

Wambo Wind Farm Pre-Construction Community Benefit Fund - Terms of Reference

White Wind Project No 1 Pty Ltd (**White Wind**) has established a pre-construction community benefit fund of \$50,000 to support local projects and initiatives for the communities near the Wambo Wind Farm (**Fund**).

The pre-construction fund will put a particular focus on building sustainable communities and enhancing the safety, health and wellbeing of local people. We welcome approaches from the community. To apply to the Fund, please fill out the [application form](#).

An expanded community benefit fund will be established for the 30-year operational period of the Wambo Wind Farm and will commence at the start of construction.

White Wind will act as Trustee for the fund, with funding recommendations provided by a Community Advisory Committee (**Committee**).

1 What types of projects can be funded?

The Committee's assessment of grant applications and recommendations to White Wind will be generally based applications meeting the following criteria:

- Projects must be located in a nearby locality to **Diamondy** (where the Wambo Wind Farm will be located), including **Jandowae, Cooranga North, Ironpot** but no further than **Bell**, or be of direct benefit to the community of that area (**Communities**).
- **Training and education:** Financial assistance for scholarships for schools and registered training organisations to make education more accessible to students in the Communities. May include:
 - Grants for scholarships for students from the community to attend school, TAFE, registered training organisations, college or university.
 - Grants for sporting, musical or educational equipment for schools and colleges located in the Communities.
- **Arts and culture:**
 - Promoting awareness and respect in the community of the art, culture and history of Indigenous people within the community who have a cultural connection to the land
 - Promoting awareness and respect in the community of the art, culture and history of the Communities. May include:
 - Grants for local festivals, fetes or events located in the Communities
- **Community resilience:** Infrastructure and other facilities for the Communities to build community resilience and to provide additional resources to assist with improving the Communities social wellbeing. May include grants for equipment for local emergency services organisations
- **Health and wellbeing:** Assistance to improve the health and wellbeing of the community. May include investment into sports and recreation, first aid training or investment into medical equipment.

- **Environmental sustainability:** Initiatives to promote, encourage, allow or carry out environmental or sustainability initiatives within the community
- **Caring for residents:** Assistance to enable the provision of community respite for aged or other residents with special needs.

The Fund has not been established to support the following types of projects or expenditure:

- Individuals seeking support for overseas travel for any purpose
- Costs of alcohol, drugs, gambling, illegal or unethical activities
- Political organisations or campaigns
- Religious organisations for religious purposes (defined as a purpose directly connected with religious worship, teaching, or service)
- Project salaries or other employee / volunteer expenses or reimbursements
- Applications seeking retrospective funding, ie. for costs already incurred before approval of funding is given
- Previously successful organisations who have failed to implement their funded program prior to the current round of grants
- Projects that, in the opinion of the Committee and White Wind, are environmentally, socially or economically unsustainable
- Projects requiring an annual investment.

2 Proposed timing for funding applications

Applications will be considered twice in 2021:

- Applications will be received until 31 March 2021 for Committee review and recommendations in April 2021.
- Applications will be received until 30 September 2021 for Committee review and recommendations in October 2021.

3 How to apply

Complete the application form and send the form and supporting documentation to Info@wambowindfarm.com.au

4 Community Advisory Committee

A Committee will be invited to receive and review funding applications and make recommendations to White Wind.

The recommendations of the Committee on grant applications will not bind White Wind Project to a particular grant application or funding outcome.

The Committee roles are voluntary and not remunerated.

The Community Advisory Committee for the pre-construction fund will include:

- Host landowner representative
- Western Downs Regional Council representative
- Community representative
- White Wind
- Renewable Energy Partners

5 Community Advisory Committee conduct

Members of the Committee will adhere to the following principles:

- To work openly and honestly as a member of the Committee, demonstrating respect for each other and for the communities surrounding Wambo Wind Farm
- To understand that at all times it is necessary to listen to and negotiate different points of view and perspectives, and to make considered and majority agreed recommendations for funding accordingly
- To respect and value Committee member opinions and consider the views of each member as equally important
- Refrain from any form of conduct that may cause a reasonable person unwarranted offence or embarrassment
- To refrain from discussing with any person who is not a member of the Committee, any detail contained in applications for funding
- To refrain from discussing with any media person or outlet, any detail contained in applications for funding
- To seek guidance and advice on grant application related matters, as/if required, from White Wind.

6 Secretariat support

White Wind will provide suitable secretariat support to the Committee.

The secretariat will be responsible for collating financial information, keeping minutes of Committee meetings, secretariat/treasurer duties, collecting receipts of payments made by the Fund, and communicating progress of actions to the Committee and White Wind. The secretariat of the Committee will be an employee or contractor of White Wind.

7 Community Advisory Committee meetings

The Committee will meet in April and October 2021 to review funding applications and make recommendations to White Wind Project.

8 Declaration of interests

White Wind Project recognises that Committee members may also be members of organisations that are applying for grants. In the interest of transparency, Committee members must declare any such interest at the start of their term on the Committee and prior to the discussion of an individual application where there may be a perceived conflict of interest.

Unless the Committee member, or a member of their immediate family, will derive a direct financial benefit from the application, they are not precluded from discussing the application or casting a vote in relation to a recommendation for the application.

Committee members with a direct financial interest must declare their conflict of interest and remove themselves from any discussions or voting related to the application.

Example 1

If a Committee member has children enrolled at a school which applies for a grant for improvements to facilities on school grounds, the Committee member must declare this interest, but as they do not derive a financial benefit from this grant being awarded, they are **not precluded** from discussion related to the grant application or voting on the application.

Example 2

If an organisation seeks to establish a scholarship fund for children enrolled at a local school to access higher education and a Committee member has a child enrolled at the school who would be eligible to receive the scholarship, they or an immediate member of their family could potentially derive a financial benefit and would therefore **be precluded** from discussing or voting on this application.

Example 3

There may be cases where all Committee members could potentially derive financial benefit from grants being awarded. If it is clear that the application is predominantly for the **benefit of the wider community** and Committee members are not the sole beneficiaries, then they should not be precluded from discussion or voting on these applications. The final decision will rest with White Wind.

If an organisation applies for a grant to establish a fund to be used for the installation of energy efficiency measures at properties within the qualifying area, which would have the effect of reducing power bills, Committee members could potentially derive direct financial benefit. However, as all properties in the community could potentially benefit, Committee members should **not be precluded** from considering this application.

9 Fund management

The pre-construction fund will be managed by White Wind Project No 1 Pty Ltd (**White Wind**).