

APPROVALS PROCESS

KERI KERI WIND FARM



ACCIONA Energía's Keri Keri Wind Farm is a proposed renewable energy project, located in south west New South Wales. The current project boundary encompasses more than 18,000 ha of land. The structure would be formed of wind turbines and a battery energy storage system (BESS), with up to 155 turbines on site.

Built on the principle of 'Community First' projects, ACCIONA Energía is the largest 100% renewable energy company in the world. Our sites deliver clean and sustainable energy generation while creating jobs and positive impacts throughout the local community.

At ACCIONA Energía, we truly value your feedback and involvement in the design and development of our proposed Keri Keri Wind Farm project. We have prepared this factsheet to help you understand how the approvals process in New South Wales (NSW) works, and how you can find information and contribute to this, especially during the EIS (Environment Impact Statement) public exhibition.

State Significant Development

Electricity generating works, such as Keri Keri Wind Farm, are classified as State Significant Development under the NSW State Environmental Planning Policy (Planning Systems) 2021 if the estimated development cost exceeds \$30 million. State Significant Developments (SSD) in New South Wales include major project developments which have wide community significance due to their size, sensitive environmental area or economic value. Such values are assessed via an SSD application and an EIS under the NSW Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A Act).

Commonwealth requirements

Major projects which could have a significant impact on matters of national environmental significance (MNES) may also require a referral to the Australian Government's Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) which may result in the requirement for Ministerial approval under the Commonwealth Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act). Once a referral is submitted, the Australian Government Minister for the Environment and Water has 20 days to determine whether the project is a 'controlled action' (i.e. it is likely to impact MNES). During this time, there is a 10-day period for public comment on the project. Potential impacts to MNES will be assessed in the EIS that is prepared for the project under the EP&A Act.

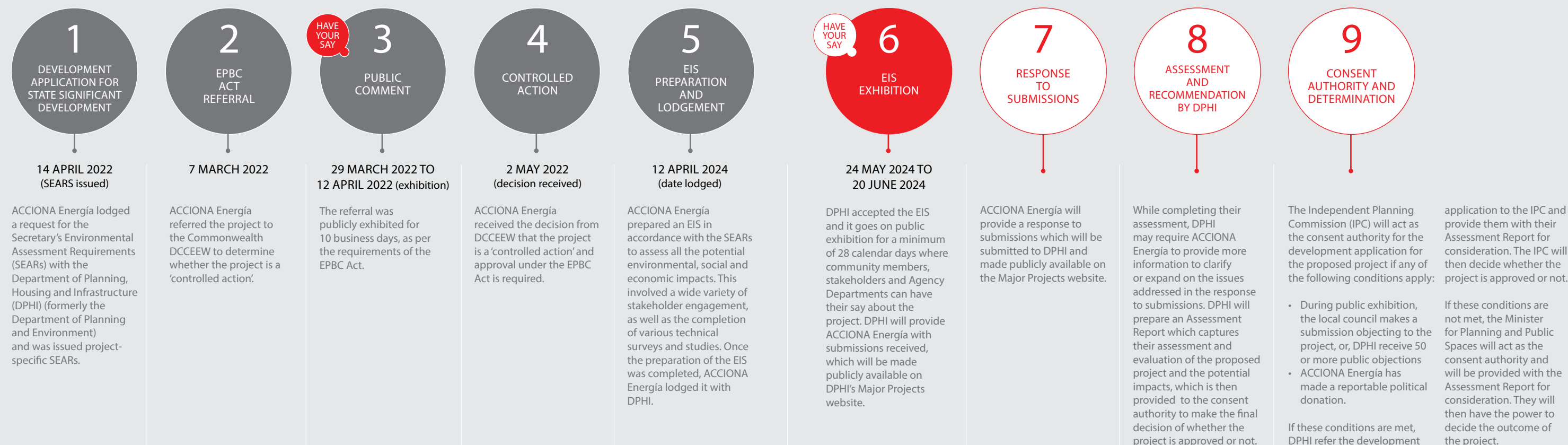
Environmental assessment

The EIS outlines the project's key features, assesses its potential environmental, social and economic impacts during construction and operation, and offers proposed mitigation measures. It captures feedback from landowner consultation and other stakeholders such as councils, industry and the wider community. Once complete, the EIS is submitted to the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) as required under the SSD assessment process set out in the EP&A Act. The EIS is then put on public exhibition for a minimum of 28 calendar days.

During exhibition, community members and other stakeholders can provide feedback and make formal submissions which will be considered by the DPHI when assessing the project. The consent authority, typically the NSW Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, will then make the final decision on whether the project is approved for construction.

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Final project subject to change and relevant approvals.

APPROVAL AND ASSESSMENT TIMELINE



GET INVOLVED

You can find the EIS and make your submission during the exhibition period on the DPHI Major Projects website at www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects

If you have any questions at all about the project, please feel free to address them through one of the following channels. We will also be running drop-in sessions in community during the exhibition period, which will be publicised on our online community hub.

 Post: PO Box 24110, Melbourne VIC 3001

 Community information hotline: 1800 283 550

 Email: kerikeriwindfarm@acciona.com

 Community Hub: community.acciona.com.au/kerikeri

About the Project

The Keri Keri Wind Farm is a proposed renewable energy project, located in south west New South Wales. The current project boundary encompasses more than 18,000 ha of land. The area is characterised by large pastoral holdings predominantly used for merino sheep farming. The structure will be formed of wind turbines and a battery energy storage system (BESS), with up to 155 turbines on site.

The site is exposed to consistent winds and is located within the proposed South-West Renewable Energy Zone, which is one of five areas identified by the New South Wales Government as a priority region for the development of renewable energy projects.

Leaders in Renewable Energy

ACCIONA Energía is the largest 100% renewable energy company in the world, built on the principle of 'Community First' projects. Our sites deliver clean and sustainable energy generation while creating jobs and positive impacts throughout the local community.

With over 20 years' experience in Australia our 'build, own and operate' model sets us apart as a developer that works closely with landowners, neighbours, and the community to deliver integrated solutions.

With a long history of delivering successful projects around the country and dedicated community teams working in the area, we strive every day to deliver Australia's best renewable energy projects.