul>
Second Meeting of the CCC 20 August 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide a Project update</li> <li>• Discuss key issues of concern to the CCC</li> <li>• Identify issue for further discussion at the next meeting</li> </ul>	The key issues raised and discussed included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The timing for submission of EIS and DA</li> <li>• Consultants working on EIS</li> <li>• Substation location</li> <li>• Micrositing distance</li> <li>• Property addresses for involved owners</li> <li>• Whether EPYC had acquired any property in the area</li> <li>• GPS coordinates for noise loggers</li> <li>• GPS coordinates for visual assessment</li> </ul>
Third Meeting of the CCC 8 September 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide a Project update</li> <li>• Discuss key issues of concern to the CCC</li> </ul>	The key issues raised and discussed included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confirmation that the turbine numbers were not going to increase from those that had been communicated</li> <li>• EIS timing and update</li> <li>• Construction timing</li> <li>• Property values</li> <li>• EPYC specifically requested to have assistance from the CCC to reach a number of landholders who are not residents of the area, but may be known by CCC members as community representatives</li> </ul>

Date	Purpose	Summary of Issues Raised / Discussed and Actions / Outcomes
Fourth Meeting of the CCC 14 October 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide specific Project information previously requested by CCC</li> <li>• Discuss key issues of concern to the CCC</li> <li>• Advise of proposed Benefit Sharing Programme</li> </ul>	<p>The key issues raised and discussed included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Announced that EIS was submitted for adequacy review by DP&amp;E</li> <li>• turbine GPS coordinates and a map were provided to CCC</li> <li>• List of GPS coordinates for noise loggers were provided to CCC</li> <li>• List of GPS coordinates for visual assessment were provided to the CCC</li> <li>• Announcement of Voluntary Benefit Sharing Program for non-involved land owners with dwellings within 2 km of a proposed turbine</li> <li>• Community enhancement funds</li> <li>• Property values</li> </ul>
Fifth Meeting of the CCC 2 December 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide update on the project and adequacy review</li> <li>• Discuss key issues of concern to the CCC</li> </ul>	<p>The key issues raised and discussed included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project progress after revising the EIS</li> <li>• Decommissioning of wind farm</li> </ul>
Sixth Meeting of the CCC 2 March 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide update on the project. DPE also advised on updated SEARs.</li> <li>• Discuss key issues of concern to the CCC</li> </ul>	<p>The key issues raised and discussed included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revised SEARs details</li> <li>• Project progress after revised SEARs</li> <li>• Benefit sharing program</li> <li>• Visual amenity and noise</li> </ul>
Seventh Meeting of the CCC 6 July 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide update on the project. Particularly regarding submission of EIS.</li> <li>• Discuss key issues of concern to the CCC and community.</li> </ul>	<p>The key issues raised and discussed included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project update and EIS timing</li> <li>• Transmission line corridor</li> <li>• GPS coordinates of proposed site entrance for central cluster of turbines</li> <li>• visual, noise, and decommissioning</li> </ul>

### *Consultation Regarding Proposed Benefit Sharing Programme*

In December 2013, as part of the preliminary environmental assessment prepared to accompany the request for DGRs for the Project, EPYC identified internally the potential to establish a Benefit Sharing Programme as a means to share the financial benefits of the Project with the broader community beyond those landholders directly involved in the Project via Involved Landholder Agreements.

The concept of this programme was reinforced through initial one-on-one community consultation undertaken in October 2014, at which time many of the residents in the vicinity of the PA indicated that they would like to receive more direct benefit to them rather than a potential benefit through the operation of a Community Enhancement Fund that will be set up for community based projects in the area.

Following further consideration and development of the concept, EPYC announced at the 4<sup>th</sup> CCC meeting of 14 October 2015, a commitment to establishing a Voluntary Benefit Sharing Programme for all neighbouring existing dwellings/residents located within 2 km of a WTG from the Project. Through one-on-one consultation, EPYC has also extended this offer to those landholders identified in the Landscape Character and Visual Impact Assessment (LCVIA) (refer Annex F of the EIS) as likely to experience significant visual impacts and will continue consultation with these residents to reach an agreement.

Through this voluntary Benefit Sharing Programme, the Proponent intends to establish Benefit Sharing Agreements with all non-involved landholders who have an existing dwelling/residence or an approved DA (at the date of the EIS) located within 1-2 km of a proposed WTG. Those with dwellings located within 2-3km of a proposed WTG with potential for significant visual impact as identified in this EIS, would also be considered for the programme.

Following negotiations with each neighbour, and if agreed, a Benefit Sharing Agreement will be put in place in order to protect the interest of both parties. The agreements would allow the non-involved landholder to benefit financially from the wind farm for the operational life of the Project. The offer is completely voluntary and up to the individual if they wish to share the financial benefit generated by the wind farm. The Proponent will endeavour to work with these residents towards resolving any outstanding issues they may have with respect to the Project where practicable prior to reaching an agreement.

Alternatively, any non-involved landholders who have an existing dwelling or an approved DA within 2-3 km of a proposed WTG with potential for significant visual impact as identified in this EIS, may choose to take up the visual mitigation option. Negotiations for mitigation will occur at the same time as the Benefit Sharing offer and the outcome will be dependent on the

preference of each non-involved landholder for the offers, the specific details of each dwelling, and the locations and the mitigation potential as per EIS assessment. This provides many options for the non-involved neighbours in the vicinity of the Project to share the benefits from the wind farm in one form or another.

The consultation log included in Annex C of the EIS highlights the individual landholders with whom consultation regarding the proposed Benefit Sharing Programme has been undertaken, including face-to-face meetings, email, phone and letter correspondence that has taken place.

Further consultation and meetings will continue as required. During earlier consultation efforts undertaken for the Voluntary Benefit Sharing Program, most non-involved neighbours expressed the importance of seeing the EIS and having the opportunity to review it as a whole before they make a decision. The proponent understood the importance of this request and with respect for the majority, decided to continue the consultation further once the EIS was placed on public exhibition. Most of this will occur prior to the end of the public exhibition period.

### 6.3.7 *Consultation Regarding Visual Amenity*

#### *Background*

In October 2015, DP&E requested that additional consultation be undertaken with neighbouring non-involved landholders of associated dwellings that have been identified in the LCVIA (refer Annex F of the EIS) as likely to experience significant visual impacts associated with the Project (those rated as Moderate/High or High).

Following this, further visual impact assessment was undertaken by Clouston Associates in late 2015 and early 2016 in support of these additional consultation requirements, which included assessment of the potential feasibility and effectiveness of implementation of mitigation measures at those non-involved landholder dwellings that were assessed as likely to experience Moderate/High or High visual impacts. This additional requirement was also subsequently formally incorporated in the revised SEARs for the Project that were issued in March 2016, which requires the following:

*'provide detailed consideration of the feasibility and effectiveness of the proposed mitigation measures, including consultation with all landowners of non-associated residences within 3 km of a proposed turbine where significant visual impacts are predicted to identify potential approaches to mitigate any adverse impacts, including consideration of negotiated agreements'.*

## *Consultation Process*

The consultation process and discussions relating to visual amenity and potential mitigation options began in December 2015 and are ongoing. Following this initial consultation, but in light of the majority landholders requesting to first review the EIS, it was decided that while consultation would continue, the main consultation effort regarding these issues should be directed towards the duration of the public exhibition period, during which time non-involved neighbours would have access to the EIS in order to gain a better understanding of the Project and facilitate more meaningful discussions regarding potential impacts and mitigation options.

EPYC attended site for two days in February (16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>) and two days in March (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>) 2016. In February 2016, prior to the visits, a letter was delivered/mailed to non-involved landholders with a dwelling (or a DA for a dwelling) within 3 km of a WTG. The purpose of the letter was to advise the landholder of planned site attendance by EPYC representatives and provide contact details for EPYC with request for owners to inform EPYC of a suitable time for a visit. The letter was dropped off at letter boxes of each of the identified properties and where there was no letter box, the letters were attached to the gates in a water-proof envelope. Follow up phone calls were made to those landholders whose contact details were publicly available, or that had been made available to EPYC previously for corresponding purposes. Where appointments were taken up, EPYC met with landholder and discussed the Voluntary Benefit Sharing Programme and where applicable, the potential visual impacts at their dwelling. The potential for implementing mitigation measures was also discussed in general terms.

Following the receipt of the revised SEARs in early March 2016, further consultation effort was directed to all non-involved landholders within 3 km of a WTG. A letter was delivered on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March and some were mailed on the 24<sup>th</sup> of March to residents within 3 km of a WTG where significant visual impacts were anticipated. The purpose of the letter was to make suitable arrangements for visit by EPYC and the visual consultant (Clouston Associates) to facilitate an assessment of potential mitigation options at their dwelling.

Following the mail out in March, where appointments were taken targeted site visits were conducted over two days in April 2016 (27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>), by EPYC representatives and a representative of Clouston Associates as the technical specialist responsible for preparation of the LCVIA. The purpose of these visits was to assist in developing a detailed consideration of the feasibility and effectiveness of any proposed mitigation measures within the LCVIA, and to facilitate Proponent discussion with individual landholders regarding visual impact and mitigation issues, including consideration of negotiated agreements where applicable.

The outcomes of the visual mitigation analysis are outlined in Section 6 of the LCVIA included as Annex F of the EIS.

The consultation log included in Annex C of the EIS highlights the effort undertaken by EPYC for the individual landholders with whom consultation regarding the visual impacts and mitigation measures has been taken up by the community member.

To date approximately 50 non-involved landholders have acknowledged the letters issued in February/March of 2016, and have either been involved in preliminary discussions with EPYC regarding mitigation, received a Project update, or declined to meet. The majority of those consulted have expressed interest to see the EIS prior to committing to any specific mitigation or an agreement.

Consultation with non-involved landholders regarding these issues will continue during the subsequent phases of the Project, following public release of the EIS.

### **6.3.8**      *Consultation with Agency and Non-Government Organisations*

Consultation has been undertaken with relevant government departments and agencies and non-government organisations throughout the environmental assessment process. Consultation has included briefings, presentations and ongoing information sharing to keep key stakeholders informed, and to ensure that the environmental assessment met key agency requirements.

Details of consultation undertaken with key agencies and other relevant stakeholders are included in the specialist assessment reports contained within *Annex D to Annex O* of the EIS.

Key agencies and organisations consulted with during preparation of the EIS and up to commencement of public exhibition of the EIS are listed in *Table 6.5*.

**Table 6.5 Government Agency and Non-Government Organisation Consultation**

Stakeholder	Organisations Consulted and Notified
<b>Government Departments and Agencies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Department of Planning and Environment (DP&amp;E) (previously DP&amp;I);</li> <li>• Goulburn Mulwaree Council;</li> <li>• Former Palerang Council;</li> <li>• Sydney Catchment Authority (SCA) (now part of DPI Water);</li> <li>• South East Local Land Service (previously known as Southern Rivers Catchment Management Authority);</li> <li>• Greater Sydney Local Land Service (previously known as Hawkesbury-Nepean Catchment Management Authority);</li> <li>• NSW Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) (Queanbeyan office)</li> <li>• NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA);</li> <li>• NSW Department of Trade and Investment (Resources and Energy);</li> <li>• NSW Department of Primary Industry (Lands) (Crown Lands);</li> <li>• NSW Department of Finance, Services and Innovation (Land and Property Information)</li> <li>• NSW Department of Primary Industries (including Fisheries NSW, Agricultural NSW and NSW Office of Water);</li> <li>• NSW Department of Education and Communities;</li> <li>• NSW Department of Family and Community;</li> <li>• NSW Government Telco Authority;</li> <li>• NSW Health;</li> <li>• NSW Roads and Maritime Services (RMS);</li> <li>• Fire and Rescue NSW;</li> <li>• NSW Rural Fire Service;</li> <li>• NSW State Emergency Service (SES);</li> <li>• Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA);</li> <li>• Commonwealth Department of Defence;</li> <li>• Commonwealth Department of the Environment;</li> <li>• National Native Title Tribunal;</li> <li>• Native Title Services Corporation;</li> <li>• Office of the Register, <i>Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983</i>;</li> <li>• Australian Federal Police;</li> <li>• NSW Police; and</li> <li>• Ambulance Service of NSW.</li> </ul>
<b>Non-Government Agencies and Organisations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Airservices Australia;</li> <li>• Aerial Agricultural Association of Australia (AAAA);</li> <li>• Bureau of Meteorology (BoM);</li> <li>• TransGrid;</li> <li>• Geoscience Australia;</li> <li>• Telstra;</li> <li>• Optus;</li> <li>• Vodafone;</li> <li>• Yless4U Pty Ltd;</li> <li>• Native Title Services Corporation;</li> <li>• Batemans Bay Local Aboriginal Land Council;</li> <li>• Ngambri Local Aboriginal Land Council;</li> <li>• Pejar Local Aboriginal Land Council;</li> <li>• Royal Flying Doctor Service;</li> <li>• Operators of non-regulated aerodromes;</li> <li>• NSW Farmers Association;</li> <li>• Yass Aerial Services;</li> <li>• Fred Fahey Aerial Services;</li> <li>• St Johns Ambulance Australia Incorporated;</li> <li>• Mulwaree Goulburn Emergency Repeater Group;</li> <li>• Tallaganda Shire State Emergency Services Auxiliary;</li> <li>• Wamboin Rural Fire Brigade;</li> <li>• Former Palerang Local Government Area (Lake George office) Fire Control Centre; and</li> <li>• OCHRE Resources.</li> </ul>

## 6.4 FUTURE CONSULTATION

### 6.4.1 Stage Three- Consultation During Public Exhibition of the EIS

The third stage will occur during the public exhibition of the EIS and consideration of the SSD application for the Project by the DP&E. Planned future consultation activities to be undertaken during this stage are listed below, with estimated timeframes for proposed activities to be undertaken during Q4 2016 summarised in *Table 6.6*.

- continued presence of the dedicated email, telephone and website to provide direct and formal feedback options to stakeholders and the community;
- newsletters providing regular updates on the progress of the Project and important dates and events;
- ongoing CCC meetings; and
- further consultation with key stakeholders, including:
  - Goulburn Mulwaree Council and the former Palerang Council, in order to establish a voluntary planning agreement for community enhancement fund;
  - ongoing community engagement regarding the Benefit Sharing Programme, visual impacts, mitigation and establishment of agreements where applicable.

**Table 6.6 Summary of Planned Future Consultation Activities**

Upcoming Consultation Activities	Estimated Timeframe	Purpose of Consultation	Relevant Stakeholders	Status
<b>Voluntary Benefit Sharing Offer &amp; mitigation for significant visual impacts as assessed in EIS</b>	November - December 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide mitigated examples to neighbours. Further discuss mitigation and Benefit sharing.</li> </ul>	<p>Discussions with non-involved landholders with existing dwellings or DA approved at the time of this EIS located within:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 km of a proposed turbine (offer of voluntary benefit sharing and relevant discussions including those related to the dwellings which have been identified in this EIS as having significant visual impact)</li> <li>2-3 km of a proposed turbine (mitigation options for those which have been identified in this EIS as having significant visual impact or offer of benefit sharing)</li> </ul>	Planned & Ongoing
<b>Presentation of EIS to CCC</b>	November/December 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide overview of EIS and assessment results</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CCC members</li> </ul>	Planned
<b>Community Information Session</b>	Q4 2016 (during exhibition period)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide overview of assessment outcomes and assessment process</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Landholders and residents in the area</li> <li>Former Palerang Council</li> <li>Goulburn-Mulwaree Council</li> <li>All other stakeholders were welcomed to attend and those registered previously</li> </ul>	Planned

#### 6.4.2

#### *Stage 4- Post Approval Consultation*

The fourth and final stage will occur during the pre-construction, construction and ongoing operation of the Project, which will be post approval of the SSD application and during delivery phase. Post approval consultation will occur through a range of consultative techniques already discussed and will include, but not limited to:

- Project updates via the website;
- provision of newsletters;
- ongoing maintenance of the Project website and Proponent contact methods;
- engagement with relevant government agencies and other key stakeholders during detailed design of the Project and preparation of the Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) and Operational Environmental Management Plan (OEMP); and
- engagement with relevant approval/permitting agencies as required prior to both construction and operation.

## 7 **RECORD OF COMMUNITY CONSULTATION AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES**

### 7.1 **OVERVIEW**

A record of community engagement activities has been maintained to assist EPYC with the consultative requirements and obligations during the Project, and as a means to record all consultation activities undertaken with key identified stakeholders. The record of activities details consultation activities implemented in accordance with the consultation methods described in the Strategy is provided in *Table 7.1*.

In addition, a landholder consultation log, summarising the frequency and method of consultation with the owners of each individual landholding with a dwelling located within 3 km of a WTG, has been developed and is included in *Annex C* of the EIS.

**Table 7.1 Community Consultation and Stakeholder Engagement Action Plan**

Start Date	Finish Date	Consultation Activity	Stakeholder Group(s)	Responsible Personnel	Status
<i>Stage 1- Consultation Undertaken Prior to Issuing of DGRs</i>					
21 June 2011	21 June 2011	Introductory meeting with Palerang Council to inform them of EPYCs interest in assessing the potential of the area for a wind farm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council was contacted and the meeting took place with a member of the planning team</li> </ul>	EPYC	Complete
22 June 2011	21 June 2011	Initial connection related discussions with TransGrid.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TransGrid</li> </ul>	EPYC	Complete
March 2012	December 2012	Initial distribution of general fact sheets about wind farms and an introductory letter to the residents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>184 Residents within the project investigation area with available correspondence addresses</li> <li>Additional community members identified through site visits</li> </ul>	EPYC	Complete
29 July 2012	29 July 2012	Project presentation to the United Farmers Organisation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>United Farmers Organisation.</li> <li>Landholders and residents within an approximate 5 km radius of the PA.</li> <li>Community groups.</li> </ul>	EPYC	Complete
25 July 2013	25 July 2013	Initial meeting and project introduction to the Department	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DP&amp;E</li> </ul>	EPYC	Complete
21 November 2013	21 November 2013	Project overview to some of the planning team at the Councils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Palerang Council</li> <li>Goulburn-Mulwaree Council</li> </ul>	EPYC	Complete
3 December 2013	3 December 2013	Letter from DP&E seeking input to the DGR's	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Department of Primary Industries (incorporating departments of Crown Lands; Fisheries; NSW Office of Water; Agriculture NSW)</li> <li>Sydney Catchment Authority</li> <li>NSW EPA</li> </ul>	DP&E	Complete

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NSW Trade &amp; Investment - Resources &amp; Energy Division</li> <li>• Office of Environment and Heritage</li> <li>• Roads &amp; Maritime Services</li> <li>• Goulburn Mulwaree Council</li> <li>• Former Palerang Council</li> <li>• Airservices Australia</li> <li>• CASA</li> </ul>		
19 December 2013	19 December 2013	Planning Focus Group Meeting (PFGM) and site visit.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members of Government Agencies including Dept of Health (Goulburn Office), EPA, OEH, Goulburn Council, Palerang Council, DP&amp;E</li> </ul>	EPYC/ERM	Complete
December 2013	October 2016	Consultation with State Agencies to discuss key findings determined during the preparation of the EIS. This has included consultation regarding key issues and mitigation measures proposed for each environmental and social aspect of the EIS.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OEH</li> <li>• NSW EPA</li> <li>• DP&amp;E</li> <li>• Other government agencies as required and detailed in relevant technical assessments included as Annex D to Annex O of the EIS.</li> </ul>	ERM/ EPYC	Ongoing
8 January 2014	23 January 2014	Various discussions with OEH relating to field methods for upcoming field surveys in early 2014.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OEH</li> </ul>	ERM	Complete
17 January 2014	17 January 2014	Letter from DP&E seeking input to the DGR's	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sydney Catchment Authority</li> </ul>	DP&E	Complete
<b>Stage 2- Consultation during the Preparation of the EIS</b>					
February 2014	February 2014	Distribution of the Project Newsletter (Issue 1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Landowners and residents within an approximate 5km radius of the PA.</li> </ul>	EPYC	Complete

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26 February 2014	26 February 2014	Meeting with Mayor and General Manager to discuss the status of the project.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Palerang Council</li> </ul>	EPYC	Complete
26 February 2014	26 February 2014	Briefing to Palerang Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Palerang Council</li> </ul>	EPYC	Complete
May 2014	May 2014	Issue # 2 Newsletter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Landholders and residents within an approximate 5km radius of the initial investigation area</li> <li>• Palerang Council</li> <li>• Goulburn-Mulwaree Council</li> <li>• Political Stakeholders as defined in <i>Table 5.1.</i></li> </ul>	EPYC	Complete
5 May 2014	5 May 2014	Teleconference with OEH to discuss field methodology.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OEH</li> </ul>	ERM / EPYC	Complete
6 May 2014	6 May 2014	Meeting with TransGrid and discussions regarding connection.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TransGrid</li> </ul>	EPYC	Complete
9 May 2014	September 2015	<p>Consultation with Indigenous personnel/groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prepared EOI for Aboriginal Stakeholders to be involved in the Cultural Heritage Assessment.</li> </ul> <p>This included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contacting OEH to obtain list of potential Indigenous stakeholders.</li> <li>• Preparing written requests to potential stakeholders to be involved in the Indigenous heritage assessment.</li> <li>• Placement of advertisements in local media to attract potential Indigenous stakeholders.</li> <li>• Provision of draft cultural significance report to registered Aboriginal parities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pejar LALC;</li> <li>• Batemans Bay LALC;</li> <li>• Ngambr LALC;</li> <li>• Goulburn-Mulwaree Council;</li> <li>• Palerang Council;</li> <li>• Hawkesbury-Nepean Catchment Management Authority;</li> <li>• National Native Title Tribunal;</li> <li>• Native Title Services Corporation;</li> <li>• Office of the Registrar, <i>Aboriginal Land Rights Act (1983)</i>; and</li> <li>• NSW OEH (Queanbeyan).</li> </ul> <p>Additional Indigenous stakeholders determined throughout the initial consultation process.</p>	ERM	Complete

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>for review and comment.</li> <li>Letter advising of amendments to Project and draft Cultural Heritage Assessment.</li> </ul>			
15 May 2014	15 July 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prepare and complete the Project website.</li> <li>Finalise Project 1300 contact number</li> </ul>	All stakeholders and general community.	EPYC	Ongoing updates to website as required
14 June 2014	14 June 2014	Information Day Session: # 1 held at the Tarago Hall	Advertised in the local Newspapers and in EPYCs Newsletter. Session open to all including but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Landholders and residents in the area</li> <li>Palerang Council</li> <li>Goulburn-Mulwaree Council</li> <li>Political Stakeholders.</li> </ul>	EPYC / ERM	Complete
26 June 2014	26 June 2014	Providing project update	DPE	EPYC / ERM	
3 July 2014	3 July 2014	Project briefing for council members, Mayor and the General Manager on the project progress and address their questions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Palerang Council</li> </ul>	EPYC / ERM / DPE	Complete
4 July 2014	4 July 2014	Teleconference with OEH to discuss field survey methodology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>OEH</li> </ul>	ERM / EPYC	Complete
14 July 2014	14 July 2014	Phone discussion with DP&E regarding Community Consultative Committee and extension to the EOI period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DP&amp;E</li> </ul>	EPYC	Complete
17 July 2014	17 July 2014	Meeting with Mr Angus Taylor MP to provide a project overview/update.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr Angus Taylor MP - Federal Member for Hume.</li> </ul>	EPYC / ERM	Complete
17 July 2014	17 July 2014	Project briefing for council members, Mayor and the General Manager on the project progress and address their	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Goulburn-Mulwaree Council</li> </ul>	EPYC / ERM / DPE	Complete

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		questions.			
29 July 2014	29 July 2014	Meeting with DP&E regarding the CCC Selection Process.	• DP&E	EPYC	Complete
11 August 2014	11 August 2014	Communications with DP&E regarding the CCC Selection Process.	• DP&E	EPYC	Complete
25 August 2014	25 August 2014	Meeting with TransGrid regarding connection to the 330KV line	• TransGrid	EPYC	Complete
September 2014	September 2014	Newsletter # 3 issued with the Preliminary turbine positions.	• Landholders and residents within an approximate 5km radius of the PA. • Palerang Council • Goulburn-Mulwaree Council		Complete
9 September 2014	9 September 2014	General discussion and follow up regarding presentation request to Tarago Progress Association Inc.	• TADPAI	EPYC	Complete
14 September 2014, 25 September 2014 and 1 October 2014	14 September 2014, 25 September 2014 and 1 October 2014	Phone calls from DP&E regarding distances and community consultation	• DP&E	DP&E	Complete
9 October 2014	9 October 2014	Correspondence with Goulburn-Mulwaree Council regarding the Project, and specifically traffic	• Goulburn-Mulwaree Council	EPYC	Complete
9 October 2014	9 October 2014	Correspondence from former Palerang Council regarding the Project, and specifically traffic	• Palerang Council	EPYC	Complete
13 October 2014	30 October 2014	Two weeks of one-on-one consultation (13 - 16 <sup>th</sup> October and 27-30 October 2014)	Landholders and residents within an approximate 5km radius of the PA and others who requested a meeting	EPYC / ERM	Complete
24 October 2014	24 October 2014	Teleconference with OEH to discuss field survey methodology	OEH	ERM / EPYC	Complete
29 October 2014	29 October 2014	Onsite meeting with OEH to discuss	OEH	ERM / EPYC	Complete

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		development footprint and ecological impacts and avoidance techniques			
20 November 2014	20 November 2014	Telephone conversation regarding: Advising on two more Newspapers for advertisement for the CCC process which the DP&E will be selecting the members for. Request for update on advertisements for CCC process.	DP&E	DP&E	Complete
24 November 2014	24 November 2014	Phone discussions with NSW RMS Special Permits Unit to identify RMS preferred over dimensional vehicle route to the Site and through Goulburn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NSW RMS</li> </ul>	GTA	Complete
December 2014	December 2014	Issue # 4 Newsletter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Landholders and residents within an approximate 5km radius of the PA.</li> <li>Former Palerang Council</li> <li>Goulburn-Mulwaree Council</li> <li>Other community groups, TADPAI</li> </ul>	ERM/ EPYC	Completed
11 December 2014	11 December 2014	2 <sup>nd</sup> Community Information Session/ drop-in Session (1 day session)	<p>Advertised in the local Newspapers and in EPYCs Newsletter. Session open to all including but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Landholders and residents in the area</li> <li>Palerang Council</li> <li>Goulburn-Mulwaree Council</li> </ul> <p>All other stakeholders were welcomed to attend and those registered previously.</p>	EPYC/ ERM	Completed
16 December 2014	16 December 2014	Phone discussions with Council to confirm over dimensional vehicle access routes through Goulburn and identify any access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Goulburn-Mulwaree Council</li> </ul>	GTA	Completed

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		issues from previous wind farm applications.			
6 January 2015	6 January 2015	Consultation with Palerang Local Government Area (Lake George office) Fire Control Centre was undertaken on Tuesday 6 January 2015 to discuss assessment and management recommendations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Former Palerang Local Government Area (Lake George office) Fire Control Centre (NSW Rural Fire Service)</li> </ul>	ERM	Completed
9 January 2015	9 January 2015	Phone discussions with Council to discuss the preferred over dimensional vehicle access route and impacts to school bus routes through the Council area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Former Palerang Council</li> </ul>	GTA	Completed
5 February 2015	5 February 2015	Teleconference with NSW Rural Fire Service regarding potential impacts on aerial fighting of bushfires	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NSW Rural Fire Service</li> </ul>	Aviation Projects / EPYC	Completed
27 February 2015	27 February 2015	Meeting regarding crown roads within project area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) –Lands</li> </ul>	EPYC	Completed
11 March 2015	11 March 2015	Email correspondence from TransGrid regarding EMI / EMF considerations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TransGrid</li> </ul>	EPYC	Completed
10 April 2015	10 April 2015	Provide Project update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DPE</li> </ul>	EPYC	Completed
15 May 2015, 22 May 2015	15 May 2015, 22 May 2015	Communications with Department of Family & Community regarding Jupiter Project and invitation for comments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Department of Family &amp; Community Services</li> </ul>	EPYC	Ongoing
18 May 2015, 25 May 2015, 26 May 2015	18 May 2015, 25 May 2015, 26 May 2015	Communications with NSW Health regarding Jupiter Project and invitation for comments. Following a series of communications, a meeting was arranged with NSW Department of Health for a discussion between State & Local teams. Further communications received.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NSW Health</li> </ul>	EPYC	Ongoing

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19 May 2015,	19 May 2015,	Communications with Department of Education & Communities regarding Jupiter Project and invitation for comments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Department of Education &amp; Communities</li> </ul>	EPYC	Ongoing
10 June 2015, 31 July 2015	10 June 2015, 31 July 2015	Providing further information and update via telephone. Provide copy of Newsletter #5.			
1 June 2015	17 August 2015	Confirm status of crown roads within PA and obtain mapping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) –Lands</li> </ul>	EPYC	Completed
July 2015	July 2015	Issue # 5 Newsletter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Landholders and residents within an approximate 5km radius of the PA.</li> <li>Palerang Council</li> <li>Goulburn-Mulwaree Council</li> <li>Other community groups, TADPAI</li> </ul>	EPYC	Completed
13 July 2015	13 July 2015	Referral to Commonwealth Dept of Environment under the EPBC Act for the relevant controlling provisions of the EPBC Act: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Listed threatened species and communities (sections 18 and 18A); and</li> <li>Listed migratory species (sections 20 and 20A).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commonwealth Department of Environment</li> </ul>	ERM	Completed
July 2015	October 2015	Notification/consultation with identified Government agencies and other stakeholder organisations with respect to potential impacts on telecommunication assets/services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Essential Energy</li> <li>Fire and Rescue NSW</li> <li>St John Ambulance Australia (NSW)</li> <li>St John Ambulance Australia Incorporated</li> <li>Wamboin Rural Fire Brigade</li> <li>Telstra</li> </ul>	ERM (DNVGL)	Complete

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Optus</li> <li>• Vodafone</li> <li>• Transgrid</li> <li>• Bureau of Meteorology</li> <li>• Capital Airport Group</li> <li>• ALS (formerly Ecowise Environmental)</li> <li>• Goulburn Council</li> <li>• Former Palerang Council</li> <li>• Yless4U Pty Ltd</li> <li>• NSW Rural Fire Service</li> <li>• Ambulance Service of NSW</li> <li>• NSW Police Force</li> <li>• Australia Federal Police</li> <li>• Mulwaree Goulburn Emergency Repeater Group</li> <li>• Tallaganda Shire State Emergency Services</li> <li>• ACT Emergency Services Agency</li> <li>• State Emergency Service (NSW)</li> <li>• NSW Telco Authority</li> <li>• GeoScience Australia</li> <li>• NSW LPI</li> </ul>		
5 August 2015	5 August 2015	First meeting of the CCC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members of the CCC</li> <li>• DP&amp;E</li> <li>• Other interested landholders / residents via public access to meeting minutes</li> </ul>	DP&E / EPYC	Completed (ongoing meetings)
11 August 2015	11 August 2015	Letter correspondence from TransGrid outlining support for the Project, including its connection to TransGrid's transmission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TransGrid</li> </ul>	EPYC	Completed

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		network, and arrangements for design/construction and easement ownership for the 33 kV transmission line. (refer Annex B of the EIS for copy)			
20 August 2015	20 August 2015	Second meeting of the CCC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Members of the CCC</li> <li>DP&amp;E</li> <li>Other interested landholders / residents via public access to meeting minutes</li> </ul>	DP&E / EPYC	Completed (ongoing meetings)
21 August 2015	21 August 2015	Email seeking comments on the proposed development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Department of Primary Industries(Catchments and Lands (Crown Lands))</li> <li>Fisheries NSW</li> <li>Agriculture NSW</li> <li>NSW Office of Water</li> <li>Sydney Catchment Authority</li> <li>South East Local Land Services (formerly Southern Rivers Catchment Management Authority)</li> </ul>	ERM	Completed
3 September 2015	29 September 2015	Advice of Council position on crown roads and request DPI Lands consent for DA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) –Lands</li> </ul>	EPYC/Lands	Completed
8 September 2015	8 September	Notification of Referral Decision and Designated Proponent confirming the Project as a 'controlled action' under section 75 of the EPBC Act.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commonwealth Department of the Environment</li> </ul>	DoE	Completed
9 September 2015	9 September 2015	Third meeting of the CCC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Members of the CCC</li> <li>DP&amp;E</li> <li>Other interested landholders / residents via public access to meeting minutes</li> </ul>	DP&E / EPYC	Completed (ongoing meetings)

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10 September 2015	10 September 2015	Supplementary Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) issued by DPE following determination of the Project as a controlled action by the Commonwealth DoE under the Environmental Protection Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DP&amp;E</li> </ul>	DP&E	Completed
15 September 2015	15 September 2015	Letter seeking CASA's position in relation to the proposed development, with specific reference to potential aviation impacts and whether or not obstacle lighting will be required.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CASA</li> </ul>	ERM	Completed
15 September 2015	15 September 2015	Email seeking Airservices Australia's feedback with respect to the findings of the Aviation Impact Statement and any additional analysis requirements with respect to determining any potential impacts on ATC radar surveillance facilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Airservices Australia</li> </ul>	ERM (Aviation Projects)	Completed
15 September 2015	15 September 2015	Email seeking Department of Defence's consideration of aviation issues and the requirement for obstacle lighting.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Department of Defence</li> </ul>	ERM (Aviation Projects)	Completed
15 September 2015	15 September 2015	Email seeking feedback from the Aerial Agricultural Association of Australia's on any impact the WTGs may have on aerial application of agricultural fertilisers and pesticides in the vicinity of the Project.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aerial Agricultural Association of Australia</li> </ul>	ERM (Aviation Projects)	Completed
15 September 2015	15 September 2015	Email seeking feedback from NSW RFS regarding any potential hazards and risks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NSW Rural Fire Service</li> </ul>	ERM (Aviation Projects)	Completed

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		associated with bushfires and aerial firefighting in the vicinity of the Project.			
15 September 2015	15 September 2015	Email seeking feedback from the RFDS regarding any issues of concerns with respect to aviation in the vicinity of the Project.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Royal Flying Doctor Service</li> </ul>	ERM (Aviation Projects)	Completed
15 September 2015	15 September 2015	Email seeking feedback from former Palerang Council regarding any issues of concern with respect to aviation in the vicinity of the Project.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Former Palerang Council</li> </ul>	ERM (Aviation Projects)	Completed
15 September 2015	15 September 2015	Email seeking feedback from Goulburn Mulwaree Council regarding any issues of concern with respect to aviation in the vicinity of the Project.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Goulburn Mulwaree Council</li> </ul>	ERM (Aviation Projects)	Completed
1 October 2015	1 October 2015	Email seeking feedback from NSW Department of Trade and Investment, Resources and Energy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NSW Department of Trade and Investment, Resources and Energy</li> </ul>	ERM	Completed
2 October 2015	2 October 2015	Email advising of the Jupiter Wind Farm Project and requesting any feedback with respect to NSW government telecommunication systems of interest.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NSW Government Telco Authority</li> </ul>	ERM (DNV GL)	Completed
14 October 2015	14 October 2015	Fourth meeting of the CCC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Members of the CCC</li> <li>DP&amp;E</li> <li>Other interested landholders / residents via public access to meeting minutes</li> </ul>	DP&E / EPYC	Completed (ongoing meetings)
2 December 2015	2 December 2015	Fifth meeting of the CCC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Members of the CCC</li> <li>DP&amp;E</li> <li>Other interested landholders / residents via public access to meeting</li> </ul>	DP&E / EPYC	Completed (ongoing meetings)

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December 2015	December 2015	Issue # 6 Newsletter	minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Landholders and residents within an approximate 5km radius of the PA</li> <li>Former Palerang Council</li> <li>Goulburn-Mulwaree Council</li> <li>Other community groups, TADPAI</li> </ul>	EPYC	Completed
December 2015	April 2016	Initial discussions of proposed Benefit Sharing Programme and Options for Visual Mitigation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Neighbouring non-involved landholders with a dwelling within 3 km of a WTG</li> </ul>	EPYC	Completed and Ongoing
2 March 2016	2 March 2016	Sixth meeting of the CCC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Members of the CCC</li> <li>DP&amp;E</li> <li>Other interested landholders / residents via public access to meeting minutes</li> </ul>	DP&E / EPYC	Completed (ongoing meetings)
6 July 2016	6 July 2016	Seventh meeting of the CCC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Members of the CCC</li> <li>DP&amp;E</li> <li>Other interested landholders / residents via public access to meeting minutes</li> </ul>	DP&E / EPYC	Completed (ongoing meetings)
Anticipated November 2016 (just prior to public exhibition of the EIS)		Notification of public exhibition of the EIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Non-government stakeholders</li> </ul>	EPYC	Completed (at time of commencement of public exhibition of the EIS)

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