

True Blew Wind Farm

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The project

BayWa r.e. Projects Australia is preparing a development application to the NSW Government to build a wind farm on grazing land about 55km southeast of Hay, inside the state's Southwest Renewable Energy Zone.

The proposed "True Blew" wind farm will have an installed capacity of up to 1000MW that can generate clean green renewable energy for 500,000 homes. A battery facility on site will allow for the capture and storage of dispatchable energy.

Our proposal includes up to 170 wind turbines with a maximum blade-tip height of 300m above ground level. Power generated either direct from the turbines or released from the battery will feed into the electricity grid via the proposed Project EnergyConnect transmission line.

The site is yet to be exactly determined but it takes in an area mostly east of the Jerilderie, North Boundary and Willurah roads junction, on land either side of the existing Balranald to Darlington Point transmission line, and south of the Oolambeyan National Park.

Who we are

BayWa r.e. Projects Australia is a values-driven renewable energy company incorporated in Australia, headquartered in Melbourne, and staffed with Australian expertise. Our parent company BayWa r.e. is German, and our name is a bit tricky to say. It's pronounced: "Buy-Var R.E". The "r.e." stands for renewable energy and it also appears in ethos: "rethink energy".

It's something we do in 30 countries, making wind, solar, hydrogen, and energy storage happen. Here we create innovative, large-scale renewable energy assets with Australian expertise backed by the might and knowhow of our global family.

Project benefits

- 400 construction jobs, 40 jobs ongoing
- Diversifying the local economy
- Community benefit fund
- Local supplier opportunities
- Local economic multiplier effect
- Improving local ecological and social environments

How the application is assessed.

True Blew will be assessed under the NSW State Significant Development planning process, which also requires approval from the Commonwealth Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment. Our application is in the "scoping phase" (the initial planning stages), which will conclude mid-2022.

BayWa r.e. Projects Australia is now seeking local community feedback on its proposal, an important part of the planning and development application process.

The social and environmental assessments cover a range of matters including but not limited to:

- water and soil resources
- noise and vibration
- biodiversity
- Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal heritage
- social and community impacts
- visual amenity

Our expert environmental and social impact consultants, Umwelt, will help us address matters important to the community so we can understand and respond to the community's interests, issues, and concerns.

Have your say

Over the coming months BayWa r.e. Projects Australia and Umwelt will be contacting a range of community members and stakeholders in proximity to the project, or those with an interest in the project. This will include nearby residents, local businesses and service providers, community and environmental groups and government agencies.

Community feedback will be gathered through every stage of the planning and assessment process. If you'd like to get more information on the project or would like to set up a meeting with the project team then please contact us on the details below. If you'd like to provide feedback on the project, please scan the QR code to access our survey



Community Information Session

Our first in-person community information sessions will be held in Coleambally on Wednesday 18 May, 5pm-8pm at The Coffee Nest Cafe and in Hay the following evening, Thursday 19 May, 5pm-8pm at the Hay War Memorial Hall. Drop by for a chat and a coffee.

Site map

