

## June 2021 Community Information Session - Summary

### Overview:

Wambo Wind Farm held a community information event on Wednesday 16 June 2021. The information session was attended by Cr Kylie Bourne of Western Downs Regional Council and 10 community members. Representatives of Cubico, REP and KJA were present. COVID safe management precautions were in place to manage the health and safety of presenters and participants.

The following is a summary of the key themes and questions from the forum.

| TOPIC          | THEME        | PROJECT RESPONSE  |
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| PROJECT UPDATE | Connection   | Connection of the project to the Powerlink network is progressing well.   |
|                | Approvals    | The next round of pre-construction approvals is being pursued with the Commonwealth, State and local governments. Works will not commence until the remaining approvals are secured.  |
|                | Construction | <p>Construction is expected to commence in Q4 2021. It was noted that this timeframe may be subject to change due to availability of materials and approvals.</p> <p>It is expected that construction will take less than two years for Stage 1. Stage 2 construction is expected to commence in Q4 2022. Once operating, the wind farm is expected to operate for 30 years and then be decommissioned and the project area rehabilitated.</p>  |
|                | Local jobs   | <p>There will be local jobs during construction and Wambo Wind Farm is committed to optimising the number of jobs and contracts that are awarded locally.</p> <p>Local contractor engagement is being managed through Toowoomba Surat Basin Enterprises (TSBE). Information can be obtained from the Wambo Wind Farm website (<a href="http://www.wambowindfarm.com.au">www.wambowindfarm.com.au</a>) or the TSBE website (<a href="http://www.tsbe.com.au">www.tsbe.com.au</a>). Contractors can register their interest to work on Wambo Wind Farm by emailing <a href="mailto:wambowindfarm@tsbe.com.au">wambowindfarm@tsbe.com.au</a></p> |

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| <p><b>PROJECT UPDATE</b></p>           | <p><b>Local support</b></p>                   | <p>Wambo Wind Farm is also supporting the local community via sponsorships and grants to enhance the community in the longer term.</p> <p>The pre-construction grant program has been established and the first round of funding completed. The local retirement village was the largest project funded in this round. The project will make residents more comfortable. Three local sports clubs were also funded; the Squash Club has many young members and the funds will enable the purchase of a training squash ball gun. The Bowls Club will upgrade their solar system, which will reduce their electricity bills and make them a more sustainable club. The Golf Club were awarded funds to complete the remaining section of their irrigation system.</p> <p>There are funds remaining in the pre-construction fund and Wambo Wind Farm will call for additional applications later in the year. Community groups are encouraged to put forward an application for funding.</p> |
|  | <p><b>Neighbour funding</b></p>               | <p>Wambo Wind Farm is not only committed to supporting the local community, but also the people who live closest to the turbines. The project has determined that these residents should be allocated a separate allocation of funds. This was discussed at a meeting on 15 June 2021, with project neighbours who live within 3kms of a proposed Stage 1 turbine.</p>   |
|  | <p><b>Augmented reality available</b></p>     | <p>Wambo Wind Farm has invested in an augmented reality system to enable the community to see what the wind farm could look like from a particular location. Anyone interested in this AR program, should email <a href="mailto:info@wambowindfarm.com.au">info@wambowindfarm.com.au</a> to organise a time.</p>   |
| <p><b>LOCAL BUY AND LOCAL JOBS</b></p> | <p><b>What is meant by local content?</b></p> | <p>Wambo Wind Farm is committed to keeping jobs and investment as local as possible with particular emphasis on Jandowae.</p> <p>We recognise that Government agencies regard Australia and New Zealand as local content and the Queensland Government encourages investment to be retained in Queensland, however Wambo Wind Farm is focused on directing funding towards the Jandowae community and immediate surrounds where possible.</p>  |

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|                                  |   | <p>The head contractor has not been appointed to the project at this time. The head contractor will be encouraged to also utilise local contractors and businesses.</p> <p>TSBE is collecting information on local interest, capability and capacity to participate in the project and will engage further with registered local contractors at the appropriate time prior to construction commencing, to ensure that locals have the opportunity to participate in the project. The project is also communicating with and through the Jandowae Business Group.</p> <p>Wambo Wind Farm has also engaged TSBE to undertake a mapping exercise to identify local businesses with the skills necessary for the construction of the project. There are 20 categories of work that are going to be required for the project.</p> |
|                                  | <p><b>Will businesses have to be a member of TSBE to have access to project opportunities?</b></p> <p><b>Will you make use of local Chambers of Commerce to identify businesses?</b></p> <p><b>How can small businesses get involved and meet procurement requirements like insurances?</b></p> | <p>Businesses do not have to be members of TSBE to register their details. Businesses are encouraged to send their details to TSBE. TSBE will provide the details to the head contractor, once they are appointed.</p> <p>Chambers of Commerce will be consulted as part of the process of identifying local businesses.</p> <p>TSBE provide support for small businesses to comply with procurement guidelines.</p>   |
| <b>HOST LAND OWNERS</b>          | <b>Can the host land owners attend the community meetings?</b>  | Host land owners are welcome to attend community meetings  |
| <b>INTERNET AND PHONE ACCESS</b> | <b>Can the project support better internet and phone connectivity as a legacy for the community?</b>  | <p>This is something that could be eligible for grant funding after the project starts construction but the full cost of a new mobile tower is likely outside the budget. However, there is a 'black spot' program available to fund new mobile phone towers and Wambo Wind Farm would be interested in co-funding opportunities.</p>  |