

Welcome to our latest project update

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Request for Additional Information

WinterbourneWind lodged Submissions Report No. 2 along with several updated technical assessments for the proposed wind farm to the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) in June 2025. DPHI subsequently requested some additional information in relation to construction workforce accommodation, public road upgrades, soil erosion and visual impact. DPHI also requested that we respond to further comments from several NSW government agencies including Conservation Programs, Heritage and Regulation Division (CPHR), Transport for NSW (TfNSW) and Heritage NSW.

WinterbourneWind engaged with each of these agencies to discuss and address their residual queries. We have documented our responses in a Supplementary Report which we lodged with DPHI late November. In addition, we prepared further

revisions to the Biodiversity Development Assessment Report (BDAR) and the Traffic Impact Assessment (TIA) to provide updated technical information in response to agency queries. The updated information has been made available on the Major Projects Planning Portal as well as in the Downloads section of the Winterbourne website [here](#).

Our responses to DPHI and other government agencies, together with information provided in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), Amendment Report, and Submissions Reports 1 and 2 will now be assessed by DPHI, who will prepare a final evaluation report for the project. The project may then be referred to the Independent Planning Commission (IPC) for determination in early 2026.

In the community



Walcha Central School Football

WinterbourneWind donated \$5000 for the Under 14s and Under 16s school touch football trip to Dubbo for the School State Finals.

We congratulate the Under 16s for winning their competition and the Under 14s for their third place result.



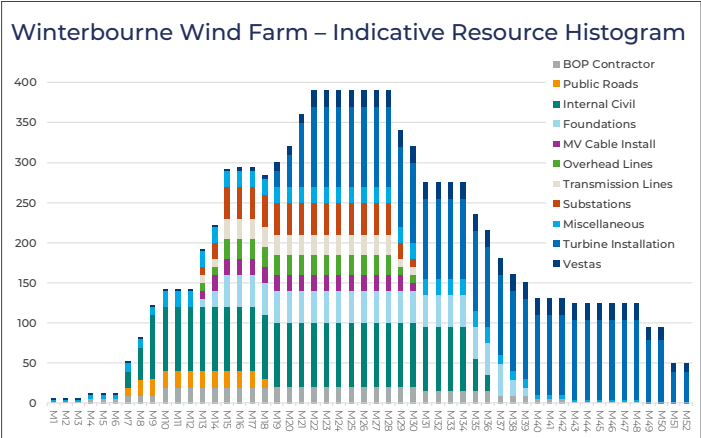
Amaroo Local Aboriginal Land Council (ALALC) 40 year celebrations

ALALC hosted a joint NAIDOC and 40 year ALALC celebration from 12 October – 18 October, with numerous activities to celebrate their culture including workshops, cultural performances and a community BBQ.

ALALC plays a vital role in representing their People's interests and managing and protecting cultural heritage. WinterbourneWind was proud to be a sponsor of these important celebrations.

Construction workforce accommodation

WinterbourneWind conducted preliminary workforce modelling to assess potential accommodation requirements during project construction. The resource histogram below illustrates the estimated workforce over the expected 52-month construction period. Construction of the wind farm is expected to generate employment for up to 390 workers at peak construction, with an average construction workforce of approximately 195 workers sustained over a 52-month period. Once operational, the Project will employ approximately 16 full-time equivalent (FTE) staff.



WinterbourneWind is exploring several workforce accommodation options to minimise the impact to the local community while ensuring the community also receives the economic benefits of the Project. We recognise workforce accommodation is a critical issue for the local community. To the extent possible, we will endeavour to source workers from the local area to minimize the impact on local housing and to provide opportunities for local residents. However, a large number of workers will likely be sourced from outside the region and will require accommodation within the local area. We also recognize the significance of tourism to the local economy and have taken this into account when evaluating potential accommodation options. The table to the right summarises the options currently being investigated. Further information is provided in the Supplementary Report lodged with DPHI in late November.

Option	Details
Walcha Caravan Park Redevelopment	Redevelopment of the existing caravan park at 113 N Middle Street, Walcha, to provide baseline accommodation to support 70-80 workers, while leaving a legacy facility to support future tourism and community use. A Development Application for the proposed redevelopment will be submitted to Walcha Council, supported by a Statement of Environmental Effects and specialist reports addressing biodiversity, heritage, traffic, and infrastructure servicing.
Uralla Temporary Workforce Accommodation Facility	Development of a Council-owned parcel of land on Rowan Avenue in Uralla for a purpose-built modular workforce accommodation facility, with opportunities for infrastructure upgrades and broader service improvements. The Rowan Avenue facility would be of sufficient size to accommodate approximately 250–300 workers.
Short-term Accommodation	A small proportion of the workforce may occasionally be accommodated within existing short-term accommodation options, such as hotels and motels, in Armidale and/or Tamworth. Existing commercial facilities would supplement the dedicated accommodation proposed in Walcha and Uralla, ensuring flexibility during peak activity periods without placing additional pressure on local housing supply.

Public Road Upgrades

WinterbourneWind has conducted surveying, pavement inspections and geotechnical investigations on the key public roads which will be utilised during project construction. We are currently preparing detailed design packages for each road specifying required road widening, pavement upgrades, and drainage design to ensure the roads are suitable for expected construction traffic. We are working with Walcha Council staff to ensure the planned upgrades meet Council requirements. We have also conducted engineering assessments of key bridges (eg, Ohio Creek Bridge) to ensure they are capable of carrying the expected loads during project construction, and we have provided these assessments to Council staff for their consideration.

