Guide to the Environmental Impact Statement

Wallaby Creek Wind Farm



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At ACCIONA Energía, we value your feedback and involvement in the design and development of our proposed Wallaby Creek Wind Farm project, whose Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be exhibited during 2026.

We realise that the planning and assessment process can be challenging to understand. With this in mind, we have prepared this Guide to the EIS to help you navigate the EIS and to assist you in finding information and contributing during the public exhibition period.



About the project

ACCIONA Energía is proposing to construct, operate, and decommission the Wallaby Creek Wind Farm, harnessing wind energy to provide clean, reliable electricity to power NSW homes and businesses. The project will also assist in regulating the dispatch of energy through a large-scale Battery Energy Storage System (BESS).

Its boundary is located 3.5km south of Narromine and 15km north of Tomingley within the Narromine Shire. The project is partially located within the Central-West Orana Renewable Energy Zone (REZ) on land predominantly used for agricultural activities, such as livestock grazing and crop growing.

The project comprises 38 wind turbines, with an approximate generating capacity of 236 Megawatts (MW). Its BESS has an approximate capacity of 200MW/400MW hours (MWh), storing electricity during periods of low demand and dispatching it during periods of high demand.

The project has undergone a comprehensive design process that has considered community and stakeholder feedback, as well as constraints identified during detailed environmental, heritage, hazard, and social studies. More information about the project, including a factsheet and maps showing project infrastructure, is available on the online Community Hub (community.acciona.com.au/wallabycreek).

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What is the Environmental Impact Statement?

As part of the development and assessment process for the Wallaby Creek Wind Farm, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) has been developed. The EIS has been prepared in accordance with the Planning Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) and having regard to the State Significant Infrastructure Guidelines - Preparing an EIS (Appendix B).

The purpose of the EIS is to assess the economic, environmental and social impacts of the project. It helps the community, councils, government agencies, and the consent authority gain a better understanding of the project and its impacts, enabling them to make informed submissions or decisions based on the merits of the project.

The EIS provides a description of the project, how it will be constructed, and a technical assessment of its potential impacts. It captures feedback from consultation with stakeholders and includes proposed mitigation measures for the potential impacts identified.



The assessment process

Under the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A Act), any development that is important to the State for economic, environmental or social reasons can be classified as a State Significant Development (SSD) or State Significant Infrastructure (SSI).

A development is considered significant to the State if it is over a specific size, is located in an environmentally sensitive area or will exceed the estimated development cost.

The proposed Wallaby Creek Wind Farm has been assessed as being SSD and therefore requires approval under Part 4 of the NSW EP&A Act.

The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) coordinates the assessment of all SSD projects under the EP&A Act.

SSD applications are subject to approval by the NSW Minister for Planning following a comprehensive assessment process. This includes extensive community involvement and the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

Development of the EIS for the Wallaby Creek Wind Farm began in 2023, following the issuing of the SEARs by DPHI. It has included detailed investigations, field assessments, and consultation with communities and stakeholders. The EIS outlines how the project design has been refined to avoid or minimise potential impacts, while also providing a detailed assessment of the project's economic, environmental, and social impacts.

The EIS has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the EP&A Act, the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021 (EP&A Regulation) and the NSW DPHI State Significant Development Guidelines (DPHI, 2024). It also addresses the SEARs that were issued in 2023 and updated in early 2025, as well as the supplementary SEARs issued in early 2024.

Project timeline



Timeframes are projected only, at the time of publishing, and are subject to change.

Overview of Environmental Impact Statement chapters

The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) has been prepared in accordance with the Planning Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) and having regard to the State Significant Infrastructure Guidelines - Preparing an EIS (Appendix B).

The EIS is a large document that addresses a range of different topics. The EIS comprises the main report, with additional information provided in the technical assessments, which are included as Appendices to the main report. A brief summary of each chapter is provided to help you navigate the EIS.

Chapter 1: Introduction

Provides an overview of the project, its background and objectives.

Chapter 2: Strategic context

This chapter outlines the need for the project, including relevant Australian and NSW Government policies. It also details relevant local and regional land-use planning, key features of the site and its surroundings, project alternatives, and information on contributions and agreements.

Chapter 3: Project description

Chapter 3 outlines the key components of the project, including built features, required construction activities and associated maps. It also covers the operational, decommissioning and rehabilitation aspects of the project.

Chapter 4: Statutory context

This chapter explains the environmental impact assessment, planning approval process, and the planning instruments applicable to the project.

Chapter 5: Community and stakeholder engagement

Chapter 5 provides an overview of the engagement approach, including engagement activities carried out. It also summarises the feedback received and outlines planned future engagement.

Chapter 6: Assessment of impacts

This chapter describes how potential impacts have been assessed as part of the EIS and provides a summary of proposed management and mitigation measures, drawing on the studies which are provided as appendices to the EIS.

Chapter 7: Project justification

Chapter 7 provides an overview of the justification for the project and a conclusion to the EIS. The justification incorporates the suitability of the site, the strategic need for the project, how the project has been developed and designed, how impacts will be mitigated and managed, and an evaluation of the overall findings of the EIS.



Technical assessments & reports

Further information is available in the technical assessments and reports included as Appendices to the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS):

Appendix E
Community and Stakeholder Engagement Plan

Appendix G
Landscape Character and Visual Impact Assessment

Appendix H
Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment

Appendix I
Biodiversity Development Assessment Report

Appendix J
Aquatic Ecology Assessment

Appendix K
Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report

Appendix L
Statement of Heritage Impact

Appendix M
Traffic Impact Assessment

Appendix N
Transport Route Assessment

Appendix O
Hydrology and Flooding Assessment

Appendix P
Air Quality Impact Assessment

Appendix Q
Agricultural Impact Assessment

Appendix R
Aviation Impact Assessment

Appendix S
Telecommunications Impact Assessment

Appendix T
Preliminary Hazard Analysis

Appendix U
Preliminary Site Investigation

Appendix V
Social Impact Assessment

Appendix W
Economic Assessment



Where to view the Environmental Impact Statement

The EIS will be available to view online through the Major Projects Hub on the NSW Government Planning Portal. The Planning Portal can be accessed at planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects. Search for Wallaby Creek Wind Farm to find the project page, including the EIS.

A link to the EIS will also be provided on the Wallaby Creek Wind Farm online Community Hub, (community.acciona.com.au/wallabycreek).

If you are unable to access the EIS online, please reach out to a member of our Project Team, and they will help to make the EIS available to you in a format that suits you.



How to make a submission

Community participation is an essential part of the State Significant Development (SSD) assessment process.

All Development Applications (DAs) for an SSD must be exhibited for at least 28 days, unless otherwise specified. The exhibition provides an opportunity for the community to have their say.

During the exhibition period, the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) will:

- publish the DA and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the planning portal
- notify and advertise the public exhibition in accordance with the requirements in the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A Act) and associated Regulation.

Online submission

During the exhibition period, anyone can make a submission on the project. To have your say, you are encouraged to lodge a submission online through the Major Projects Hub on the NSW Planning Portal (planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects).

To make a submission online, you will need to have an account or create one on the Major Projects website. You can create a user account by clicking 'Planning Portal login' in the top right of the homepage. This will then take you to a new page to create your account.

Once you have created an account, search for the relevant application (or find it amongst the applications currently on exhibition) and click 'Make a Submission'.

With a Major Projects account, you can save submissions in progress, view a history of all submissions you've made, and stay up to date with the progress of an application through automated email alerts.

Further information on making an online submission is available on the NSW Planning Portal, including How to make a submission, and Frequently Asked Questions.

Written submission

While DPHI encourages online submissions, we understand that under certain circumstances it may not be possible for you to have your say online. In this case, you are able to make a written submission.

Information to make a written submission will be available in the Exhibition Notice published by DPHI. The Exhibition Notice will be published in the Major Projects Hub on the NSW Planning Portal and the online Community Hub (community.acciona.com.au/wallabycreek) for Wallaby Creek Wind Farm.

If you are unable to access either of these, please reach out to a member of our Project Team, and they will provide you with a copy of the Exhibition Notice.

Please note, your written submission must reach DPHI before the close of the exhibition period.

If you have further questions about making a written submission, please contact DPHI's nominated Planner for Wallaby Creek Wind Farm on 02 9373 2845.

After publishing the submissions report (and if relevant, the amendment report), DPHI will complete its assessment of the merits of the project in accordance with any relevant Government legislation, plans, policies and guidelines.

What happens next?

Once the public exhibition period has closed, the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) will publish all submissions online, provide them to ACCIONA Energía, and request that a submissions report be prepared.

After reviewing the submissions, ACCIONA Energía will prepare a submissions report that responds to the issues raised.

The submissions report will include an analysis of the issues raised in submissions, a description of the actions taken since the exhibition to address these issues, and an updated evaluation of the project's merits, incorporating the findings of any subsequent assessments or community engagement.

In preparing the submissions report, ACCIONA Energía may carry out further community engagement, undertake further assessment of the project impacts, and refine or amend the project design (noting that amendments must be documented in a separate amendment report).

Once completed, the submissions report will be made publicly available on the Major Projects Hub of the NSW Planning Portal (planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects).



Tools and resources

NSW Government Planning Portal

The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be available on the Major Projects Hub on the NSW Government Planning Portal (search for Wallaby Creek Wind Farm). This is also where you can make an online submission to have your say on the EIS.

Community Hub

Information and updates related to the proposed Project can be found on our online Community Hub (community.acciona.com.au/wallabycreek). Our online community hub also includes an interactive map which shows the key features of the proposed project. You can also ask questions and leave comments for the project team via our community hub.

NSW Government Guidelines

The NSW Government has a number of resources available which provide more information on the development and assessment process for State Significant Development (SSD) projects. These resources provide more information on preparing an EIS, the SSD development and assessment process, undertaking engagement, and cumulative impact assessments. These resources can be found on the Development and Assessment website at planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/assessment.

Get in touch

ACCIONA Energía, the world's largest renewable energy company without a fossil fuel legacy, develops, builds, owns and operates renewable energy assets in Australia. We collaborate with communities to produce sustainable energy, create jobs and contribute to establishing Australia's low-carbon economy.

We are committed to engaging with the local community surrounding the Wallaby Creek Wind Farm and acknowledge the value of your feedback and questions.

If you have questions about the Environmental Impact Statement, or the project in general, you can contact us via our free call community information hotline, email, our online Community Hub or by post.

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Visit our online Community Hub to find out more

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This brochure gives a general overview of the proposed wind farm and the EIS process. Information may change as studies and consultation continue. For full and updated details, refer to the final Environmental Impact Statement and official project documents.



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