

HERRIES RANGE WIND FARM APPROVALS PROCESS



The approvals process allows regulators to assess the Project against relevant benchmarks, whilst also providing the opportunity for the community and stakeholders to have their say.

PRIMARY PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL APPROVALS

The Project will require two primary planning and environmental approvals:

State Approval – Development Application (DA)

The DA will be assessed under *Queensland's Planning Act 2016* (Planning Act), seeking approval for the wind farm, BSF and associated infrastructure, together with approval for native vegetation clearing. The DA will be assessed by the State Assessment and Referral Agency (SARA) against State code 23: Wind farm development, State code 27: Battery storage facility and State code 16: Native vegetation clearing. The DA will be subject to 'impact assessment' – the State's highest level of assessment and requiring a public notification period where anyone can make a submission.

Commonwealth Approval – Public Environment Report (PER)

The Project was referred under the *Commonwealth Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) and was determined to be a Controlled Action for potential impacts to Threatened Species and Communities, and Migratory Species. This necessitates further assessment under the EPBC Act by the National Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). A PER is currently being prepared to assess all potential impacts of the Project on Matters of National Environmental Significance (MNES).

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND ASSESSMENT

State Assessment

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Approval of Social Impact Assessment (SIA) and execution of Community Benefit Agreements (CBA) with Councils

Finalise Development Application and Supporting Documents

Submission of Development Application to State Government

State Information Request

HAVE YOUR SAY

Public Notification (minimum 15 business days)

State Assessment (including consideration of submissions)

State Decision under the Planning Act

Commonwealth Assessment

EPBC Act referral – Controlled Action and approval pathway decision (Public Environment Report)

Issue of PER Guidelines

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Preparation of Draft PER

Commonwealth Draft PER adequacy review

HAVE YOUR SAY

Draft PER is placed on public exhibition

Preparation of Final PER (including addressing comments from public exhibition)

Commonwealth Assessment of Final PER

Final PER is placed on public exhibition (for information only)

Commonwealth Decision under the EPBC Act