



Welcome to our latest project update

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Amendment Report Public Exhibition – 70% public support for the project

WinterbourneWind recently lodged the Amendment Report with the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI).

The report laid out the improvements to the proposed wind farm since the original Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), based on further design and assessment and after engagement with the community, landholders and Councils to harness local knowledge.

Key improvements included a change in the transport route to use Thunderbolts Way, an on-site quarry to reduce traffic, and shifting some turbines and tracks to reduce impacts to the environment and improve constructability.

There were 394 individual and local organisation submissions (excluding duplicates), as well as submissions from local councils and government agencies. The results from the public exhibition period are shown in the table below. **The feedback received was overwhelmingly positive, with 70% of public submissions indicating support for the proposed project.**

We thank everyone who made a submission about the project whether for or against it - it's important that local voices are heard.

Category	Total	Support	% Support
Total Submissions (Public/ Organisation)	394	276	70%
Public Submissions (ex duplicates)	365	255	70%
Organisation Submissions (ex duplicates)	29	21	72%
New England Region – Public Only	211	117	55%
New England Region – Organisation Only	25	18	72%
New South Wales Only	363	249	69%
Australia (ex-NSW)	30	27	90%



The public support shown for the Project mirrors the recent results from a survey conducted by Farmers for Climate Action. This survey found that 70% of regional Australians in renewable energy zones support the development of renewable energy projects on local farmland. That survey also found that support for renewable energy developments increased to 73% for people connected to the farming industry.

<https://farmersforclimateaction.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/FFCA-89DE-RenewableEnergyReport.pdf>

Walcha Show 2025

WinterbourneWind will once again be hosting a stall at the Walcha Show on Friday-Saturday March 14-15, 2025. This will be our sixth year at the Show!

Our team will be available to answer your questions about the proposed wind farm. We are also proudly sponsoring the cattle dog trials again this year.

Next Steps for the project

Following the recent public exhibition of the amended development application, the Winterbourne team is now working on a new Submissions Report in response to comments received. We will be undertaking further assessment in response to comments raised by the state agencies responsible for biodiversity and transport. We are also undertaking assessment and design of public road upgrades in consultation with Walcha and Uralla Shire Council staff.



Estimated Project Timeline

2024

END

Submissions Report/Amendment Report

A Submissions Report was lodged which documents our responses to comments raised during exhibition of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). An Amendment Report was also lodged which documented changes made to the project to reduce impacts, improve outcomes and respond to concerns raised.

2025

MID

Submissions Report No. 2

The report will be lodged with DPPI and will be publicly available.

LATE

Assessment and Determination

DPPI will complete its assessment of the Project, taking into consideration the EIS, Amendment Report and Submissions Reports. The NSW Minister for Planning and Public Places will then refer the proposal to the Independent Planning Commission (IPC) for determination.

2026

LATE

Estimated financial commitment of the Project

Subject to project approval.

2027

EARLY

Estimated start of construction

Subject to project approval.

Our new shopfront is open for visits

WinterbourneWind has a new shopfront in Walcha located at 5w Fitzroy Street. The shopfront is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday each week from 9am to 3pm. We warmly invite you to drop into our shopfront and chat with Sean Pendleton, our Community Liaison Officer.

Many of you in the community will know Sean already – a local family man and previously owner of the Taphouse. Prior to moving to Walcha with his family, Sean had three decades in the corporate world. Sean looks forward to meeting with you.



We want to hear from you!

We are always keen to hear from anyone with an interest in the project. Please reach out to discuss opportunities to get involved, ask questions or provide feedback for our consideration.

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