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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Environmental Resources Management Australia Pty Ltd (ERM) was commissioned by Union Fenosa Wind Australia Pty Ltd (UFWA) to report on stakeholder consultation activities and to prepare a Socio Economic Impact Assessment (SEIA) for the proposed Paling Yards Wind Farm (The Project). The Project comprises up to 55 wind turbine generators (WTGs) located on two properties and the construction of a transmission line leading north from the proposed wind farm site to the Mt Piper to Bannaby 500kV transmission line located to the east of the site.

This report provides a SEIA of the Project and documents the stakeholder consultation program. The report will be submitted to the Department of Infrastructure and Planning (DPI) and accompany with the Environmental Assessment (EA) Report for the Project.

STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

UFWA has undertaken a comprehensive program of stakeholder engagement and community consultation throughout the course of the environmental assessment for the Project in accordance with the Director General's Requirements (DGR).

Consultation has been guided by the Project's Community Engagement Strategy (CES) which sets out how UFWA plan to engage with all identified stakeholders at the different stages of the Project. Consultation undertaken to date as part of the Project has taken the form of direct engagement, phone and email dialogue, and the distribution of a Project newsletter.

A significant component of the stakeholder identification process and community consultation was undertaken through the doorknock surveys carried out by UFWA representatives. The doorknock surveys were a co-ordinated effort to identify all non-involved landholders who may potentially be impacted by the proposed wind farm and/or the four routes options for the transmission line. Community concerns raised during the doorknock surveys have been recorded, as has the UFWA response to the issues of concern. Key community concerns raised in the consultation include impacts to land values, general concerns about high voltage transmission lines and health effects arising from electromagnetic interference. Specialist studies commissioned by UFWA have been prepared to address these concerns.

UFWA has identified the northern transmission line route (Option 4) as the preferred option due to its shorter length, and as a result of concerns raised through the stakeholder consultation process regarding the potential impacts of extensive transmission line infrastructure leading south towards the Crookwell 2 wind farm substation.

SOCIO ECONOMIC IMPACT ASSESSMENT

This SEIA has considered the potential Project impacts on landowners involved in the proposed wind farm, in proximity to the proposed wind farm, and along the corridor of the four proposed transmission route options.

The Project will have positive economic impacts through the creation of construction jobs and operational jobs. Further, the landholders involved in the proposed wind farm site will benefit from an additional income stream, as will landholders who host easements for the construction of the transmission line.

The proposed wind farm and transmission line route may result in amenity impacts including impacts to land value, noise, visual impacts including shadow flicker and loss of privacy. The community has also raised concerns about potential health effects arising from electromagnetic interference and low frequency noise. Appropriate mitigation measures have been identified as part of the environmental assessment and will be necessary to manage and ameliorate the potential impacts

Visual impacts including shadow flicker from the WTGs should be reduced as far as possible by landscape screening or adjustment to the location of WTGs. Impacts to visual amenity and privacy arising from the transmission line route should be reduced as far as possible through sensitive siting of individual transmission line poles and carrying out the minimum amount of clearing required for safe construction.

The community may be moderately impacted during the construction of the Project due to heavy vehicle impacts on local roads, and changed traffic conditions. The most important mitigation measure will be to inform landholders and the local community of the likely impacts to be experienced during construction. Construction traffic management measures will also be enforced and after construction is completed all road users will benefit from the upgrades made to access roads.

INTRODUCTION

Union Fenosa Wind Australia Pty Ltd (UFWA) is seeking approval to construct and operate a wind farm in the western extent of the Great Dividing Range in New South Wales ('the Project'). The Project will involve the construction and operation of up to 55 wind turbine generators (WTGs) with a capacity of up to 4.5MW each and connection to the electricity grid by one of four transmission line route options that have been assessed in UFWA's environmental assessment.

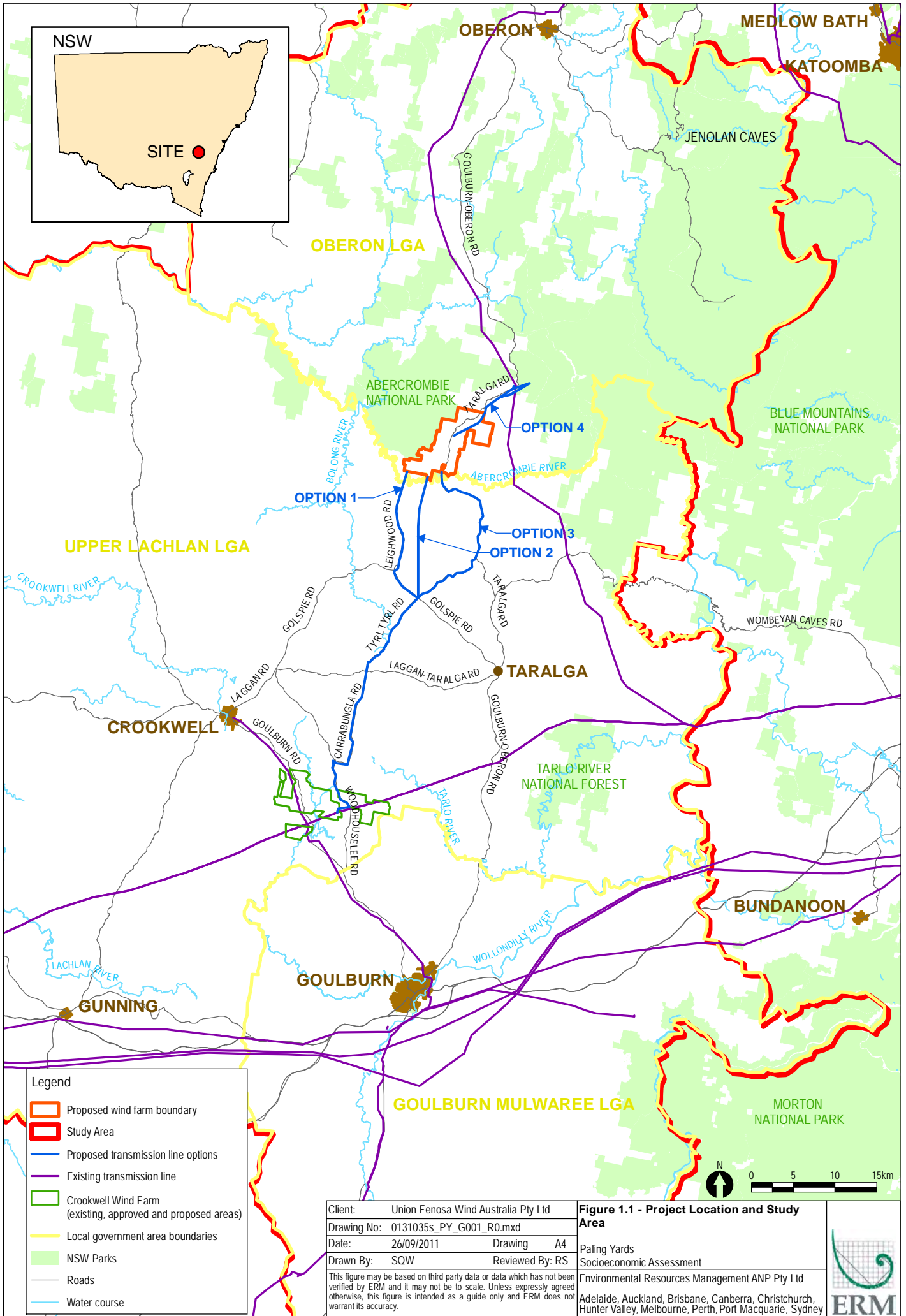
The wind farm site is located approximately 140km west of Sydney, 60km south of Oberon, and 60km north of Goulburn. The Project will have an estimated capital investment value of approximately \$275 million. Environmental Resources Management Australia Pty Ltd (ERM) has been commissioned by UFWA to report on stakeholder consultation activities undertaken for the Project and to prepare a Socio Economic Impact Assessment (SEIA). This report provides a SEIA of the Project and documents stakeholder consultation, and will be submitted to the Department of Infrastructure and Planning (DPI) in conjunction with the Environmental Assessment (EA) Report.

1.1

PROJECT DEFINITION

In this report the use of the term 'proposed wind farm site' refers to the land proposed to be occupied by the WTGs, whilst 'the Project' refers to the wind farm site as well as the four transmission line route options.

For the purpose of the SEIA, the 'Study Area' has been defined to include the wind farm site, the four transmission line route options, the adjacent townships and the local government areas (LGA) of Oberon, Upper Lachlan and Goulburn Mulwaree. The Study Area is shown in *Figure 1.1*.



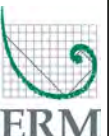
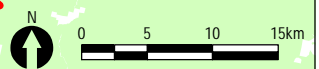
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- Proposed wind farm boundary
- Study Area
- Proposed transmission line options
- Existing transmission line
- Crookwell Wind Farm (existing, approved and proposed areas)
- Local government area boundaries
- NSW Parks
- Roads
- Water course

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Figure 1.1 - Project Location and Study Area

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Adelaide, Auckland, Brisbane, Canberra, Christchurch, Hunter Valley, Melbourne, Perth, Port Macquarie, Sydney

1.2

DIRECTOR GENERAL'S REQUIREMENTS

The Project was determined to be a Major Project to which Part 3A of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act) applies. Director General's Requirements (DGRs) were issued on 6 May 2010. Supplementary Director General's Requirements (SDGRs) containing additional consultation requirements for the assessment were issued on 16 August 2011. The DGRs relevant to socio economic issues and the SDGRS are presented in *Table 1.1*.

Table 1.1 DGRs and SDRGS

Issue	Requirement	Reference
DGRs		
Consultation Requirements	<p>The Proponent must undertake a consultation programme as part of the environmental assessment process, including consultation with, but not necessarily limited to, the following parties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oberon Shire Council; • Upper Lachlan Shire Council • Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water; • NSW Office of Water; • Industry and Investment NSW; • NSW Roads and Traffic Authority; • NSW Rural Fire Service; • Land and Property Management Authority; • Lachlan Catchment Management Authority; • Commonwealth • Sydney Catchment Authority; • Lachlan Catchment Management Authority; • Transgrid • Department of Defence; • Civil Aviation Safety Authority; • Airservices Australia; • Aerial Agricultural Society of Australia; • relevant service providers; • relevant minerals stakeholders (including exploration and mining title holders); and • the local community and landowners (including associated and non-associated properties). <p>The consultation process shall include measures for disseminating information to increase awareness of the project as well as methods for actively engaging stakeholders on issues that would be of interest/ concern to them. The EA must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • demonstrate effective consultation with stakeholders, and that the level of consultation with each stakeholder is commensurate with their degree of interest/ concern or likely impact; 	<p>Refer Table 2.1 for summary of stakeholder consultation undertaken to date. Refer Annex A for the Community Engagement Strategy (CES) prepared for the Project.</p>
		Refer Chapter 2.
		Refer Chapter 2

Issue	Requirement	Reference
DGRs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • clearly describe the consultation process undertaken for each stakeholder group including details of dates of the consultation and copies of any information disseminated as part of the consultation process (subject to confidentiality); and • describe the issues raised during consultation and how and where these have been addressed in the EA. 	<p>Refer Chapter 2, and Annex A and Annex B.</p> <p>Refer Chapter 2, Table 2.6.</p>
Supplementary DGRs	<p>A comprehensive, detailed and genuine community consultation and engagement process must be undertaken. This process must ensure that the community is both informed of the proposal and is actively engaged in issues of concern to them, and is given ample opportunity to provide its views on the proposal. Sufficient information must be provided to the community so that it has a good understanding of what is being proposed and the impacts. There should be a particular focus on those non wind farm associated community members who live in proximity to the site;</p> <p>The Environmental Assessment must clearly document and provide details and evidence of the consultation process and who was consulted with;</p> <p>Issues raised during the consultation process must be clearly identified and tabulated in the Environmental Assessment; and</p> <p>The Environmental Assessment must state how the identified issues have been addressed, and how they have informed the proposal as presented in the Environmental Assessment. In particular, the Environmental Assessment must state how the community's issues have been responded to.</p>	<p>Refer Chapter 2, especially Section 2.4.2 which details the doorknock survey undertaken to identify non-involved landholders potentially impacted by the Project.</p> <p>Refer Chapter 2</p> <p>Refer Chapter 2, Table 2.7</p> <p>Refer Chapter 2, Table 2.7.</p>

1.3

SCOPE OF WORK

The following scope of work was undertaken by ERM:

- attendance at an onsite inception meeting organised by UFWA and attended by other project consultants, to obtain an overview of the Project, an appreciation of the site, its setting and location, timetables for planned activities and preliminary identification of anticipated issues and impacts;
- reporting of the UFWA consultation strategy and activities undertaken by UFWA, ERM and other members of the UFWA environmental assessment team;
- reporting of surveyed community attitudes;
- a baseline review of publicly available information to gain an understanding of existing socio economic conditions in the Study Area and the potential challenges for developing the Project; and
- analysis of the baseline data to determine the potential Project impacts and to systematically assess their significance, and reporting of the findings of this research and assessment.

1.3.1

Structure of the Report

The structure of the report is as follows:

- *Chapter 1:* Introduction to the Project;
- *Chapter 2:* Stakeholder Consultation - outlines the consultation undertaken for the Project, including an outline of the Community Engagement Strategy (CES) prepared for the Project;
- *Chapter 3:* Socio economic profile of the study area;
- *Chapter 4:* Social and Economic Impacts discussed and recommended mitigation measures identified; and
- References.

1.4

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

UFWA is seeking approval for the construction and operation of the proposed Paling Yards Wind Farm. The Project will comprise a number of elements, including:

- up to 55 WTGs up to 175m high at blade tip with a capacity of up to 4.5MW each;
- up to 55 individual kiosks for the housing of 33kV Transformers and 33kV Switchgears and associated control systems to be located in the vicinity of the wind turbine towers (in some turbine models the equipment is integrated within the tower or nacelle);
- obstacle lighting to selected turbines (if deemed necessary);
- approximately 9km of overhead transmission line leading north from the proposed wind farm site to the Mt Piper to Bannaby 500kV transmission line located to the east of the site;
- an electrical substation and overland connection to transmission lines;
- underground electrical and communication cable network linking WTGs to each other and the proposed substation;
- upgrades to local road infrastructure including up to six access points from Abercrombie Road;
- internal unsealed tracks for vehicle access to WTGs and infrastructure;
- up to three wind monitoring masts fitted with various instruments such as anemometers, wind vanes, temperature gauges and potentially other electrical equipment;
- wind farm and substation control room and facilities buildings;
- vegetation planting to provide screening; and
- ancillary and incidental uses and activities.

The Project includes the following temporary infrastructure:

- concrete batching plant to supply concrete for the foundations of the turbines; and
- construction laydown areas and demountable offices.

The Project will create 65 full time jobs during construction, and when operational will employ 11 full time staff.

The proposed Paling Yards Wind Farm is located on the western extent of the Great Dividing Range in NSW, 60km south of Oberon, 60km north of Goulburn in NSW and approximately 140km south-west of Sydney. Refer to *Figure 1.1*.

The proposed wind farm site ranges in elevation between 900m and 1065m above sea level and consists of two properties known as 'Mingary Park' and 'Paling Yards'. The combined properties have an area of approximately 3,900 hectares (ha). The properties are currently used for agricultural purposes (predominantly sheep and cattle grazing).

The proposed wind farm site and transmission line route Option 4 are situated in the Oberon LGA.

The eastern edge of the proposed wind farm site is in proximity to Kanangra Boyd National Park. Abercrombie National Park is located to the west and south. The proposed wind farm site is located in a sparsely populated area which is heavily undulating with some steep slopes. The nearest townships are Taralga (32km south, population approximately 350 people) and the more populous Crookwell (43km south west; population approximately 2,000). The nearest non-involved dwelling is located approximately 1.3km to the east to the proposed wind farm site. Access is provided by Taralga Road which bisects the proposed wind farm site and links the towns of Oberon and Taralga.

Four options were assessed for the connection to the electricity grid as described in *Table 1.2*. The location of the four transmission line options are identified in *Figure 1.1*.

Table 1.2 Transmission Line Route Options

Transmission Line Route Options			
Assessed Option 1	Assessed Option 2	Assessed Option 3	Assessed and Proposed Option 4
Western most option, runs south along Leighwood Road to the intersection with Golspie Road, and then to the intersection with Tyrl Tyrl Road;	Middle option, runs approximately 14km directly south, not following a defined road and meets the intersection of Golspie and Tyrl Tyrl Roads. Most isolated option.	Eastern-most option, runs south along Abercrombie Road, and intersects with Tyrl Tyrl Road. Runs close to a number of identified dwellings along Taralga Road.	Northern option runs through the proposed wind farm site and then south of the alignment of Abercrombie Road. Approximately 3km outside the proposed wind farm site, Option 4 forks into two alternatives to connect to the Mt Piper to Bannaby 500Kv transmission line which passes to the north east of the proposed site. Both Option 4 alternatives would involve the construction of approximately 9km of overhead transmission line.
Options 1, 2 and 3 share a common alignment south from the intersection of Golspie and Tyrl Tyrl Road; following the route of Carrabungla Road, and Woodhouselee Road to connect to the approved Crookwell 2 substation. Options 1, 2 and 3 would all involve the construction of approximately 55km of overhead transmission line.			

UFWA has decided that the preferred option is the northern transmission line route (Option 4). This decision has been made due to its shorter length, and as a result of concerns raised through the stakeholder consultation process regarding the potential impacts of extensive transmission line infrastructure leading south towards the Crookwell 2 wind farm substation.

2 *STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT*

2.1 *INTRODUCTION*

UFWA acknowledges and understands the need to effectively communicate with residents and all relevant stakeholders through a program of consultation. UFWA has developed a Community Engagement Strategy (CES) to effectively guide the consultation undertaken for the Project.

This chapter:

- summarises the objectives and provisions of the CES;
- describes the stakeholder consultation undertaken for the Project; and
- considers surveyed community attitudes towards wind farms and to the Project.

2.2 *METHODOLOGY*

2.2.1 *Overview of Strategy*

The CES was prepared to assist UFWA to identify stakeholders and develop a comprehensive engagement strategy to maintain a positive relationship with local residents, stakeholders and the wider community. It provides a mechanism by which stakeholder concerns can be identified and addressed throughout the environmental assessment process. The objectives of the CES are to:

- identify stakeholders and the appropriate methods and extent of engaging with them;
- ensure that the community and stakeholders are provided with factual information about the Project and informed about the approvals process;
- identify the potential issues or concerns that stakeholders and the community may raise in relation to the Project;
- provide a framework for feedback to the community and stakeholder enquiries and explain how their input will influence the final project design; and
- to provide ongoing communication with the community during the construction and operation of the wind farm.

2.3

IDENTIFICATION OF STAKEHOLDERS

Stakeholders for the Project have been identified through direction in the DGRs, and a doorknock exercise carried out to identify non-involved households in proximity to the proposed wind farm site and the four transmission line route options.

Prior to the doorknock all properties within 5km of the proposed wind farm site and along the route of the four transmission line route options were identified. This ensured that non-involved community members in proximity to the Project were included in the consultation process.

Advertisements were also placed in local media (the Crookwell Gazette and the Oberon Review) advising of the forthcoming doorknock inviting individuals to make appointments to meet with representatives of UFWA. As a result of the advertisements one appointment was made.

One of the involved landowners provided UFWA with telephone numbers of neighbouring houses. However, most of the properties contacted via this method did not respond as they were only used as holiday properties and were absent.

In accordance with the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation requirements for proponents 2010 (OEH 2010) and its predecessor guidelines, the relevant aboriginal stakeholders (organisations and individuals) were identified and contacted via direct mail.

Stakeholders identified for consultation in relation to the Project include government departments, non-government agencies; community groups and individuals. The CES outlines the level of consultation to be undertaken with each of the identified stakeholders. The stakeholder engagement undertaken for the Project to date is described below.

2.4

AGENCY CONSULTATION

Consultation was undertaken with relevant government departments, and agencies throughout the environmental assessment process. Consultation included briefings, telephone conversations and email dialogue to ensure that the environmental assessment met key agency requirements.

Table 2.1 outlines the consultation undertaken with government departments, agencies and authorities.

Table 2.1 Agency Stakeholders

Agency	Date	Consultation Undertaken	Issues Raised	Where issue has been addressed
Department of Planning and Infrastructure (DP&I)	Continuous Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Face to face meetings • Phone call and email 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EA Report must be in accordance with DGRs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The EA has been prepared to address all the DGRs and to comply with the Draft NSW Wind Farm Guidelines.
Oberon Shire Council (OSC)	09/07/2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phone call 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generally supportive of the Project, consideration about transport issues from Goulburn to the site. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UFWA has investigated the issues with construction traffic via Goulburn and through Oberon. Discussions with ULSC have identified several upgrades that are required to the road and bridges leading to the site from the south. UFWA has now proposed the northern route as the preferred transportation corridor.
	19/07/2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Face to face meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issues raised in regards to subdivision, flora and fauna, and water for construction. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flora and Fauna impacts of the Project have been addressed in the report prepared by Anderson Environmental at Appendix 8 of the EA Report. An assessment prepared by ERM on the impact to waterways and water usage for the Project can be found in Appendix 14 of the EA Report.
	22/03/2012-04/05/2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email and Letter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community engagement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UFWA proposed a charter for the community engagement and the draft guidelines for the Community Consultative Committee (CCC).
	09/05/2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Face to face meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussions on provisions for the Community Consultative Committee (CCC). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UFWA has advertised the CCC information and request for nominations in the local newspapers for several weeks, and has also directly sent letters to the residences in the vicinity of the Project.
Upper Lachlan Shire Council (ULSC)	05/07/2011, 18/07/2011, 11/08/2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phone call and email • Face to face meeting • Emails 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerned about construction traffic. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction traffic impacts of the Project have been addressed in Appendix 10 of the EA Report.

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Upper Lachlan Shire Council (ULSC) cont.	22/11/2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter and email 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vegetation removal. Road safety clearance for transmission line Options 1,2, and 3. Asked for information on where the concrete would be supplied from. Council via DPI, provided copies of signed petitions from community members (~122 signatures) objecting to the proposed options for construction of ~55km of overhead transmission line from the proposed wind farm site to the approved Crookwell 2 wind farm substation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vegetation removal impacts of the Project have been addressed in the report prepared by Anderson Environmental that can be found in Appendix 8 of the EA Report. In consideration of the assessed potential impacts, and concerns raised through the stakeholder consultation process regarding the potential impacts of the proposed transmission lines infrastructure southbound towards the Crookwell 2 wind farm substation, UFWA has decided to pursue the northern Transmission Line route only, due to the shorter length and reduced potential impacts. Due to the distance from existing available batching plants in the region, we are going to propose a temporary on-site batching plant for the construction phase Due to the high level of impact that was assessed as part of the ecological and technical investigations, the strong community opposition to the proposed southern transmission line options through or adjacent to numerous properties, and considerations for impacts to agency stakeholders, UFWA has decided not to pursue the southern transmission line options. The shorter northern transmission line option will be proposed for this development due to its reduced potential impacts.
Upper Lachlan Council Communication Assets	08/06/2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No issues raised 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A

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Department of Sustainability, Water, Population and Communities (SEWPaC)	09/08/2011 31/01/2012- 03/02/2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phone call and email • Letter and emails 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whether the Project will have a significant impact on the White Box, Yellow Box and Blakely's Red Gum Grassy Woodland and derived native grassland ecological communities and/or any other species or ecological community currently listed under the Commonwealth Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act 1999. If so the project will need to comply with the provisions of the Act and the Project may need to be referred under the Act. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is an existing Conservation Agreement on the western side of the site for the Box Gum Grassy Woodland. Initially there were three WTGs proposed within this area, and their impact has been assessed across all of the relevant EA technical reports. However, due to complexity of this issue, the Proponent has decided to defer the approval of these three WTGs to a later date. These three WTGs will form part of a Stage-2 approval process for this Project, and will not form part of the initial request for development approval (DA). • Post approval of Stage-1 WTGs, further negotiation with the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (SEWPaC) and the HNCMA will assist in the preparation of an appropriate offset strategy and package for the three proposed WTGs within the Conservation Agreement land. An EPBC referral application will be prepared in conjunction with an amendment application to the DA mentioned above.
NSW Office of Environment & Heritage (OEH)	24/06/2010- 07/07/2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email, phone calls, face-to-face meetings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wind Precinct Coordinator emphasised in the community consultation process. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Proponent has carried out a significant amount of community and agency stakeholder consultation for the Project to ensure the design takes into consideration a wide variety of factors during the preparation of the EA Report.

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NSW Department of Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services (DTIRIS)	10/05/2013, 13/05/2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phone and email correspondence for clarification about heritage guideline requirements and request for complete list of Aboriginal stakeholder Groups within the Oberon Shire Council. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OEH provided the relevant guideline and complete list of Aboriginal Stakeholder Groups within relevant LGA. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All stakeholders on OEH list were contacted via mail and requested confirmation if they would like to register as an Aboriginal Stakeholder for the Project.
NSW Department of Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services (DTIRIS)	14/07/2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Face to face meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No issues raised 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A

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NSW National Parks	29/08/2011- 23/09/2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phone call and email 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advised that the adjacent Abercrombie River National Park is habitat to a number of threatened species, some of which may be adversely impacted by a wind farm of up to 59 WTGs. The authority stressed the importance of a comprehensive and thorough an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Threatened species found throughout the local area and National Park that could be impacted by the WTGs include; the eastern false pipestrelle bat, greater broad-nose bat and the common bent-wing bat, powerful owl, glossy black-cockatoo, grey goshawk and peregrine falcon. It was advised that the removal of vegetation could have a potentially adverse impact on the mentioned threatened species along with other arboreal mammals such as the Koala. The National Park also supports a viable population of Wedge-tail Eagles. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flora and Fauna impacts and considerations of the Project have been addressed in the Ecological Impact Assessment at Appendix 8 of the EA Report.

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NSW National Parks cont.			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advised that the Abercrombie River/Paling Yards area is mentioned in 'The Annals of Burruga' by Kevin Toole, as having the burial site of 'Miranda' the chief of the Burra Burra tribe, back in 1849. Scaring of trees near the burial site would have occurred. Significant Aboriginal Community consultation will be required particularly through the Pejar Aboriginal Lands Council and Wiradjuri Council of Elders. Advised that the provided map omitted a new reserve, Bubalahla Nature Reserve on the south side of the Abercrombie River; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer to the Cultural Heritage Assessment at Appendix 12 of the EA Report for details of the Aboriginal community consultation, site visits and research to assess the impacts of the Project on Indigenous and non-Indigenous cultural heritage. Maps have been updated accordingly. In consideration of the assessed potential impacts, and concerns raised through the community stakeholder consultation process regarding the potential impacts of the proposed transmission lines infrastructure southbound towards the Crookwell 2 wind farm substation, UFWA has decided to pursue the northern transmission line route only, due to the shorter length and reduced potential impacts.
NSW Office of Water	5/8/2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phone call and email 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provided advice as to the requirements for water licensing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
Lachlan Catchment Management Authority	27/02/2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phone call and email 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No issues raised. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A

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Sydney Catchment Authority	12/09/2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phone call with SCA Senior Environmental Officer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirmed that a conceptual soil and water management plan should be included in the assessment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer to the Hydrology Assessment at Appendix 14 of the EA Report for the conceptual soil and water management plan.
Land and Property Information (LPI)	30/06/2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phone call and email 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requested that UFWA preserve the integrity of the Defiance trig point on the basis of historical preservation. Whilst LPI (formerly Land and Property Management Authority (LPMA)) have informed that there will be a shadowing effect of the trig station by two WTGs, LPI does not object to the proposed design. If the WTG layout is altered, a new approval will be required. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer to the Telecommunication Assessment at Appendix 11 of the EA Report for assessment of Electromagnetic Interference by the project.
Soil Conservation Service (SCS)	29/08/2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phone call and email 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interested in providing consultancy services to the Proponent. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
Geoscience Australia	29/06/2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phone call and email 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No issues raised. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
Crown Land Division (CLD)	31/08/2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phone call and email 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No response provided. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
NSW Police Force	19/05/2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phone call and email 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A transmission tower with fixed licences of point-to-point type is located inside the western boundary of the proposed wind farm site . NSW Police Force owns one of the fixed links, however, they have indicated plans to decommission the tower in question. Therefore the NSW Police Force do not have any objection to the Project. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer to the Telecommunication Assessment at Appendix 11 of the EA Report for assessment of Electromagnetic Interference by the project.

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Rural Fire Service (RFS) Telecommunication assets	19/05/2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phone call and email 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A transmission tower with fixed licences of point-to-point type is located inside the western boundary of the proposed wind farm site. NSW RFS owns one of the fixed links and have informed UFWA that they are upgrading their communications. The planned upgrade involves increasing the link frequency to 7.5 GHz (from 450 MHz). This requires an antenna height of 60m for a reliable link, therefore the existing 10m antenna is likely to be upgraded or replaced. However, even with the planned upgrade there remain three WTGs within the exclusion zone. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refer to the Telecommunication Assessment at Appendix 11 of the EA Report for assessment of Electromagnetic Interference by the project. A number of mitigation options are proposed and UFWA will resolve this issue through further consultation with NSW RFS either by relocating the repeater station or relocation of WTGs in the vicinity of the link.
Rural Fire Service (RFS)	14/07/2011- -26/10/2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phone call and email 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Considered wind farms to be an advantage to RFS operations generally, because they require a cleared area, a water supply, and provided improved access to the property. • Noted that the high voltage and other transmission wires can be a problem to aircraft, particularly when low flying and in low visibility conditions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The reticulated access track design will provide improved access to site. During the Pre-Construction compliance consultation, UFWA will negotiate with the RFS in terms of identifying the placement for several water storage tanks within the site and/or at the nearby Local Fire Brigade sheds. • The shortest and the least impact transmission line option has been nominated as the preferred route to reduce the length and hazard for low flying aircrafts.
Fire and Rescue New South Wales	16/06/2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phone call and email 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No issues raised. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A

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Bureau of Meteorology (BOM)	08/06/2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Informed that the Project should not cause interference to any of their radars under nominal atmospheric and microwave propagation conditions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) [Previously called RTA]	July 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Web-based 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Travel restrictions vehicle routes, and considerations for the increase in the Project's traffic volumes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer to the Traffic Impact Assessment at Appendix 10 of the EA Report for the assessment of impact of the additional traffic generation associated with the construction activities.
TransGrid	08/08/2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter/Email/Telephone/ Face to face meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No concerns. Proposed connection must comply with National Electricity Rules. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposed network connection designs to be in accordance with TransGrid's Specifications and the National Electricity Rules.
Essential Energy	2/9/2011- 6/9/2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phone call and email 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advised that the rural distribution line passing through the proposed wind farm site is a single phase, 11kV line which supplies rural properties to the south of Black Springs. The integrity of this line would need to be maintained as part of the wind farm design and construction. The transmission line route options involve the construction of significant lengths of transmission line which would cross other existing rural network circuits. The integrity and accommodation of these circuits would need to be maintained as part of the connection transmission line planning and construction of the Project; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The micro-siting, design and construction of the Project and the proposed northern transmission line to the 500kV line will be done to ensure the integrity of the 11kV rural distribution line passing through the proposed wind farm site. In consideration of the assessed potential impacts, and concerns raised through the community stakeholder consultation process regarding the potential impacts of the proposed transmission lines infrastructure southbound towards the Crookwell 2 wind farm substation, UFWA has decided to pursue the northern transmission line route only, due to the shorter length and reduced potential impacts.

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Endeavour Energy	15/06/2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phone call and email 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No issues raised. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A
Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA)	01/07/2011-22/07/2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify any certified or registered aerodromes within 30km of the boundaries of the proposed wind farm site and consult with the aerodrome operators to determine any impact on Obstacle Limitation Surfaces at such aerodromes. • Identify any non-certified or non-registered aerodromes within 30km of the boundaries of the proposed wind farm site, and consult with the aerodrome operator to determine if any impact on their operations. • Consult with Airservices Australia to have them assess any potential impact on instrument approach procedures at aerodromes, navigation aids, communications facilities or surveillance facilities. This should include any risks associated with electric or magnetic fields. • Contact the Aerial Agricultural Association of Australia to gain comment on potential hazards to aerial application and related operations in the area. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refer to consultation with Bathurst Regional Council, Goulburn Mulwaree Shire Council, Oberon Council and Upper Lachlan Shire Council included in the Aviation Impact Assessment at Appendix 9 of the EA Report. • No non-certified or nonregistered aerodromes within close proximity to the proposed wind farm site were assessed as being affected by the Project. • Refer to consultation with Airservices Australia in the Aviation Impact Assessment at Appendix 9 of the EA Report. • Refer to consultation with Aerial Agricultural Association of Australia in the Aviation Impact Assessment at Appendix 9 of the EA Report. CASA will be notified during the Pre-Construction compliance phase of the Project

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Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) cont.			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prior to commencement of construction advise CASA of start dates and locations, heights, structures, cranes and other objects that will exceed 110m in height, so that appropriate Notices to Airmen (NOTAMs) can be issued, to warn pilots of the activities. You advise that the maximum height reached by the turbine blades is likely to be up to 175m. Some aircraft, under certain circumstances, are permitted to fly as low as 152m, therefore the proposed WTGs could be a hazard to aircraft traversing the area. The location, extent and height of the WTGs is to be advised to RAAF Aeronautical Data Officer. At this time, CASA has no specific authority to require marking or lighting of obstacles that are not at (or in the vicinity of) an aerodrome. Notwithstanding CASA's regulatory authority, owners of tall structures which could be hazardous to aviation have a duty of care. It is CASA's view that the provision of obstacle marking and lighting is a decision for, and the responsibility of, the Project proponent. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer to discussion on Obstacle Marking and Lighting included on the Aviation Impact Assessment at Appendix 9 of the EA Report.

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Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) cont.			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CASA does not propose to make a determination under CASR 139.370 in respect of the Project. It remains the responsibility of the wind farm to act diligently to assess and treat hazards and risks. CASA's assessment of the WTGs is that they are not obstacles to aviation within the vicinity of an aerodrome. CASA does not have any authority to regulate in respect to wind farms when the location is proposed to be away from the vicinity of an aerodrome. CASA reminds proponents that this situation may change in the near term as there is some pressure for regulation to be established that provides protection and risk mitigation for obstacles that are not in the vicinity of aerodromes. CASA has not undertaken an aeronautical study in the vicinity of the Project. CASA encourages proponents to undertake such activities. CASA encourages the lighting of obstacles as a measure to reduce the risk to As Low As Reasonably Practicable (ALARP). CASA would be happy to provide more information on this approach to risk management. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer to discussion on Obstacle Marking and Lighting included in the Aviation Impact Assessment at Appendix 9 of the EA Report. Aviation impacts of the Project have been assessed in the Aviation Impact Assessment at Appendix 9 of the EA Report. A detailed aeronautical safety assessment to be completed prior to construction phase when the approved WTG layout is finalised and turbine model selected.

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Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) cont.			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are no Part 173 Certified Designers, other than Airservices Australia, with procedures in the vicinity of the proposed wind farm site. 	
Department of Defence (DoD)	01/07/2011-29/08/2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defence has assessed the proposal with respect to any impact on aircraft safety, military low flying and radar interference and can advise that it has no concerns with the Project at this time. Defence requests reporting of the location of all WTGs and wind monitoring masts to RAAF AIS, once the design is finalised (Prior to construction). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RAAF AIS provided as constructed details of wind monitoring masts via online form and email on 30 July 2010, before consultation in July 2011. Final WTG locations to be provided when known.
Airservices Australia (AA)	04/07/2011-29/08/2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At a maximum height of 1221m (4006ft) AHD the Project will not affect any sector or circling altitude, nor any approach or departure at any registered aerodrome in the area. It also will not affect any lowest safe altitudes (LSALTS) for air routes in the area. If applicable to the airport, no assessment was conducted in relation to any other procedures made available by another Part 173 Certified Designer. The Project at a max height of 1221m AHD will not impact the performance of Precision/Non-Precision Nav Aids, HF/VHF Comms, A-SMGCS, Radar, PRM or Satellite/Links. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A

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Aerial Agricultural Association of Australia (AAAA)	1/07/2011-30/08/2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phone call and email 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AAAA opposes all wind farm developments in areas of agricultural production or elevated bushfire risk - as per published policy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impacts to aerial agriculture from the Project have been addressed in the Aviation Impact Assessment at Appendix 9 of the EA Report.
Ambulance Service of NSW	16/06/2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phone call and email 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No issues raised. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A
State Emergency Service (SES)	17/06/2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phone call and email 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No issues raised. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A
St John Ambulance Australia	21/06/2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phone call and email 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No issues raised. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A
Livestock Health and Pest Authorities State Management Council	29/08/2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phone call and email 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No response provided. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A
Telstra	19/05/2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phone call and email 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Telstra owns a point-to-point link that passes over the eastern region of the wind farm site. Telstra stated that they do not foresee any interference resulting from the Paling Yards wind farm. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refer to the Telecommunication Assessment at Appendix 11 of the EA Report for assessment of EMI by the Project.
Murray River Regional Telecommunications Company Ltd	10/06/2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phone call and email 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No issues raised. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A
Mineral exploration and mining title holders	24/05/2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phone call and email 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No response provided. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In consideration of the assessed potential impacts, and concerns raised through the community stakeholder consultation process regarding the potential impacts of the proposed extensive transmission lines infrastructure southbound towards the Crookwell 2 wind farm substation, UFWA has decided to pursue the northern

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Local Aboriginal Land Councils (LALCs)	Dec/2010- Sep/2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invitation extended directly to Pejar LALC and Gundungarra Tribal Corporation. In addition, a Newspaper Advertisement was placed in Goulburn Post, Crookwell Gazette and Oberon Review for two consecutive weeks, with invitation for registration/application of interested people or groups to participate in the consultation process. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pejar LALC, registered and applied for participation in the consultation process and field surveys. 	transmission line route only, due to the shorter length and reduced potential impacts. Therefore there will be minimal impacts to the mineral titles.
	Jan/2011- Mar/2011		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Response to advertisement from Graham Maranda in regard to a family descendant being buried within approximately 2.4km of Paling Yards. His relative was the chief of the Burra Burra Tribe during 1840s. The actual location of the burial site is unknown, however it is likely to be located on farmland close to the National Park. 	It is acknowledged by UFWA that Graham Maranda in consultation with Pejar LALC has proposed to bury the remaining artefacts that are believed to belong to their family at an undisclosed location within the National Park. Therefore it is believed that the existing burial site and the new undisclosed site will not be impacted by the proposed Project infrastructure.
	18/03/2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request to Pejar LALC to comment on draft heritage impact assessment report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is recommended that the detailed design of the Project aims to avoid, as far as practicable impacts on the known archaeological sites. It is recommended that a Cultural 	The heritage impact assessment has recommended both the preparation of the CHMP in collaboration with Pejar LALC along with other registered aboriginal stakeholders, and also additional field

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			<p>Heritage Management Plan (CHMP) be prepared in collaboration with the Pejar LALC to reduce and mitigate the impacts of the project on any artefacts which may be detected within disturbance zones. If it is not practicable to locate infrastructure so as avoid artefacts then co-operation with Pejar LALC should be undertaken to determine the management option for these artefacts. The Movement of identified objects is considered to be likely to be a suitable mitigation measure. The CHMP should also outline management strategies for the management of any potential unrecorded sites which are identified within the site during construction of the project. If impacts to any further sites which are identified cannot be avoided then further investigation would be required in consultation with Pejar LALC, this would include subsurface digs and analysis. Once the proposed access track extents and other disturbance areas are pegged on the ground, additional targeted surveys of these areas should be undertaken.</p>	<p>surveys post approval once all access tracks have been pegged prior to construction.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer Indigenous and Non-Indigenous Archaeological Heritage Assessment (June 2013) prepared by Anderson Environmental Consultants Pty Ltd and Cultural Heritage Supplementary Report (November 2013) prepared by ERM.

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Warrabinga Native Title Claimants Aboriginal Corporation	16/05/2013; 23/05/2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mail for stakeholder consultation notification and invitation extended to groups and individuals wishing to express an interest and be consulted about the project. • Email correspondence and supply DGRs and draft assessments. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirmed their interest to register as an Aboriginal Stakeholder for the Project, and requested copy of the current draft assessment, and then followed by a request for the 2005 draft report. No other comments were received. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warrabinga Native Title Claimants Aboriginal Corporation has been included in the list for future consultation as a registered aboriginal stakeholder for this project and will be included in the consultation process for additional field surveys post approval and preparation of the CHMP. • Refer Indigenous and Non-Indigenous Archaeological Heritage Assessment (June 2013) prepared by Anderson Environmental Consultants Pty Ltd and Cultural Heritage Supplementary Report (November 2013) prepared by ERM.
Dhuuluu-Yala Aboriginal Corporation	16/05/2013;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mail for stakeholder consultation notification and invitation extended to groups and individuals wishing to express an interest and be consulted about the project. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No feedback received 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A
Gundungurra Aboriginal Heritage Association Inc	16/05/2013;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mail for stakeholder consultation notification and invitation extended to groups and individuals wishing to express an interest and be consulted about the project. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No feedback received 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A
Gundungurra Tribal Council Aboriginal Corporation	16/05/2013;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mail for stakeholder consultation notification and invitation extended to groups and individuals wishing to express an 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No feedback received 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A

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North-Eastern Wiradjuri	16/05/2013;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mail for stakeholder consultation notification and invitation extended to groups and individuals wishing to express an interest and be consulted about the project. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No feedback received 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
Mingaan Aboriginal Corporation	16/05/2013;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mail for stakeholder consultation notification and invitation extended to groups and individuals wishing to express an interest and be consulted about the project. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No feedback received 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
Mooka Traditional Owners Council	16/05/2013;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mail for stakeholder consultation notification and invitation extended to groups and individuals wishing to express an interest and be consulted about the project. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No feedback received 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
Wiradjuri Council of Elders	16/05/2013;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mail for stakeholder consultation notification and invitation extended to groups and individuals wishing to express an interest and be consulted about the project. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No feedback received 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
Wiradjuri Interim Working Party	16/05/2013;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mail for stakeholder consultation notification 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No feedback received 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A

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		and invitation extended to groups and individuals wishing to express an interest and be consulted about the project.		
Wiradjuri Traditional Owners Central West Aboriginal Corporation	16/05/2013;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mail for stakeholder consultation notification and invitation extended to groups and individuals wishing to express an interest and be consulted about the project. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No feedback received 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A
Bill Allen (as an individual also representing the Muri Clan Group of the Wiradyri People)	16/05/2013; 04/06/2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mail for stakeholder consultation notification and Invitation extended to groups and individuals wishing to express an interest and be consulted about the project. • Telephone discussion about project details and CHMP commitments. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On 4th June 2013 Mr Allen called and confirmed his interest to register as an Aboriginal Stakeholder for the Project. He provided background information about his people, he enquired about status of project. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Allen has been included in the list for future consultation as a registered aboriginal stakeholder for this project and will be included in the consultation process for additional field surveys post approval and preparation of the CHMP. • Refer Indigenous and Non-Indigenous Archaeological Heritage Assessment (June 2013) prepared by Anderson Environmental Consultants Pty Ltd and Cultural Heritage Supplementary Report (November 2013) prepared by ERM.
Native Title Services Corporation	20/05/2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mail for stakeholder consultation notification and invitation extended to groups and individuals wishing to express an interest and be consulted about the project. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On 28th May 2013 NTSCorp provided a letter stating that they will forward the information to any individuals, groups and organizations '...whom NTSCorp is aware assert traditional interests within or hold cultural knowledge about the relevant area. Recipients of our correspondence will be invited 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refer Indigenous and Non-Indigenous Archaeological Heritage Assessment (June 2013) prepared by Anderson Environmental Consultants Pty Ltd and Cultural Heritage Supplementary Report (November 2013) prepared by ERM.

Agency	Date	Consultation Undertaken	Issues Raised	Where issue has been addressed
Office of the Registrar, Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 (NSW) [Registrar of Aboriginal Owners]	20/05/2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mail for stakeholder consultation notification and invitation extended to groups and individuals wishing to express an interest and be consulted about the project. 	<p>to register their interest in the project directly with you by 3rd June 2013'. No feedback was received from any other individual or group on this matter.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The response from Registrar of Aboriginal Owners was received on 17th July 2013, they stated '...regarding Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment within Oberon area in NSW. I have searched the Register of Aboriginal Owners and the project area described does not appear to have Registered Aboriginal Owners pursuant to Division 3 of the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 (NSW). I suggest that you contact the Pejar Local Aboriginal Land Council. They will be able to assist you in identifying other Aboriginal stakeholders for this project'. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pejar LALC is already involved in the consultation process and have not identified to us any other Aboriginal Stakeholder for the project. • Refer Indigenous and Non-Indigenous Archaeological Heritage Assessment (June 2013) prepared by Anderson Environmental Consultants Pty Ltd and Cultural Heritage Supplementary Report (November 2013) prepared by ERM.
Industry Groups Industry Capability Network New South Wales (ICN NSW)	29/08/2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phone call and email 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interested in exploring opportunities for local industries to be involved in the construction of the Project. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing consultation with ICN NSW to define the best strategy to ensure the local industries are involved in the construction of the Project.

2.5 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

2.5.1 Community Consultation Approach

The CES outlines a range of consultation strategies to meet the information needs of the various sectors of the community. In order to meet the information needs of different community groups and individuals, a range of consultation strategies were adopted and include:

- direct contact with identified community groups;
- doorknock consultation undertaken within 5km of the proposed wind farm site and along the corridor of all proposed transmission line routes;
- community newsletter distributed to local area and to anyone registering interest in the Project; and
- a community information session; to be held within the Project locality and advertised through the newsletter and local press during the exhibition of the EA Report.

2.5.2 Doorknock

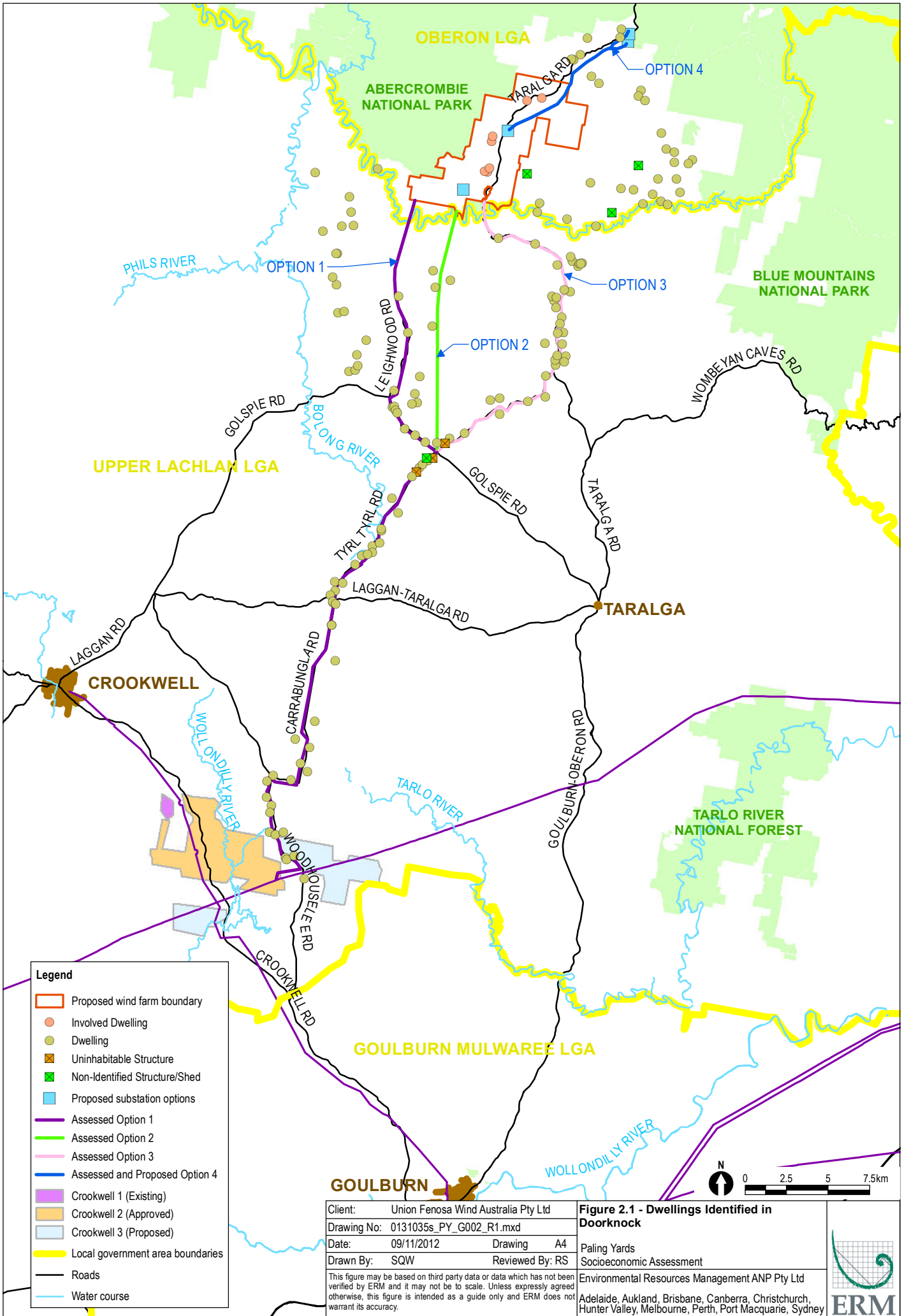
A three day doorknock was undertaken from 30 May to 1 June 2011 within 5km of the proposed wind farm site and along the four proposed transmission line route options. This was carried out by representatives from UFWA and environmental consultants.

The doorknock was advertised a fortnight before it occurred in local media—the Goulburn Post, Crookwell Gazette and Oberon Review, refer to *Annex B* for copies of the advertisements. The doorknock was also advertised in the community newsletter which was distributed in May 2011.

A total of 142 dwellings were identified in the doorknock exercise and these are shown on *Figure 2.1*.

It was not possible to gain access to all properties due to gates being locked and driveways being unsuitable/unsafe to access. Where access was not available or no one was home, UFWA representatives left a letter in the letterbox informing the owner of the visit and inviting the owner to contact UFWA to discuss the Project. A supplementary two day doorknock was undertaken on 5 and 6 July 2011. Refer to *Annex B* for a copy of this letter.

Table 2.2 describes the scope and purpose of the doorknock.



- Legend**
- Proposed wind farm boundary
 - Involved Dwelling
 - Dwelling
 - Uninhabitable Structure
 - Non-Identified Structure/Shed
 - Proposed substation options
 - Assessed Option 1
 - Assessed Option 2
 - Assessed Option 3
 - Assessed and Proposed Option 4
 - Crookwell 1 (Existing)
 - Crookwell 2 (Approved)
 - Crookwell 3 (Proposed)
 - Local government area boundaries
 - Roads
 - Water course

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Figure 2.1 - Dwellings Identified in Doorknock

Paling Yards
Socioeconomic Assessment
Environmental Resources Management ANP Pty Ltd
Adelaide, Auckland, Brisbane, Canberra, Christchurch,
Hunter Valley, Melbourne, Perth, Port Macquarie, Sydney



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Table 2.2 Doorknock

Date	Scope	Purpose
30, 31 May, 1 June 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All identified houses within 5km proximity of the proposed wind farm site, and along the four transmission line route options were visited. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduce the Project and the Project team; explain the approvals process and matters to be addressed as part of the EA Report;
5, 6 July 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revisit houses that were not accessible within first visit due to poor weather or for other reasons; and Consult with houses that had contacted UFWA in response to letters left in their mailbox during the first doorknock exercise. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> outline the stakeholder consultation process; confirm the locations of previously identified houses; in the vicinity of the Project and the proposed transmission lines; obtain contact details for residents at identified houses to allow for future consultation; carry out a survey to help UFWA understand what issues are important in the local area that should be addressed in the EA Report; and provide residents with the opportunity to ask questions or comment on the Project.

2.5.3 Newsletters

One newsletter was produced during the preparation of the EA Report, as described in *Table 2.3*. A copy of the newsletter is included as part of the consultation material at *Annex B*.

An additional newsletter is proposed to be distributed during the exhibition of the EA Report.

Table 2.3 Community Newsletters

Date	Distribution	Purpose
May 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 812 copies of the newsletter were distributed to all registered addresses in the Bathurst, Oberon, Crookwell and Taralga post offices districts; and to anyone who registered interest in the Project. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduce the Project and the Project team; explain the approvals process and matters to be addressed as part of the EA Report; advise the community of the upcoming doorknock and invite interested people to request a face to face meeting; and provide information about how to contact the Project team including the 1800 number, email address and website.

After the newsletter was distributed UFWA received one phone call requesting a face to face meeting during the doorknock. Following the doorknock UFWA received two phone calls to the 1800 information line number. Feedback from these calls was captured in the survey form used in the doorknock survey.

At the time of preparing this report, UFWA advised ERM that they had received two emails to the Project email address advising of different addresses to which correspondence should be sent.

Consultation will be ongoing throughout the life of the Project to ensure the community remains informed of the Project progress and the outcomes of the EA Report, and to provide an open forum for addressing questions, issues, concerns or complaints during the approval, construction and operational phases of the Project. A community information session is planned to be held in the local area during the exhibition of the EA Report.

2.6 COMMUNITY ATTITUDES

This section considers community attitudes to wind farms generally and to the Project, based on previous studies and the issues of concern identified in the doorknock survey.

2.6.1 *Community Attitudes to Wind Farms In NSW - AMR Interactive 2010*

In 2010, the NSW Government commissioned AMR Interactive to undertake a study of community perceptions towards wind farms in NSW. AMR Interactive surveyed over 2000 residents and 300 businesses in regional NSW.

A significant majority (85%) of surveyed respondents indicated that they would support wind farms being built both in NSW as well as in their local region (80%).

Over three quarters of the respondents (79%) were supportive of wind farms being built within 10km from their residence, and more than half of the respondents (60%) supported them at 1-2km.

Six Renewable Energy Precincts have been identified by the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH). These are the New England Tablelands, Upper Hunter, Central Tablelands, NSW/ACT Border Region, South Coast and Cooma-Monaro. The AMR Survey considered community perceptions within each precinct.

The proposed Paling Yards Wind Farm is included within the Central Tablelands Precinct. This precinct scored above the average in terms of level of support for wind farm developments. The results from the AMR Survey and the UFWA doorknock survey suggest that the majority of surveyed respondents consider that construction of wind farms is acceptable.

2.6.2 *Community Groups*

One community group, the Crookwell District Landscape Guardians (CDLG) (formerly the Friends of Crookwell) was identified as a stakeholder to the Project. A representative from CDLG was contacted to discuss the Project and invited to attend a face to face meeting. The CDLG declined to meet however the representative advised that Option 4 was the preferred transmission line route option.

2.6.3 *Doorknock Survey Results*

During the doorknock exercise, survey forms were used to capture contact details and householder responses to wind farms and high voltage transmission lines. Two different survey forms were used depending on whether the houses were in proximity of the wind farm or along the transmission line routes.

The survey forms used during the doorknock are provided at *Annex B*.

Survey forms were completed by 20 households in the vicinity of the wind farm and 25 households in the vicinity of the transmission lines during the doorknock.

Both survey forms asked respondents to grade their level of support for wind farms. The majority (52%) of the householders surveyed in the vicinity of the wind farm indicated that they are supportive or highly supportive of wind farms.

This level of support is below that recorded in the AMR Interactive study, however the proportion opposing or strongly opposing wind farms was only 9%, with the balance made up by respondents who indicated that they were neutral on the issue.

Respondents to both survey forms were also asked to grade their level of concern about various issues on a scale from 1 to 5. For the purposes of analysis, responses have been grouped together as shown in *Table 2.4*.

Table 2.4 *Survey Response Reporting*

	Level of Concern				
	Not Concerned		Neutral	Very Concerned	
Surveyed level of concern	1	2	3	4	5
Reported level of concern	Not Concerned		Neutral	Concerned/Very Concerned	

The survey results have been summarised as percentages of all responses received for each issue. The results for the surveys administered in the vicinity of the wind farm are shown in *Table 2.5*; and the results of the survey in the vicinity of the transmission lines are shown in *Table 2.6*

Table 2.5 Community Survey Responses - Wind Farms

Surveyed level of concern (%)	Issue										
	High Voltage Transmission lines	Visual Impact	Impacts to land value	Noise Impact	Fire Hazard	Impacts to Flora and Fauna	Impact to Aerial Agriculture Activities	Electromagnetic Interference to GPS, TV & Radio Reception	Electromagnetic Interference-Health Effects	Shadow flicker	Impacts to local traffic
Not concerned	44	48	60	44	70	75	60	52	*	52	79
Neutral	11	15	0	12	0	10	0	0		6	11
Concerned / very concerned	45	37	40	44	30	15	40	48		42	10

* not enough responses to this issue to calculate %

Table 2.6 Community Survey Responses - Transmission Lines

Surveyed level of concern (%)	Issue								
	High Voltage Transmission lines	Visual Impact	Impacts to land value	Fire Hazard	Impacts to Flora and Fauna	Impact to Aerial Agriculture Activities	Electromagnetic Interference to GPS, TV & Radio Reception	Electromagnetic Interference-Health Effects	
Not concerned	25	39	17	60	65	56	41	38	
Neutral	13	4	13	8	4	4	45	13	
Concerned / very concerned	62	57	70	32	31	40	24	49	

* not enough responses to this issue to calculate %

Table 2.7 lists the issues of concern recorded during the survey and additional key issues raised by the community during the course of the consultation.

Table 2.7 Summary of Issues

Issue Category	Specific Issues	How the issues are being addressed
High Voltage Transmission lines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> visual impacts; loss of privacy due to the introduction of infrastructure to remote areas. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visual impacts have been addressed in the report prepared by Green Bean Design at Appendix 6 of the EA Report.
Visual Impact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concerns about appearance of wind turbines in the landscape, especially their height; and concerned about proliferation of wind farms in the local area; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visual impacts of the Project have been assessed in the report prepared by Green Bean Design at Appendix 6 of the EA Report.
Impacts to land value	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concerns about impacts to land values as a result of the wind farm. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An economic assessment on the potential impact to land and property values is provided at Section 3.6 of this SEIA Report.
Noise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concerns about noise impacts from the wind farm and high voltage transmission line. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential noise impacts from the Project are addressed in the Noise Assessment report prepared by SLR Pty Ltd at Appendix 7 of the EA Report.
Fire Hazard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concerns about wind turbines causing fire. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wind turbines incorporate high quality standards to avoid ignition and are fitted with remote monitoring systems to enable shut down in the event that a threshold temperature is reached or an electrical fault is discovered. Lightning conductors will also be installed in turbines to ground lightning strikes and to minimise the risk of wildfire ignition and damage to the turbines. Overhead transmission lines will be located in easements that have been cleared of vegetation, thus reducing the risk of fire. Vegetation in the transmission lines will be routinely maintained.
Impacts to flora and fauna	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential impacts to threatened species (flora and fauna) and potential habitat loss. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential ecological impacts of the Project have been assessed in the report prepared by Anderson Environmental at Appendix 8 of the EA Report.
Impacts to Aerial Agriculture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Impacts to aerial agricultural applications (increased cost, difficulty) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential impacts arising from the Project on aerial applications undertaken in the Project locality are addressed in the Aviation Impact Assessment prepared by Aviation Project Pty Ltd at Appendix 9 of the EA Report.
Electro Magnetic Interference (EMI)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interference to radio and TV reception; and concerns about adverse impacts to health. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concerns about impacts arising from EMI around the WTGs are addressed in the Telecommunications Assessment prepared by Garrad Hassan at Appendix 11 of the EA Report.
Shadow Flicker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concerns about shadow flicker from wind turbines. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concerns about shadow flicker impacts are addressed in the report prepared by Garrad Hassan and included as part of the Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment at Appendix 6 of the EA Report.

Since the CES was developed and implemented, DPI has introduced the *Draft NSW Planning Guidelines for Wind Farms, December 2011* (DPI 2011). The guidelines provide the regulatory framework to guide investment in wind farms across NSW while minimising and avoiding potential impacts to local communities. While the consultation strategy meets the requirements of the DGRs, ERM recommend that future consultation should be undertaken in accordance with the new guidelines whilst still ensuring the DGRs are upheld.

2.7.1

Community Consultative Committee

In accordance with the draft planning guidelines, UFWA are in the process of establishing a Community Consultative Committee (CCC). The purpose of the CCC is to provide a forum for regular, open discussion between representatives of UFWA, the community, the council and other stakeholders about issues relating to the development of the wind farm and, if approved, to be a forum for ongoing communication with the community during the construction, operation and decommissioning phases. The membership of the committee will comprise, in accordance with the draft planning guidelines:

- an independent chairperson;
- five to seven representatives of the local community and other stakeholders;
- one representative of the local council; and
- two representatives of the proponent.

In October 2012, UFWA issued a media release informing the community that it is seeking nominations from local community members and/or affected stakeholders to represent the community for the proposed Paling Yards Wind Farm's CCC. This advertisement included the selection criteria to be met to be part of the CCC, the submissions closing date (30 November 2012), an email address to forward the written submissions and UFWA's freecall number for interested members of the community to contact the company. The media release was also advertised in the Crookwell Gazette, Goulburn Post and Oberon Review. A copy of the media release and advertisements are provided as part of the consultation material at *Annex B*.

At the time of preparing this report, UFWA had advised ERM that no nominations had been received from the community to be a member of the CCC. On 9 October 2012 Oberon Council sent a letter to UFWA nominating the council representatives for the CCC.

Following the submissions closing date and in accordance with the draft planning guidelines, the DG will appoint the local community and other stakeholders' representatives. The DG may review the appointment of community and other stakeholder representatives from time to time.

Once the CCC is established, meetings will be held in accordance with the draft planning guidelines. If the project is refused, the committee will be abandoned.

UFWA will encourage Committee members to discuss issues and disseminate information about the Project with the wider community, including special interest groups. UFWA will keep minutes of all meetings of the Committee, and confirmed minutes would be presented to the Council, Committee members, and published on the website.

2.7.2 *Neighbours Agreement*

The proposed wind farm site is in a generally isolated location and there are no dwellings within 2km of any of the proposed WTGs. It is noted that one building is located within the 2km buffer zone for the proposed wind farm site, however this building has not been identified as an official dwelling. UFWA has made several attempts over a two year period to contact the owner of this building with no success. On the basis that there are no dwellings within the 2km buffer zone for the proposed wind farm site, no neighbours agreements are required for the Project.

2.8 *CONCLUSION*

UFWA has undertaken a comprehensive program of stakeholder engagement and community consultation throughout the course of the EA for the Project in accordance with the DGRs.

Consultation has been guided by the CES prepared for the Project. This document clearly sets out how UFWA plan to engage with all identified stakeholders at the different stages of the Project. Consultation thus far has taken the form of direct engagement, phone and email dialogue, and the distribution of a Project newsletter.

A significant component of the stakeholder identification process and community consultation was undertaken through the doorknock surveys carried out by UFWA representatives. The doorknock surveys were a co-ordinated effort to identify all non-involved landholders who may potentially be impacted by the proposed wind farm and/or the four proposed routes options for the transmission line. Community concerns raised during the doorknock surveys have been recorded, as has the UFWA response to the issues of concern. Key community concerns raised in the consultation include impacts to land values, general concerns about high voltage transmission lines and health affects arising from electromagnetic interference.

Specialist studies commissioned by UFWA have addressed these concerns and are summarised in *Table 2.7*.

UFWA has decided that the preferred transmission line route option is the northern transmission line route (Option 4). This decision has been made due to its shorter length, and as a result of concerns raised through the stakeholder consultation process regarding the potential impacts of extensive transmission line infrastructure leading south towards the Crookwell 2 wind farm substation.

In accordance with the Draft NSW Planning Guidelines for Wind Farms, UFWA are in the process of establishing a CCC which will provide a forum for representatives of UFWA, the community, the council and other stakeholders to discuss ongoing issues surrounding the approval, construction, operation and decommissioning phases of the Project.

3 **SOCIO ECONOMIC PROFILE**

3.1 **INTRODUCTION**

The objective of this Chapter is to present baseline socio economic conditions of the Study Area. This baseline addresses issues related to quality of life in the Study Area and the factors that determine it. It provides a base for identifying potential impacts as well as monitoring the impacts of the proposed project. The section presents information on:

- demographics;
- economy and livelihoods; and
- infrastructure and services.

3.2 **STUDY AREA**

The Study Area has been defined to include the proposed wind farm site, the four transmission line route options and the area extending north to Oberon, east to Taralga, south to Goulburn, and west to Crookwell.

The Study Area has been defined to include the area in which people are likely to commute to work on the construction of the wind farm. This area assumes a 60km commuting distance from the wind farm. The Study Area includes the smaller communities around the proposed wind farm site, as well as the larger towns of Oberon and Goulburn; which are considered most likely to experience both direct and indirect, service demand and socio economic impacts resulting from the proposal.

Local relevant socio economic data has been used where possible.

The boundaries of the Study Area have been selected to align with the boundaries of the relevant LGAs. Oberon LGA, Upper Lachlan LGA and Goulburn Mulwaree LGA have been included in the Study Area. The boundary of the Study Area is shown in *Figure 1.1*.

3.3 **SOCIO ECONOMIC DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE**

This profile has been prepared using publicly available information from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS). Data has been sourced for the Oberon, Upper Lachlan Shire and Goulburn Muwaree LGAs, as this area captures both direct and indirect impacts of the proposal.

To provide a comparative statistical base, an aggregation of the statistics for each of these LGAs has been used. Statistics have also been attained for the NSW State, where relevant, for comparative purposes.

3.3.1 Population Profile

In 2006 the Study Area population totalled 38,169 people, representing under one percent of NSW's population. Goulburn Mulwaree LGA is the largest of the three LGAs and accounts for approximately two thirds of the Study Area population (26,086).

As shown in *Table 3.1*, the distribution between males and females was proportionally similar across the Study Area and the State.

Table 3.1 Population Summary of Study Area, LGAs and State

	Oberon LGA	ULS LGA	Goulburn Mulwaree LGA	Study Area	NSW
Population	5,030	7,053	26,086	38,169	6,549,178
Males	2,634 (52.4%)	3,544 (50.2%)	13,197 (50.6%)	19,375 (50.7%)	3,228,451 (49.3%)
Female	2,396 (47.6%)	3,509 (49.8%)	12,889 (49.4%)	18,794 (49.3%)	3,320,727 (50.7%)
Indigenous Population	108 (2.1%)	98 (1.4%)	574 (2.2%)	780 (2.04%)	138,507 (2.1%)
People Aged 15-24	641 (12.7%)	654 (9.3%)	3,304 (12.7%)	4,599 (12%)	871,717 (13.3%)
People Aged 65 +	647 (12.9%)	1,095 (15.5%)	3,998 (15.3%)	5,740 (15%)	905,778 (13.8%)
Median Age	38	44	39	40	37

1. ABS Census Data, Basic Community Profiles, 2006

The population distribution between males and females was proportionally similar across the Study Area and the State (50.7% male, 49.3% female). This differed for the Oberon LGA, which had slightly higher proportions of males (52.4%) than the Study Area and the State.

In 2006, there was a similar proportion of Indigenous people located in the Study Area (2.04%) compared to the average state population of 2.1%.

In terms of age structure, approximately 15% of the population in the Study Area were aged 65 and over, which was slightly lower than the State (13.8%), although Oberon LGA had 12.9% of its population in this age bracket. Upper Lachlan Shire LGA had the lowest proportion of people aged 15-24 years (9.3%), whereas the proportion in the other LGAs and in the Study Area were close to the State average of 13.3%. Further population summaries of each LGA are presented in *Table 3.1*.

Median age for the Study Area, was slightly higher (40) than the State (37). Oberon LGA (38) and Goulburn Mulwaree LGA (39) had similar median ages, however, Upper Lachlan Shire LGA had a higher median age of 44.

3.3.2 *Population Growth*

Population growth of the Study Area compared to the relevant LGAs and the State is shown in *Table 3.2.*

Table 3.2 indicates that population growth figures for the Oberon LGA, Upper Lachlan Shire LGA and Goulburn Mulwaree LGA are all significantly lower than overall growth in NSW. A declining growth rate has occurred in Goulburn Mulwaree LGA. This may be attributed to changes in the LGA boundary relating to the merging of two council areas.

Table 3.2 *Population Growth: 1996 - 2006*

	1996	2001	2006	% Growth 1996-2006
Oberon LGA	4,937	5,132	5,077	2.8%
Upper Lachlan Shire LGA	6,653	6,749	6,840	2.8%
Goulburn Mulwaree LGA*	27,296	28,229	26,086	-4.1%
Study Area	38,886	40,110	38,003	0.5%
NSW	6,038,696	6,371,745	6,585,732	9.1%

Source: ABS 2006

* these figures have been created by adding together the populations of Goulburn and Mulwaree LGAs which merged in 2004.

3.4 *ECONOMY AND LIVELIHOODS*

The northern part of the Study Area containing Oberon Shire LGA is situated within the Central West Region of NSW. The Central West Region contains the major centres of Bathurst, Orange, Lithgow and Cowra. Its major industry sectors in order of economic contribution include agriculture, manufacturing mining, forestry, retail, education, health and community services.

The southern part of the Study Area (Upper Lachlan Shire LGA and Goulburn Mulwaree LGA) is part of the Southern Inland region and includes the major centres of Goulburn, Queanbeyan, Cooma, Young, and Moss Vale - Bowral - Mittagong. The region has a diverse industry base dominated by the services sector, agriculture, and manufacturing/processing.

Development Challenges and Opportunities

The Study Area faces a range of economic development challenges. Major competitive advantages have historically been within the agriculture, mining, services and tourism sectors. Some of the key challenges identified in the Department of State and Regional Development's *Regional Business Growth Plans* for the Central West and Southern Inland Region include:

- water security for existing and future industry development and urban populations;

- securing electricity supply for major projects;
- retaining industry and attracting new investment in areas of population decline;
- alignment of infrastructure with business and growth needs;
- road access across Blue Mountains for freight and commuter linkages to Sydney;
- balancing protection of resource access and land use conflict with primary industry operations;
- management of natural resources;
- retention and attraction of trade apprentices; and
- skills shortages exacerbated by population decline.

The Growth Plans for the Central West and Southern Inland Regions and include strategies to address economic opportunities in the region. Those strategies of relevance to the Project include:

- develop strategies to address barriers to business investment in the Renewable Energy Precinct (wind) in the region;
- establish Renewable Energy Precincts in the region to facilitate implementation of wind farms; and
- develop green business opportunities, including green energy production.

3.4.1 Industry Profile

The industry of employment for employed persons in between 1996 and 2006 are shown in *Table 3.3*.

Employment within Oberon LGA is structured around manufacturing and agriculture. Historically, these industries have played a vital role in the economy; with employment rates in 1996, 2001 and 2006 significantly above the state average. The manufacturing industry in Oberon LGA has shown growth of 6.7% since 1996. Despite a downward trend, agriculture is still the second highest industry of employment in the LGA.

Industries of employment in Upper Lachlan Shire LGA differ with agriculture being the largest industry, with 31.4% of the employment market in 2006. This was followed distantly by health care (9.8%). Similarly to Oberon LGA, agriculture in Upper Lachlan Shire LGA has seen a decline in industry share since 1996. In Goulburn Mulwaree, health care and retail trade were the dominant industries in 2006 (both with 13% of the market) reflecting Goulburn's status as a regional and administrative centre.

In the Study Area as a whole, the dominant industry in 2006 was agriculture (50.4%), followed by manufacturing.

Industries of employment differ across the State compared to the Study Area. In 1996 and 2001 manufacturing was the largest industry of employment; however this has since seen a decline in growth. The most significant industry of employment in NSW in 2006 was retail, followed by health care.

Table 3.3 Industry of Employment, 1996-2006

	Oberon LGA				Upper Lachlan Shire LGA				Goulburn Mulwaree LGA				Study Area				NSW			
	1996	2001	2006	Growth %	1996	2001	2006	Growth %	1996	2001	2006	Growth %	1996	2001	2006	Growth %	1996	2001	2006	Growth %
Agriculture, forestry & fishing	22.4	19.4	17.0	-22.7	38.	37.0	31.4	-9.9	6	6	4	-50	22.2	20.8	17.5	-27.5	3.6	3.4	2.7	-15.3
Mining	0.3	0.2	0.4	66.7	0.2	0.1	0.3	50.0	2	1	1	-100	0.8	0.4	0.6%	5.6	0.8%	0.5	0.7	-6.7
Manufacturing	20.3	21.9	21.4	6.7	3.6	4.4	3.8	15.8	10	9	8	-25	11.3	11.8	11.1	-0.8	11.5	11.0	9.6	-5.9
Electricity, gas, water & waste services	0.3	0.7	1.0	214.3	0.8	0.6	0.9	22.7	2	1	1	-100	1.0	0.8	1.0	45.7	1.0	1.0	1.0	13.5
Construction	9.0	5.3	6.3	-28.8	4.2	5.2	6.9	81.5	5	6	7	29	6.1	5.5	6.7	27.2	6.2	6.7	7.3	33.2
Wholesale trade	2.6	3.1	1.9	-24.1	3.4	3.3	2.1	-33.0	4	6	3	-33	3.3	4.1	2.3	-30.0	5.9	5.3	4.7	-9.8
Retail trade	5.0	6.9	7.5	51.8	6.2	6.2	7.3	30.3	10	12	13	23	7.1	8.4	9.3	35.0	10.1	10.8	11.1	25.6
Accommodation & food services	6.4	6.8	7.1	12.4	4.0	4.1	4.9	33.3	8	9	9	11	6.1	6.6	7.0	18.9	6.5	6.7	6.6	15.2
Transport, postal & warehousing	4.4	5.9	5.9	38.4	3.6	3.2	3.5	5.8	8	6	7	-14	5.3	5.0	5.5	10.1	5.1	4.9	5.0	10.6
Information media & telecommunications	2.0	1.0	1.0	-48.9	1.8	1.3	1.2	-28.8	3	1	1	-200	2.3	1.1	1.1	-92.6	2.9	3.0	2.4	-7.7
Financial & insurance services	1.4	1.0	0.9	-35.5	1.4	1.2	0.9	-32.5	2	1	2	0	1.6	1.1	1.3	-22.7	4.8	4.8	5.0	18.5
Rental, hiring & real estate services	0.6	0.7	1.0	57.1	0.4	1.0	0.7	120.0	1	1	1	0	0.7	0.9	0.9	59.0	1.6	1.8	1.7	23.2
Professional, scientific & technical services	1.3	2.4	2.3	80.0	2.3	3.4	4.2	106.3	3	3	4	25	2.2	2.9	3.5	70.4	6.6	7.4	7.3	25.5
Administrative & support services	1.6	3.1	2.0	30.6	1.2	1.2	1.1	0.	2	2	2	0%	1.6	2.1	1.7%	10.2	2.9	3.4	3.1	21.1
Public administration & safety	4.8	5.3	6.3	33.3	7.8	6.9	9.0	26.1	9	9	11	18	7.2	7.1	8.8	25.8	5.6	5.2	6.0	22.
Education & training	4.9	5.0	5.9	22.3	6.0	5.9	6.0	9.4	6	7	7	14	5.6	6.0	6.3	15.2	7.0	7.1	7.6	22.3
Health care & social assistance	4.3	5.3	5.9	40.2	7.0	7.8	9.8	53.3	12	13%	13%	8%	7.8	8.7	9.6	33.8	9.2	9.3	10.5	28.8
Arts & recreation services	1.9	1.6	1.0	-45.5	0.6	1.1	0.9	75.0	1	1	1	0	1.2	1.2	1.0	9.8	1.3	1.3	1.4	19.6
Other services	2.0	2.6	2.7	34.8	3.6	3.5	2.8	-12.9	4	4	4	0	3.2	3.4	3.2	7.3	4.4	4.1	3.8	-1.4
Inadequately described/Not stated	4.5	2.0	2.4	-45.1	3.9	2.6	2.3	-34.2	2	2	2	0	3.5	2.2	2.2%	-26.4	3.1	2.4	2.6	-1.9
Total	2,267	2,153	2,304		2,844	3,035	3,115		11,258	10,455	11,097		16,369	15,643	16,516		2,558,875	2,748,396	2,901,482	

Source: ABS 2006

3.4.2

Employment Profile

Occupations for employed persons in between 1996 and 2006 are shown in *Table 3.4*.

In 2006, the highest proportion of occupational competencies in the Study Area was managers (21.5%), technicians or trades workers (14.3%) and labourers (13.7%). In comparison to the State, there is an overrepresentation of technical, trade based and labour based skills and an under representation of professionals within the Study Area.

There were marked differences between occupations across the LGAs in the Study Area. The key differences between Oberon Shire LGA, Upper Lachlan Shire LGA, and Goulburn Mulwaree LGA were:

- in 2006, the Upper Lachlan Shire LGA had a significantly higher proportion of people employed as managers (32.7%) than both other LGAs (Goulburn Mulwaree 12%, Oberon Shire LGA 19.8%) and the State average of 13.6%; and
- between 1996-2006, Goulburn Mulwaree LGA had a higher proportion of Community & personal service workers (13%) than the other LGAs and the State average of 8.6%, reflecting the importance of the Goulburn Correctional Centre and Goulburn Police Academy as places of employment within this LAG. Goulburn Mulwaree also evidenced a more diverse occupation base, with statistics evenly spread between most occupation types.

Table 3.4 Occupation Types; LGAs, Study Area and NSW 1996 - 2006

	Oberon LGA			Upper Lachlan Shire LGA			Goulburn Mulwaree LGA			Study Area			NSW		
	1996	2001	2006	1996	2001	2006	1996	2001	2006	1996	2001	2006	1996	2001	2006
Managers	20.0%	21.0%	19.8%	35.2%	34.9%	32.7%	13%	12%	12%	22.7%	22.6%	21.5%	13.5%	13.5%	13.6%
Professionals	9.1%	9.8%	9.5%	9.4%	10.5%	11.7%	13%	13%	14%	10.5%	11.1%	11.7%	18.2%	19.8%	21.2%
Technicians & trades workers	15.6%	15.1%	16.3%	12.7%	13.1%	12.7%	14%	14%	14%	14.1%	14.1%	14.3%	14.9%	14.1%	13.6%
Community & personal service workers	7.5%	6.9%	7.9%	6.3%	7.1%	9.4%	11%	12%	13%	8.3%	8.7%	10.1%	7.4%	7.8%	8.6%
Clerical & administrative workers	9.4%	10.1%	9.6%	9.4%	10.0%	9.8%	14%	12%	12%	10.9%	10.7%	10.5%	16.7%	16.3%	15.4%
Sales workers	3.6%	6.3%	5.6%	4.1%	4.3%	5.3%	9%	10%	10%	5.6%	6.9%	7.0%	9.3%	9.9%	9.7%
Machinery operators & drivers	13.9%	13.8%	13.4%	6.2%	5.7%	6.1%	11%	11%	10%	10.4%	10.2%	9.8%	7.8%	7.2%	6.4%
Labourers	16.3%	14.8%	15.9%	13.9%	12.3%	11.1%	12%	13%	14%	14.1%	13.4%	13.7%	9.6%	9.4%	9.5%
Inadequately described/Not stated	4.6%	2.1%	1.9%	2.8%	2.0%	1.3%	3%	2%	1%	3.5%	2.0%	1.4%	2.6%	2.0%	1.9%
Total	2,267	2,152	2,305	2,843	3,035	3,114	11,258	10,455	11,097	16,369	15,643	16,516	2,558,875	2,748,396	2,901,482

Source: ABS 2006

3.4.3 *Labour Force Status*

Unemployment levels in Oberon LGA and ULS LGA have historically been lower than the State average. In 2006 the unemployment rate for Oberon LGA was 4.6%, compared with 5.9% for the State, refer *Table 3.5*. The Central West SD had a higher unemployment rate than NSW in 2006, while South Eastern SD had a lower rate.

Table 3.5 *Unemployment Rates*

	1996	2001	2006
Oberon LGS	5.8%	7.7%	4.6%
ULS LGA	7.2%	4.1%	3.7%
Goulburn Mulwaree LGA	*	*	6.1%
Study Area	6.5%	5.9%	4.8%
NSW	8.8%	7.2%	5.9%

Source: ABS 2006
*data not available as Goulburn Mulwaree Council created in 2004.

3.4.4 *Family Income*

Table 3.6 compares weekly family incomes across the LGAs, the Study Area and the State. The figure shows that:

- median individual and household incomes in all LGAs and the Study Area are below the State average;
- median individual and household incomes in the Oberon Shire LGA and Goulburn Mulwaree Shire LGA are higher than those in the Upper Lachlan Shire; and
- median weekly rent was significantly lower in the Upper Lachlan Shire LGA (\$90) compared to Oberon and Goulburn (\$150), reflecting the higher cost of living in the larger regional centres.

Table 3.6 *Median Weekly Income: LGAs, Study Area and State, 2006 (\$/weekly)*

	Oberon Shire LGA	Upper Lachlan Shire LGA	Goulburn Mulwaree LGA	Study Area	NSW
Median individual income (\$/weekly)	\$436	\$374	\$410	\$407	\$461
Median household income (\$/weekly)	\$904	\$731	\$840	\$825	\$1,036
Median weekly rent (\$/week)	\$150	\$90	\$150	\$130	\$210

1. ABS Census Data, Basic Community Profiles, 2006

3.4.5

Community Services, Social Infrastructure and Recreation

The nearest township and service centre within the Study Area to the proposed wind farm site is Taralga (population 312), which is located approximately 32km south of the proposed wind farm site. Community services in Taralga include:

- Taralga Public School (primary);
- child care centre;
- grocery store and cafes;
- Rural Fire Service;
- Taralga Progress Association;
- Taralga Golf Club;
- accommodation; and
- tourist information and historical society.

The proposed wind farm site is located around the local settlements of Curraweela (approximately 8km south), Porters Retreat, and Jerrong (approximately 38km west, by road). The Study Area contains many of these type of rural residential communities with little or no community services available.

Crookwell (population 1,993) is located approximately 38km south of the proposed wind farm site. Crookwell is a historic service town to the neighbouring agricultural and pastoral industries. Services in Crookwell include:

- Crookwell Public School (primary);
- grocery store and cafes;
- accommodation; and
- tourist information centre and historical society.

Major local services and social infrastructure are concentrated in the regional centres of Oberon and Goulburn, which are located approximately 60km north and south of the proposed wind farm site respectively. It is from these locations that employment generated by the proposed wind farm is expected to be sourced.

The nearest hospital is Oberon District Hospital approximately 60km north of the Project. The nearest secondary schooling facilities are located in Oberon. A variety of other social infrastructure is also available in Oberon including emergency services, utilities, as well as recreational facilities.

Goulburn is a significant inland service centre with health service including St John of God Hospital and Goulburn Base Hospital. Education facilities available in Goulburn include seven primary schools, two secondary schools, Goulburn Tafe and the Charles Sturt University NSW Police College. The town also provides a variety of community services and sporting/recreation facilities, clubs and entertainment venues.

3.4.6 *Roads and Transport*

The major form of transportation in the Study Region is road vehicles. The three LGAs that comprise the Study Area have financial and jurisdictional responsibility for the road network often in partnership with the State Government depending on the category of the road.

The main access road to the proposed wind farm site is Abercrombie Road. Any upgrades required to local roads will be of benefit to the community. The doorknock survey asked respondents to suggested community funding projects they would like to see occur if the Project went ahead. Of the 37 responses received, 33 indicated that they would like to see road upgrades and repairs.

3.5 *COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT*

UFWA is a subsidiary of a Spanish Utility company called Gas Natural Fenosa, which has a long history of successful renewable energy projects around the world, with considerable experience in wind, solar, hydroelectricity, biomass and other renewable technologies.

Gas Natural Fenosa has a strong commitment to social and environmental issues throughout all aspects of its business. Natural Gas Fenosa has received a number of awards (UFWA 2011), which highlights the company's actions in the fields of social responsibility, sustainability and environmental protection.

In 2011, Gas Natural Fenosa's sustainability strategy earned it a place on the Dow Jones Sustainability Index and DJSI Europe. Likewise, for the tenth year running, it was included in the FTSE4Good sustainability indices following a new half yearly assessment of this tool geared towards socially responsible investors.

Gas Natural Fenosa is committed to the community in which it operates, where it actively engages with the community as part of its long term commitment to community investment. Gas Natural Fenosa received the 2011 Platts Global Energy Award in New York for the most outstanding community development programme for its Cuartel V gasification project located in Buenos Aires, Argentina. The award winning initiative was focused on improving access to public services for the neediest groups and addressing poverty in local communities where the company operates.

UFWA's goal is to use state of the art green technologies and provide sustainable sources of energy that can assist in developing rural communities. UFWA are considering potential options to support the local community surrounding the Project including the establishment of the Oberon Community Enhancement Fund and support for the community groups and organisations.

3.6

IMPACT ON LAND VALUES

The value of rural land in the area surrounding the Project is determined by a range of economic factors including commodity prices, interest rates, existing improvements on agricultural land, infrastructure and services, and the supply of land and/or availability of similar land for sale. Therefore, the establishment of the proposed wind farm on such rural lands would be only one consideration in the determining price.

The value of involved properties would be expected to increase in value as a result of the wind farm, provided that the rights to rentals for the turbines are transferable with the scale of the property (Community Affairs References Committee, June 2011). In terms of non-involved or neighbouring properties, there is little evidence to suggest that land values are affected by wind farm development.

The *Preliminary Assessment of the Impact of Wind Farms on Surrounding Land Values in Australia* (Duponts & PRP, 2009) prepared for the NSW Valuer General recognises that the main finding was that "*wind farms do not appear to have negatively affected property values in most cases.*" The Study further noted that "*a property's underlying land use may affect its sensitivity to price impacts*" and that, of the properties studied, "*no reductions in sale price were evident for rural properties or residential properties located in nearby townships with views of the wind farm*".

A Community Affairs References Committee was established by the Senate to investigate any adverse health for people living in close proximity to wind farms and the economic impact of rural wind farms, including impacts to property values. The Committee's report entitled *The Social and Economic Impacts of Rural Wind Farms* was released in June 2011 (Community Affairs References Committee, 2011) and recognised that values of some properties that are close to turbines may be adversely affected, but in most cases, planning processes such as setbacks are designed to avoid such situations.

Both the Committee's report and the 2009 report prepared for the NSW Valuer General make reference to a Land Value Assessment of the Crookwell Wind Farm (to the south of the Project) prepared by Henderson & Horning (2006). The assessment "*found no reductions in property values*" based on an assessment of 78 property sales around the Crookwell Wind Farm during 1990-2006. This assessment also concluded that there were "*no measurable reduction in values for those properties that have a sight line to the [wind turbine] development*" and "*factors such as soils, improvements and access to services are more important drivers in determining value than the visual amenity of the wind farm*" (Henderson & Horning, 2006).

Having regard to the above, it is not anticipated that the Project will have an adverse impact on the land values of neighbouring, non-involved properties.

4.1 **METHODOLOGY**

The potential for, and magnitude of, impacts resulting from the proposal have been addressed as part of other technical reports that will support the EA.

This section identifies the potential social impacts of the Project, their significance, conclusions of technical reports and recommended mitigation measures where appropriate. Issues of community concern identified in Chapter 2 of this report have been considered as a means of evaluating the impacts. The definitions of each level of significance are provided in the *Table 4.1*

Table 4.1 Impact Significance Definitions

Significance	Definition
Positive	An impact that inherently provides benefits to stakeholders or one that can produce positive effects with proactive management and action.
None to Low	An impact that can be easily addressed by a minor modification to construction or operational techniques (essentially an “opportunity” to proceed at low cost and/or with minimal social impact).
Minor	An impact that can be addressed by modifications to construction or operational techniques, but at an additional cost; and/or likely to be raised as an issue by stakeholders.
Moderate	An impact that can, with some difficulty, be addressed by major (non-standard) modifications to either construction or operational techniques, at a large additional cost; and/or likely to require significant consultation to convince stakeholders that it can be addressed in an acceptable manner.
Major	An impact that has the potential to impose an unacceptably high risk (damage to corporate reputation, compromised social license to operate) to the Project unless managed or avoided in an appropriate way. It could involve an unacceptable additional cost or engineering risk; and/or lead to a significant delay to the Project timetable; and/or compromise international standards, country legislation, industry best practice; and/or cause an extreme NGO/ stakeholder reaction.

The significance of impacts has been assessed on the basis of their severity and the likelihood of occurrence, and the sensitivity of receptors to, and degree of change predicted to be caused by, the impact, refer *Table 4.2*. The significance criteria used for the assessment of negative social impacts is outlined in *Table 4.3*.

Table 4.2 *Method for Identifying Significant Issues*

Criteria Significance Assessment			
Severity	Low likelihood	Moderate likelihood	High likelihood
Low	None-Low	Minor	Minor
Medium	Minor	Moderate	Moderate
High	Moderate	Major	Major

Table 4.3 *Significance Criteria for Negative Social Impacts*

Severity Criteria				Significance Assessment Criteria			
Duration	Extent	Degree of Change	Ability to adapt	Severity	Low likelihood	Moderate likelihood (Has occurred in similar projects)	High likelihood (Has occurred in Australia)
Short-term	Individual/ Household	Inconvenience caused but with no consequence on long-term livelihoods or quality of life	Those affected will be able to adapt to the changes with relative ease, and maintain pre-impact livelihood	Minor	Minor	Minor	Minor
Medium-term	Small number of households	Primary and secondary impacts on livelihood and quality of life	Those affected will be able to adapt to changes, with some difficulty, and maintain pre-impact livelihood, but only with a degree of support	Moderate	Minor	Moderate	Moderate
Long-term/ irreversible	Large part of/full settlement	Widespread and diverse primary and secondary impacts likely to be impossible to reverse or compensate for	Those affected will not be able to adapt to changes and continue to maintain pre-impact livelihood	Major	Moderate	Major	Major

Utilising the impact assessment methodology presented above, *Table 4.4* presents the identified social impacts, both positive and negative; the source of the impact; and who the receptors are. The significance of the impact is rated both prior to and following the mitigation/enhancement. Mitigation measures are developed for adverse impacts while enhancement measures have been generated for positive impacts. For some impacts, no mitigation/enhancement measure has been developed.

Table 4.4 *Potential Impacts and Recommended Mitigation Measures*

Social Factor	Impact	Source and Description of Impact	Impact Rating Prior to Mitigation/Enhancement	Recommended Mitigation/Enhancement	Impact Rating after Mitigation
Demographics	Increased population impacts on social infrastructure and services.	<p>Source:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase in population (workforce); and Increase in demand and usage of social infrastructure and services in local and regional area. <p>Vulnerability:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capacity of social infrastructure in local and regional area; and Capacity of health and community services in local and regional area. <p>Receptors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local residents; Employees and their families; Local agencies; and Local service providers. 	None to low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No mitigation required. It is predicted there will be sufficient capacity in the existing local services to accommodate the 65 full time construction jobs generated by the Project; and the majority of employees will likely be sourced/commute from the major regional centres of Oberon or Goulburn and commute to work on the proposed wind farm site or on the transmission line. 	None to low
Economy and Livelihoods	Increased economic activity	<p>Source:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Direct employment with Project (approximately 65 full time equivalent jobs to be provided during the construction phase and 11 jobs during the operational phase); Indirect and induced employment via increased demand for local services and infrastructure; and Direct project expenditure in the local and regional area for goods and services. <p>Gain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up-skilling of local/regional workforce; and Increased potential for future job opportunities particularly given the status of the location of the Project as a renewable energy precinct. <p>Receptors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Broader regional residents who become employees; and Local businesses that provide goods or services to the Project. 	Positive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The local and regional population figures and industry and employment profile indicates sufficient capacity and skill diversity to provide employment to the Project; the Project should therefore employ local and regional workers; and Procurement of local goods and services where possible. 	Positive

Social Factor	Impact	Source and Description of Impact	Impact Rating Prior to Mitigation/Enhancement	Recommended Mitigation/Enhancement	Impact Rating after Mitigation
Economy and Livelihoods	Diversification of income stream for involved land owners	<p>Source:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional income stream from hosting WTGs or easements for transmission line. <p>Gain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Farming families who wish to stay on the land as a lifestyle choice can be supported by off-farm income. <p>Receptors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Involved landholders. 	Positive	N/A	Positive
Economy and Livelihoods	Potential impacts to efficiency of aerial agricultural applications in the vicinity of the Project.	<p>Source:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presence of WTGs. <p>Vulnerability:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the efficiency of aerial agricultural applications (spraying and fertilising) may be compromised to properties in the vicinity of WTGs. Landholders may face increased costs/ consider alternative means to carry out agricultural operations to their properties. <p>Receptors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local residents; and Aviation operators. 	Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess the viability of conducting aerial agricultural operations on properties adjacent to the proposed wind farm site, particularly by the use of helicopters. 	Minor

Social Factor	Impact	Source and Description of Impact	Impact Rating Prior to Mitigation/Enhancement	Recommended Mitigation/Enhancement	Impact Rating after Mitigation
Infrastructure	Construction Traffic. Impacts to community amenity during construction.	<p>Source:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wind farm component delivery (transport of wind turbine nacelles; blades, towers); • Delivery of construction material (concrete for foundations, road base materials); and • Transmission line construction. <p>Vulnerability/ Gain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capacity of existing road infrastructure in the local area around the Project; and • Disruption during to construction period due to increased traffic movements; dust, noise etc. <p>Gain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A legacy of the Project will be improved roads along the construction transport route. <p>Receptors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local residents; • Local Councils; • Local service providers; and • Other industry road users. 	Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carry out pre-construction road survey to determine existing condition of local roads; • Carry out upgrade and strengthening works along the access road network to provide safe construction access for the Project; • Prepare and implement a traffic management plan to ensure local roads are not adversely impacted by heavy vehicles; and • Notify local community of changed traffic conditions and proposed road works via newsletter or information line 	Positive
Community Amenity	Impacts to land value	<p>Source:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WTGs; and • Transmission lines. <p>Vulnerability:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adverse impacts to land value (perceived or actual) due to the presence of wind farm and transmission line infrastructure; <p>Receptors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local residents. 	None to Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As discussed at Section 3.5 of this report, it is recognised that wind farms do not adversely impact on the land values of neighbouring properties. Therefore, no mitigation/enhancement measures have been recommended. 	None to Low

Social Factor	Impact	Source and Description of Impact	Impact Rating Prior to Mitigation/Enhancement	Recommended Mitigation/Enhancement	Impact Rating after Mitigation
Community Amenity	Noise Impacts	<p>Source:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wind turbines; • Electrical substation; • Transmission lines; and • Construction works. <p>Vulnerability:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noise impacts due to the presence of wind farm and transmission line infrastructure. <p>Gain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Separation between non-involved neighbouring properties and the proposed wind farm site will reduce potential noise impacts. <p>Receptors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local residents. 	Minor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Noise Assessment prepared by SLR concluded that “all non-project involved receptors were found to be below the noise criteria stipulated in SA EPA Guidelines. Some project involved receptors are predicted to slightly exceed the WHO noise criteria, however these locations are used for part of the year only and will not be used should post construction noise testing definitively show an exceedance of the criteria, as per the noise agreement with UFWA”. • To minimise potential noise impacts associated with night-time deliveries the following mitigations measures are recommended; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prior notification of affected public where night-time convoys are scheduled; and - Restricted use of exhaust/engine brakes in built up areas. 	Minor
Community Amenity	Visual impacts, shadow flicker, loss of privacy	<p>Source:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wind turbines; and • Transmission lines. <p>Vulnerability/ Gain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loss of visual amenity due to presence of wind farm and transmission line infrastructure; • shadow flicker impacts from WTGs; and • Loss of privacy through clearing of vegetation and introduction of transmission line infrastructure in isolated areas. <p>Receptors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local residents. 	Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Project should investigate measures to ameliorate any identified visual impacts arising from the Project; including shadow flicker impacts; measures may include minor adjustments to WTG location or landscape screening; • transmission line poles should be sited sensitively to reduce visual impacts to residents where possible; and • clearing for transmission lines should be kept to the minimum required for safety requirements. 	Minor

Social Factor	Impact	Source and Description of Impact	Impact Rating Prior to Mitigation/Enhancement	Recommended Mitigation/Enhancement	Impact Rating after Mitigation
Community Amenity	Electromagnetic Interference: Health Effects	<p>Source:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wind turbines; and • Transmission lines. <p>Vulnerability/ Gain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perceived impacts to health arising from electromagnetic interference caused by WTGs and transmission lines <p>Receptors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local residents 	None to Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is generally acknowledged that wind farms do not cause adverse health effects. Therefore, no mitigation/enhancement measures have been recommended. This is addressed further within the EA, refer Section 11. 	None to Low

This SEIA has been prepared to assess the social and economic impacts of the Project as an input to the environmental assessment. This SEIA considers the potential Project impacts on landowners involved in the proposed wind farm, in proximity to the proposed wind farm, and along the corridor of the four transmission route options.

UFWA has identified the northern transmission line route (Option 4) as the preferred option due to its shorter length and as a result of concerns raised through the stakeholder consultation process regarding the potential impacts of extensive transmission line infrastructure leading south towards the Crookwell 2 wind farm substation.

The Project will have positive economic impacts through the creation of 65 construction jobs and 11 operational jobs. Although employees are likely to be sourced from Oberon or Goulburn, there are likely to be flow on effects to the local economy including business in nearby communities such as Taralga, especially during construction.

The landholders involved in the proposed wind farm site will benefit from an additional income stream, as will landholders who host easements for the construction of the transmission line.

The proposed wind farm and transmission line route may result in amenity impacts including impacts to land value, noise, visual impacts including shadow flicker and loss of privacy. The community has also raised concerns about potential health effects arising from electromagnetic interference. Appropriate mitigation measures have been identified as part of the EA Report and will be necessary to manage and ameliorate the potential impacts.

Visual impacts including shadow flicker from the WTGs should be reduced as far as possible by landscape screening or adjustment to the location of WTGs. Impacts to visual amenity and privacy arising from the transmission line route should be reduced as far as possible through sensitive siting of individual transmission line poles and carrying out the minimum amount of clearing required for safe construction.

The community may be moderately impacted during the construction of the Project due to heavy vehicle impacts on local roads, and changed traffic conditions. The most important mitigation measure will be to inform landholders and the local community of the likely impacts to be experienced during construction. Construction traffic management measures will also be enforced and after construction is completed all road users will benefit from the upgrades made to access roads.

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Annex A

Community Engagement Strategy

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STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION & ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY

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1. PURPOSE & OBJECTIVES

1.1. Purpose

Union Fenosa Wind Australia Pty Ltd (UFWA) acknowledge and understands the need to effectively communicate with residents and all relevant stakeholders through a program of community consultation.

This Community Engagement Strategy (CES) has been developed to guide the consultation process, and to ensure that UFWA satisfy any consultation requirements of the eventual approvals process. This strategy will also assist UFWA in maintaining a positive relationship with local residents, stakeholders and wider community. The strategy will also set out a process of engagement with the community, in order to identify and manage social impacts that may result from the project. Consultation with the community should remain an objective process, delivering facts about the project, listening to community and stakeholder concerns and providing feedback.

1.2. Objectives

The objectives of the community engagement process are:

- To identify stakeholders that should be engaged in the consultation process;
- To identify the appropriate methods and extent of engaging with identified stakeholders;
- To ensure that key stakeholders are aware of the approval process;
- To ensure that the community and stakeholders informed about the project through the provision of factual project information;
- To identify the potential issues or concerns that stakeholders and the community may raise in relation to this project; and
- To provide feedback to the community and stakeholder enquiries and explain that how their input will influence the final project design.

1.3. Methodology

It is recognised that UFWA may also undertake activities to promote the project to the local community and other interested stakeholders. These promotional activities remain distinct from the consultation process outlined in this Strategy, although it is important that project information distributed remains consistent.

UFWA would be responsible for undertaking the majority of stakeholder consultation. This is consistent with the approach adopted on other wind farm projects in the Union Fenosa Wind Australia portfolio.

This Strategy is a working document to inform the UFWA representatives and consultant team of the appropriate methods by which to engage stakeholders and the wider community in the approvals process.

This Strategy outlines a 6-stage process that will occur as part of the approvals process. These stages are:

- Stage 1: Stakeholder* engagement – this includes the initial round of consultation including distribution of a community newsletter, advertising and carrying out community consultation door-knock which includes one to one meetings with interested residents and landholders;
- Stage 2: Compilation of the community engagement material and outcomes;
- Stage 3: Community engagement – this includes the second round of consultation which may include distribution of letters or community newsletter;
- Stage 4: Compilation of the community engagement material and outcomes;
- Stage 5: Public Exhibition along with advertisement and carrying out a community information day session for the community and the stakeholders; and
- Stage 6: Providing responses to the submissions after the Development Application has been lodged.

*This strategy also identifies government agencies and other authorities to be consulted, as required by the Director General's Requirements.



2. IDENTIFICATION OF STAKEHOLDERS AND POTENTIAL ISSUES

2.1. Overview

There are a variety of stakeholders that have the potential to be directly or indirectly affected by this project. Stakeholders have been identified through research, previous experience, and discussions with the regulatory authorities.

It is anticipated that as the project progresses and increases in profile, further stakeholders may be identified and included in this consultation.

2.2. Stakeholders Identified

A list of the identified stakeholders for this project has been compiled and is shown in Table 2.1.

Table 2.1 - Identified Stakeholders

Stakeholders	Description
Local Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Landowners who will host turbines on their land Landowners within a 5km radius of the wind farm Landholders along transmission line route options Other interested community members
Government Agencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure (DoPI) Oberon Shire Council (OSC) Upper Lachlan Shire Council (ULSC) NSW Office of Environment & Heritage (OEH) [Previously called Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water (DECCW)] NSW Office of Water [Previously called Department of Water and Energy (DWE)] NSW Department of Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services (DTIRIS) [Previously called Department of Industry & Investment (DI&I)] NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS) National Parks [Office of Environment & Heritage (OEH)] NSW Road and Traffic Authority (RTA) Sydney Catchment Authority Lachlan Catchment Management Authority NSW Crown Lands Division (CLD) [Previously called Land and Property Management Authority (LPMA)] NSW Police Force Telecommunications

Stakeholders	Description
Government Agencies (Continued...)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) • Department of Defence (DoD) • Livestock Health and Pest Authorities State Management Council • Sustainability Environment Water Population and Communities (SEWPAC) [<i>Previously called Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts (DEWHA)</i>]
Non-Government Agencies and Organisations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Airservices Australia (AA) • Aerial Agricultural Association of Australia (AAAA) • TransGrid • Mineral exploration and mining title holders • Local Aboriginal Land Councils (LALCs) • Local Environmental Group(s) • Local Community Group(s) • Industry Groups (ICNNSW) • Local tourism Organisation(s) • Other Organisation(s)
Media	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Newspaper(s) (Oberon Review & Crookwell Gazette)

Each of these identified stakeholders potentially have specific concerns that need to be discussed and considered during the Planning Application and Approval process.



3. ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY

3.1. Approach

Essentially, community consultation comprises of 2 aspects:

- Providing the community with factual information about the project; and
- Gathering feedback from the community and stakeholders about their concerns and interests, this can subsequently be addressed in the approvals process.

3.2. Consultation Program

A consultation program for the project would comprise of a variety of the following activities:

- Door-Knock meetings;
- Group meeting(s) (if required);
- Responding to landowner enquiries throughout the process;
- General information provision via newsletters;
- Documentation of stakeholder input into the approvals process;
- Public Exhibition for the display of the Planning Application and Environmental Assessment Reports;
- Advertisement in the local newspaper(s) notifying the community information day session(s); and
- Community information day session(s) at a local community hall during the Public Exhibition period.

The following terms have been used to describe the level of stakeholder engagement:

- Direct engagement – stakeholders will be sent a letter specifically outlining the project details and inviting feedback through one to one or group meeting(s); and
- Indirect engagement – stakeholders will not be specifically targeted, but will kept informed about the project through newsletters and newspaper advertisings of community information day session which they can attend to learn more about the project.

3.3. Engagement With The Local Community

3.3.1. Landowners Hosting Wind Turbines

In the Paling Yards project there are 2 landholdings that are proposed to host wind turbines. The relevant landowners have entered into an Agreement for Lease for hosting the wind farm turbines and associated infrastructure on their properties, and have an understanding of the project overview.

UFWA has an ongoing relationship with these landowners, and will remain in regular contact with these stakeholders throughout the approvals process. These stakeholders will be directly targeted through:

- Regular monthly correspondence;
- Door-knock consultation meetings;
- Community newsletters; and
- Community information day session(s).

3.3.2. Landowners of Properties within a 5km radius of the proposed sites

The proposed wind farm sites would be visible from the surrounding public roads. Residents within a 5km radius of the site have the potential to be affected by the visual impact of the turbines, and also the noise and heavy vehicle traffic associated with the construction phase.

UFWA will endeavour to contact the residents and landowners in this radius. These stakeholders will continue to be directly targeted in the community engagement process through:

- Door-knock consultation meetings;
- Community newsletters; and
- Community information day session(s).

3.3.3. Landowners hosting / adjacent to transmission line options

The proposed transmission line options would be visible from the surrounding public roads. Residents along the proposed transmission line corridor have the potential to be affected by the proposed power line.

UFWA will endeavour to contact the residents and landowners hosting/adjacent to transmission line options. These stakeholders will continue to be directly targeted in the community engagement process through:

- Door-knock consultation meetings;
- Community newsletters; and
- Community information day session(s).

3.3.4. Other Interested Residents of the Wider Community

This project will be of interest to the wider community. Individual community members not contained within the 5km radius may nevertheless feel strongly about the project.

Members of the wider community will be indirectly targeted in the community engagement process through:

- Door-knock consultation meetings (if specifically requested);
- Community newsletters (within a reasonable distance from site boundary; and
- Community information day session(s).

3.4. Engagement with Government Agencies

3.4.1. NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure (DoPI)

The Department of Planning and Infrastructure (DoPI) is the main government agency in the approvals process. DoPI is responsible for guiding and assessing infrastructure projects and liaising with the other departments and agencies to carry out a detailed and rigorous assessment process. Regular liaison with the DoPI will occur throughout the approvals process.

DoPI will be provided with all of the relevant project information in order to be able to provide their feedback; DoPI will also be informed of any community information day session(s).

3.4.2. Oberon Shire Council

The Oberon Shire Council is a key stakeholder in the approvals process. The Consultation with Council has two main functions, firstly, liaison with the Councillors for the project as a new development in their shire, secondly, liaison with council technical directors and officers for identifying and discussing technical details of the proposed project relating to new infrastructure, and also use and upgrade to existing infrastructure. Regular liaison with the Council should occur throughout the approvals process.

Council will be directly targeted in the consultation process through:

- Regular project liaison; and
- Community newsletter distributions, and informed of any Community information day session(s).

3.4.3. Upper Lachlan Shire Council

Upper Lachlan Shire Council (ULSC) is a key stakeholder in the approvals process. Consultation with Council has two main functions, firstly, liaison with the Councillors for the proposed connection options utilises the Council road reserves in their shire, secondly, liaison with council technical directors and officers for identifying and discussing technical details of the proposed project relating to new infrastructure and upgrade to existing infrastructure. In particular the option for

installation and transmission of the power from Paling Yards to the Crookwell 2 substation, and also use of Council roads for the traffic and transportation associated with the construction and operation phase of the project. Regular liaison with the Council should occur throughout the approvals process.

Council will be directly targeted in the consultation process through:

- Regular project liaison; and
- Community newsletter distributions, and informed of any Community information day session(s).

3.4.4. NSW Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH)

The NSW Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) was formed on 4 April 2011 following an announcement of new administrative arrangements for the public service in NSW, which saw most of the functions of the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water (DECCW) transferred to the new OEH.

OEH is one of the key government agencies in the approvals process. OEH regulates industry, protects and conserves the NSW environment, manages over 850 national parks and reserves and protects the natural, cultural and built heritage in NSW. Regular liaison with the OEH should occur throughout the approvals process.

OEH will be provided with all of the relevant project information in order to be able to provide their feedback and recommendation; OEH will also be informed of any community information day session(s).

3.4.5. NSW Office of Water

NSW office of Water is one of the key government agencies in the approvals process. Office of Water is responsible for the management of the State's surface water and groundwater resources. The consultation with the NSW Office of Water is essential to make sure the water demand required in the proposed development doesn't significantly affect the existing NSW water resources in the region. Regular liaison with them should occur throughout the approvals process.

NSW office of Water will be provided with all of the relevant project information in order to be able to have their key feedback; they will also be informed of any community information day session(s).

3.4.6. NSW Department of Trade and Investment Regional Infrastructure and Services

NSW Department of Trade and Investment Regional Infrastructure and Services (DTIRIS) was formed in April 2011, following an announcement of new administrative arrangements for the public service in NSW, which saw most of the functions of the Department of Industry & Investment (DI&I) transferred to the new DTIRIS which is one of the key government agencies in the approvals process.

DTIRIS role is designed to focus and strengthen NSW government services to provide maximum benefit to the state and to provide a strong customer service culture in all areas of service delivery, in particularly in the field of Energy. Regular liaison with the DTIRIS should occur throughout the approvals process.

DITRIS will be provided with all of the relevant project information in order to be able to have their key feedback; DITRIS will also be informed of any community information day session(s).

3.4.7. NSW Rural fire Services (RFS)

Rural fire Services (RFS) is one of the key government agencies in the approvals process. The RFS is responsible for the Fire Management across state and implementing Hazard reductions schemes. Regular liaison with RFS should occur throughout the approvals process.

RFS will be provided with all of the relevant project information in order to be able to have their key feedback; RFS will also be informed of any community information day session(s).

3.4.8. National Parks

The creation and management of the NSW national parks and other nature conservation areas in the State is the responsibility of NSW State governments Office of Environment and Heritage. UFWA will contact the National Parks through the Office of Environment and Heritage to provide them with the relevant information about the proposed project to enable them, as a regulator, to get back to us with applicable feedback.

As part of a neighbouring landowner, the National Park is considered an important Stakeholder for the project.

UFWA will endeavour to contact the National Parks Authority. These stakeholders will continue to be directly targeted in the community engagement process through:

- Information letter about the proposed project; and
- Community information day session(s).

3.4.9. NSW Road and Traffic Authority (RTA)

Road and Traffic Authority (RTA) is one of the key government agencies in the approvals process. Regular liaison with RTA should occur throughout the approvals process.

RTA will be provided with all of the relevant project information in order to be able to have their key feedback; RTA will also be informed of any community information day session(s).

3.4.10. Sydney Catchment Authority (SCA)

Sydney Catchment Authority (SCA) is one of the key government agencies in the approvals process. SCA manages and protects the catchment areas and the catchment infrastructure to promote water quality, and regulates certain activities in or affecting the inner and outer catchment areas.

Regular liaison with CA should occur throughout the approvals process.

SCA will be provided with all of the relevant project information in order to be able to have their key feedback; SCA will also be informed of any community information day session(s).

3.4.11. Lachlan Catchment Management Authority (CMA)

Lachlan Catchment Management Authority (CMA) is one of the key government agencies in the approvals process. CMA is will be mainly consulted for their involvement in Land Management to reduce wind and water erosion, and Landscape Rehabilitation to address Sediment Movement. Regular liaison with CMA should occur throughout the approvals process.

CMA will be provided with all of the relevant project information in order to be able to have their key feedback; CMA will also be informed of any community information day session(s).

3.4.12. NSW Crown Lands Division (CLD)

The Land and Property Management Authority (LPMA) was abolished under the NSW Government restructure announced in April 2011 and its former business divisions transferred to new departments.

The NSW Crown Lands Division (CLD) as a part of the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) is responsible for approximately half of NSW land and is one of the key government agencies in the approvals process.

Responsible for management of some 64,000 leases and licences enables the use of Crown land across the state for a range of commercial, agricultural, industrial, community, residential and private uses. CLD also manages the development, marketing and sale of Crown lands not required for public purposes. Regular liaison with LPMA should occur throughout the approvals process.

LPMA will be provided with all of the relevant project information in order to be able to have their key feedback; LPMA will also be informed of any community information day session(s).

3.4.13. NSW Police Force telecommunications

Communications assets owned by the NSW Police Force are located within the Paling Yards Wind Farm boundary. Whilst there is access to the co-ordinates stored within the ACMA RRL database, we will seek for confirmation for the accuracy for those co-ordinates of the Comms site Mt Defiance Trig (site ID 202200).

UFWA will endeavour to contact the NSW Police Force Telecommunications, and to provided with the description of the proposed development in light of their existing telecommunications assets looking for any feedback or comments.

These stakeholders will continue to be directly targeted in the community engagement process through:

- Information letter about the proposed project; and
- Community information day session(s).

3.4.14. Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA)

Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) is one of the key government agencies in the approvals process. CASA has the primary responsibility for the maintenance, enhancement and promotion of the safety of civil aviation in Australia. Regular liaison with CASA should occur throughout the approvals process.

CASA will be provided with all of the relevant project information in order to be able to have their key feedback; CASA will also be informed of any community information day session(s).

3.4.15. Department of Defence (DoD)

Department of Defence (DoD) is one of the key government agencies in the approvals process. Regular liaison with DoD should occur throughout the approvals process.

DoD will be provided with all of the relevant project information in order to be able to have their key feedback; DoD will also be informed of any community information day session(s).

3.4.16. Livestock Health and Pest Authorities State Management Council

Livestock Health and Pest Authorities State Management Council is one of the key government agencies in the approvals process. Livestock Health and Pest Authorities deliver the frontline livestock health service in NSW. They are also responsible for issuing licences for movements of stock across public road reserves. Regular liaison with them should occur throughout the approvals process.

They will be provided with all of the relevant project information in order to be able to have their key feedback; AA will also be informed of any community information day session(s).

3.4.17. Sustainability Environment Water Population and Communities (SEWPAC)

Sustainability Environment Water Population and Communities (SEWPAC) is one of the key government agencies in the approvals process. The SEWPAC is the commonwealth department in responsible for Water and Environment making them a key stakeholder to consult for any environmental impact in the area. Regular liaison with them should occur throughout the approvals process.

SEWPAC will be provided with all of the relevant project information in order to be able to have their key feedback; SEWPAC will also be informed of any community information day session(s).

3.5. Engagement With Non-Government Organisations

3.5.1. Airservices Australia (AA)

Airservices Australia (AA) is one of the key agencies in the approvals process. Airservices is responsible for safe, environmentally responsible air navigation, aviation rescue and fire fighting services in Australia. Regular liaison with AA should occur throughout the approvals process.

AA will be provided with all of the relevant project information in order to be able to have their key feedback; AA will also be informed of any community information day session(s).

3.5.2. Aerial Agricultural Association of Australia (AAAA)

Aerial Agricultural Association of Australia (AAAA) is one of the key agencies in the approvals process. The AAAA's key role is to enhance professional development throughout the industry, and to promote a sustainable aerial agricultural industry based on the professionalism of operators, pilots and staff and the pursuit of industry best practice. Regular liaison with the AAAA should occur throughout the approvals process.

AAAA will be provided with all of the relevant project information in order to be able to have their key feedback; AAAA will also be informed of any community information day session(s).

3.5.3. TransGrid

TransGrid as a Network Transmission regulator for NSW, is a key stakeholder in the Connection Agreement process. Regular liaison with TransGrid should occur throughout the Connection Agreement process.

Council will be directly targeted in the consultation process through:

- Technical and commercial meetings to study the Connection options; and
- Regular project liaison

3.5.4. Mineral exploration and mining title holders

Mineral exploration and mining title holders, as part of the local and regional community may have an interest in the project. These groups will be directly targeted in the consultation process through:

- Information letter about the proposed project; and
- Community Information Day Session(s).

3.5.5. Local Aboriginal Land Councils

The NSW Aboriginal Land Council is committed to ensuring a better future for Aboriginal people by working for the return of culturally significant and economically viable land. Consulting the NSW Aboriginal Land Council is vital to ensure a better understanding for Aboriginal people by understanding the culture and aiming to incorporate their land rights and possible issues into the propose

development. The Cultural Heritage consultant will be in regular liaison with the applicable LALC through the process and in particularly during the field survey investigations.

3.5.6. Local Environment Groups

Local Environmental Groups, as part of the local and regional community may have an interest in the project. These groups will be directly targeted in the consultation process through:

- Community newsletters; and
- Community Information Day Session(s).

3.5.7. Local Community Group

Local Community Groups, as part of the local and regional community may have an interest in the project. These groups will be directly targeted in the consultation process through:

- Community newsletters; and
- Community Information Day Session(s).

3.5.8. Industry Groups

Industry Groups, as part of the local and regional community may have an interest in the project. These groups will be directly targeted in the consultation process through:

- Community newsletters; and
- Community Information Day Session(s).

3.5.9. Local tourism Organisations

Local tourism Organisations, as part of the local and regional community may have an interest in the project.

These groups will be directly targeted in the consultation process through:

- Community newsletters; and
- Community Information Day Session(s).

3.5.10. Other Organisations

Specific interest groups within the local and regional community may have an interest in the project. These groups could have a community, environmental or economic focus.

These groups will be directly targeted in the consultation process through:

- Community newsletters; and
- Community Information Day Session(s).

3.6. Engagement with Media

This Strategy does not identify active engagement with the media during the course of the project, with the exception of paid advertising in the local newspaper informing of the door-knock consultation, community information day session(s), and approval process. However the media outlets have been noted as a stakeholder in Table 3.1 in the event that they choose to actively report on the project.

Table 3.1 Stakeholders consultation purpose and responsibility

ID	Stakeholder	Purpose of consultation	Responsibility
01	Landowners who will host turbines on their land	Refer to section 3.3.1	UFWA
02	Landowners within a 5km radius of the wind farm site boundary	Refer to section 3.3.2	UFWA & ERM
03	Landholders along transmission line route options	Refer to section 3.3.3	UFWA & ERM
04	Other interested community members	Refer to section 3.3.4	UFWA
05	NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure (DoPI)	Refer to section 3.4.1	UFWA & Tract Consultants
06	Oberon Shire Council (OSC)	Refer to section 3.4.2	UFWA
07	Upper Lachlan Shire Council (ULSC)	Refer to section 3.4.3	UFWA
08	NSW Office of Environment & Heritage (OEH)	Refer to section 3.4.4	Ecology: Anderson Environmental
			Heritage: Anderson Environmental
			Noise: SLR Consulting
09	NSW Office of Water	Refer to section 3.4.5	ERM
10	NSW Department of Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services (DTIRIS)	Refer to section 3.4.6	UFWA
11	NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS) (Including the Local Fire Brigades)	Refer to section 3.4.7	Fire: UFWA
			EMI: Garrad Hassan
12	National Parks (OEH)	Refer to section 3.4.8	UFWA
13	NSW Road and Traffic Authority (RTA)	Refer to section 3.4.9	URS Australia
14	Sydney Catchment Authority	Refer to section 3.4.10	ERM
15	Lachlan Catchment Management Authority (CMA)	Refer to section 3.4.11	ERM
16	NSW Crown Lands Division (CLD)	Refer to section 3.4.12	UFWA

ID	Stakeholder	Purpose of consultation	Responsibility
17	NSW Police Force Telecommunications	Refer to section 3.4.13	Garrad Hassan
18	Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA)	Refer to section 3.4.14	Aviation projects
19	Department of Defence (DoD)	Refer to section 3.4.15	Aviation projects & Garrad Hassan
20	Livestock Health and Pest Authorities State Management Council	Refer to section 3.4.16	UFWA
21	Sustainability Environment Water, Population and Communities (SEWPAC) (previously called DEWHA)	Refer to section 3.4.17	UFWA & ERM
22	Airservices Australia (AA)	Refer to section 3.5.1	Aviation projects
23	Aerial Agricultural Association of Australia (AAAA)	Refer to section 3.5.2	Aviation projects
24	TransGrid	Refer to section 3.5.3	UFWA
25	Mineral exploration and mining title holders	Refer to section 3.5.4	UFWA
26	Local Aboriginal Land Councils (LALCs)	Refer to section 3.5.5	Anderson Environmental
27	Local Environmental Group(s)	Refer to section 3.5.6	UFWA & ERM
28	Local Community Group(s)	Refer to section 3.5.7	UFWA & ERM
29	Industry Groups (ICNNSW)	Refer to section 3.5.8	UFWA
30	Local tourism Organisation(s)	Refer to section 3.5.9	UFWA
31	Other Organisation(s)	Refer to section 3.5.10	UFWA
32	Media	Refer to section 3.6	UFWA

4. ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

4.1. Overview

This Chapter provides more detail regarding the engagement activities discussed in Chapter 3.

UFWA will establish a dedicated community e-mail address, website and a freecall 1800 number that would be included on all project material to allow stakeholders to make contact with UFWA and make enquiries or comments relating to the Paling Yards wind farm project.

Any comments or complaints received through these avenues will be recorded on Record of Contact Form and actioned if necessary.

4.2. Door-Knock Consultation Meetings

The purpose of one to one door-knock meetings is to provide stakeholders with detailed information about the project and the approvals process and to provide opportunity for the individuals to have their say and enable UFWA to gather information about their opinions and any concerns they may have.

4.3. Group Meetings

The purpose of group meetings (not general public meetings) is to provide stakeholders with the same information but in a group format. Group meetings are proposed predominantly for government agencies and non-government organisations and interest groups.

Key steps in this task include:

- Mailing out introductory letters to inform the relevant stakeholders of the process and to offer them a one to one or group meeting opportunity;
- Following up the letter to schedule a meeting (note some stakeholders may simply wish to comment over a telephone call rather than meet);
- Attending the meeting and providing the stakeholder with a feedback form; and
- Documenting the meeting / telephone call and any follow up actions agreed to (ie. Provision of additional information);

4.4. Newsletters

There will be a minimum of 2 newsletters as part of the community engagement process. The first newsletter will provide general information about the project, the approvals process, and details of the planned community information day session(s), and the second newsletter will provide a project update.

The initial newsletter will be mailed (via Australia Post) to:

- All landowners and residents within a 5km radius of the wind farm sites;
- Landowners hosting/adjacent to transmission line options;
- The nearby townships located within 20-30km from the site boundaries;
- Relevant government agencies and other identified community interest groups;

The newsletter will also be made available to the wider community at the local Council offices and the information centres.

The second newsletter will go through the same process, but will be expanded to include any additional interested parties identified in the interim period.

4.5. Community Information day Session(s) and Advertising

During the Public Exhibition period (nominated by DoPI), A community information day session(s) will be held in a nearest community hall in the locality. This will not be public meetings, but rather information sessions where interested members of the community have the opportunity to talk directly with the consultant team who performed the environmental assessment reports as part of the Planning Application report and UFWA representative(s).

The sessions would consist of a static display of posters explaining the project and the approvals process. No video presentations would be made.

The session will be advertised in local papers 2 weeks prior to the session occurring.

UFWA representative(s) and any requested consultant team members will be present at the information session to answer any questions and provide further details about the project and process.

Feedback forms will be available to all attendees, to provide an opportunity for the community to formally comment on the project. Any comments gathered through this avenue will be documented as part of the community consultation process.

4.6. Review and Documentation of Stakeholder Feedback

All records of the correspondence with stakeholder prior to lodgement of the Planning Application will be compiled and distributed to the relevant consultant for their review and consideration in their specific environmental assessment report. All records of the correspondence with stakeholder after the lodgement of the Planning Application will be compiled and reviewed in order form a response to the submissions and also to help with the future community consultation if the proposed project is approved.



5. KEY ASPECTS FOR ENGAGEMENT

5.1. Key Aspects

It is vital that clear and consistent messages about the project and the approvals process are delivered to the community. Anticipation of community issues, and the development of key messages dealing with these issues and other project information will reduce the risk of community discontent or disruption of the process due to misinformation or absence of information.

Key messages include:

- A message clearly indicating UFWA's commitment to public participation in the approvals process. This message should indicate that the consultation process will:
 - (i) keep the community and stakeholders informed,
 - (ii) listen to and acknowledge community and stakeholder concerns, and
 - (iii) provide feedback on how their input will influence the final project and decision; and
- Other messages that respond to the issues and concerns raised by stakeholders and the community.

These key messages will be developed as the approvals and consultation processes progress.

5.2. Frequently Asked Questions

Throughout the consultation process, UFWA will develop a set of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs). These FAQs will be based around known key issues and concerns, this process will ensure that all project representatives distribute consistent information to the community. The FAQs will be reviewed periodically to ensure they remain reflective of project developments.

5.3. Consultation Timeframe

The consultation activities have commenced from the beginning of the project and will continue throughout the various phases of the project and will run in conjunction with the various field surveys and technical studies.

This timeline will be dynamic and will be updated as required to suit the planning process and feedback from key stakeholders.



Annex B

Consultation Material

PALING YARDS WIND FARM

Introduction

This is the first newsletter for the proposed Paling Yards Wind Farm. It is intended to inform the local community and interested stakeholders about key elements of the project, the site, and the steps in the upcoming planning process. This newsletter outlines the community engagement strategy that will be undertaken including details of an upcoming door knock in the local area. Subsequent newsletters will be distributed at key milestones of the project to keep interested community members informed and up-to-date.

Union Fenosa Wind Australia (UFWA) is undertaking the preliminary stages of the wind farm project. UFWA is part of an international energy group called gasNatural fenosa, which is a leading vertically integrated gas and electricity group that has a presence in 23 countries. It employs over 20,000 staff with 17,000 MW of installed electricity generation and has more than 20 million customers. It has a long history of successful renewable energy projects around the world, building more than 2,000 MW of green energy capacity across wind, solar, hydro, biomass and other renewable energy sources.

Project Overview

The Paling Yards site consists of approximately 3,900 hectares of undulating and hilly land bisected by Taralga/Abercrombie Road (refer Site Context Plan). It is located approximately 30 kilometers north of Traralga, and 60 kilometers south of Oberon. To the west is the Abercrombie River National Park and to the east is the Mount Werong State Forest.

The project is proposed to include;

- Up to 60 individual wind turbines standing up to 175m at top of blade top with a capacity of up to 3.4MW each;
- Access tracks;
- Upgrades to local road infrastructure including up to six access points from Abercrombie Road;
- A temporary batching plant to supply concrete for the foundations of the turbines and other associated structures;
- Obstacle lighting to selected turbines (if deemed necessary);
- Wind farm and substation control room and facilities buildings; and
- An electrical substation and overland connection to transmission lines.

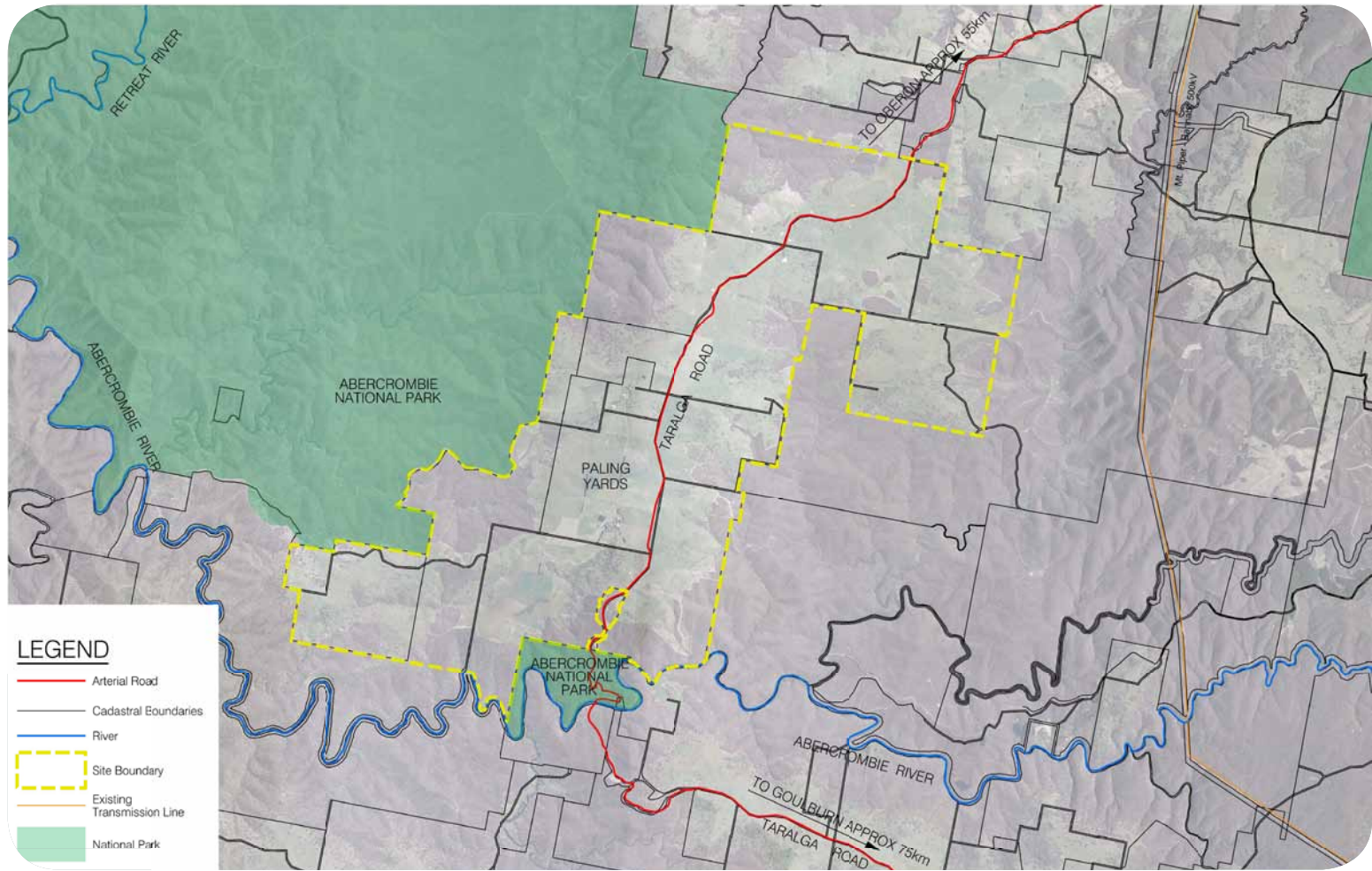
UFWA is investigating four options for overland connection to the transmission lines.

Three options exist for a 55km overland transmission line connection to the approved Crookwell 2 Wind Farm substation which connects to the Yass to Bannaby 330kV transmission line. These options are shown on the Transmission Line Plan as Options 1, 2 and 3.

Alternatively, an overland connection to the Mt Piper to Bannaby 500kV transmission line which bypasses the north east of the site is being investigated and is shown as Option 4. This option travels along Taralga/Abercrombie Road to join the transmission line approximately 6 kms from the subject site.

The transmission line involves a single pole (approximately 35m in height), made of concrete or steel, supporting up to two circuits with several conductors in each circuit. The distance between the poles depends on the underlying site conditions but will be approximately 200m.





Site Context Plan

Project Status and Planning Process

The Environmental Assessment and Approval Process comprises the following steps:

- Prepare Preliminary Environmental Assessment (PEA) and Project Application
- Environmental Assessment Requirements (EAR's) issued
- UFWA prepares and submit Environmental Assessment (EA) reports
- EA Adequacy Review
- Address Government feedback
- EA Exhibited Publicity for 30 days (including information day)
- UFWA respond to submissions
- Ministerial or Planning Assessment Commission Determination

A Preliminary Environmental Assessment (PEA) has been submitted to the Department of Planning and Infrastructure in 2009-2010 which includes preliminary details about the site and proposal (available on www.unionfenosa.com.au). The PEA informed the

Environmental Assessment Requirements (EARs) issued by the Department of Planning and Infrastructure outlining the issues to be addressed by a full Environmental Assessment (EA).

The next step is to prepare an EA for the proposed wind farm, which includes a comprehensive consultation process with the stakeholders. This involves specialist investigations to assess the potential impacts of the project and recommend mitigation measures.

The assessments include:

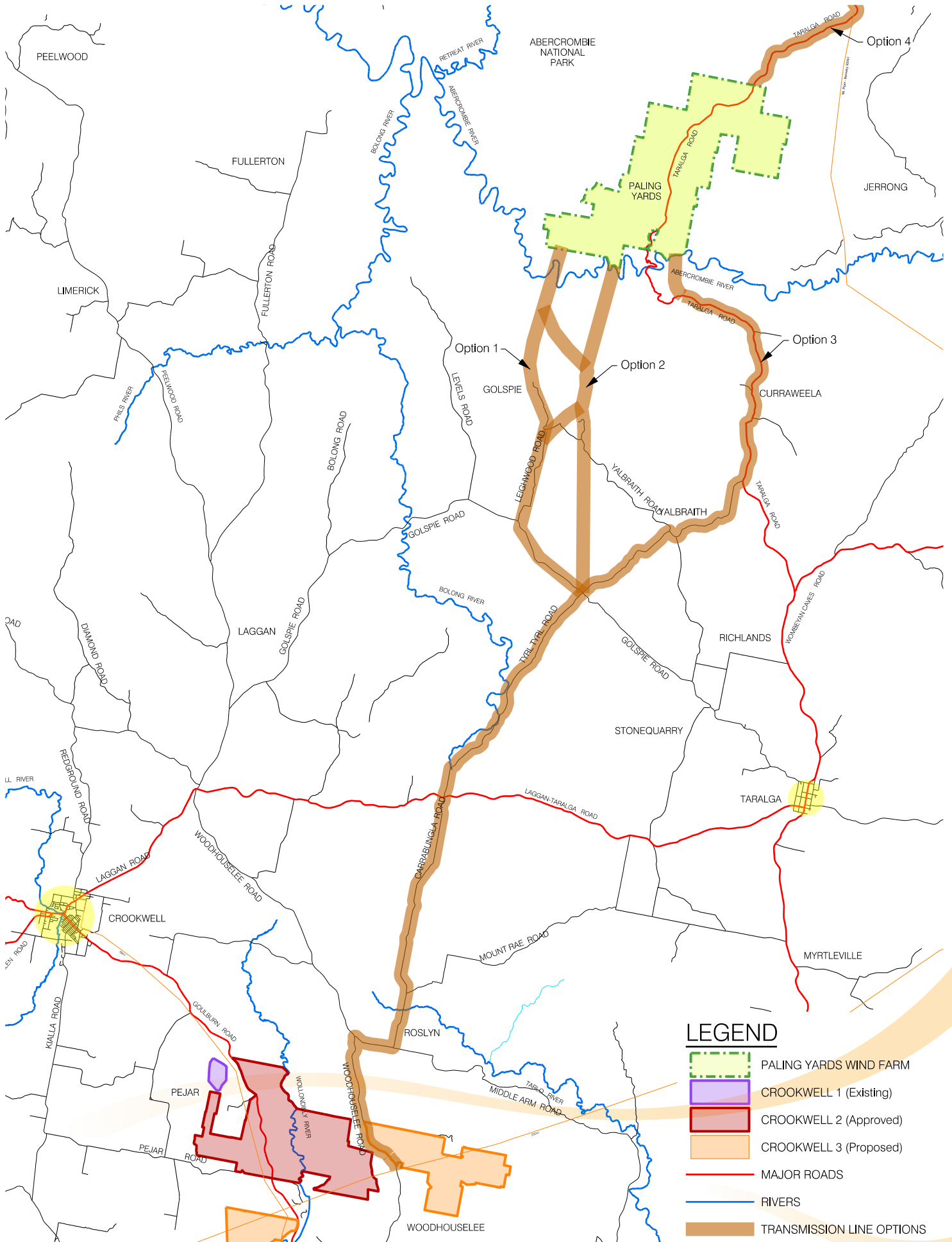
- Flora and Fauna;
- Noise;
- Landscape and Visual Impact;
- Shadow Flicker;
- Traffic and Transport;
- Aviation;
- Electromagnetic interference (telecommunications);
- Cultural Heritage;
- Social and economic benefits and impacts;
- Geotechnical;

- Hydrological
- Other potential hazards

UFWA seeks to better understand and address these issues and has commissioned specialists to investigate each and prepare reports. UFWA is also seeking community feedback regarding these issues to better understand how to address community expectations.

The investigation phase, together with the feedback from the community consultation, will assist in proposing a balanced wind farm design that will be included in the EA which incorporates optimal placement of the infrastructure for a viable project while reducing the impact to the environment and stakeholders. It is envisaged that the EA will be lodged with the Department of Planning and Infrastructure in October this year.

Once lodged, the EA will be assessed by the Department of Planning and Infrastructure. This assessment will include a period of public exhibition where interested stakeholders are invited to make a submission to the project.



LEGEND

- PALING YARDS WIND FARM
- CROOKWELL 1 (Existing)
- CROOKWELL 2 (Approved)
- CROOKWELL 3 (Proposed)
- MAJOR ROADS
- RIVERS
- TRANSMISSION LINE OPTIONS

Community Engagement

UFWA is committed to providing stakeholders with an opportunity to be involved in the approval process of the proposed wind farm and to shape the final project. As such, a detailed community engagement strategy is being prepared to ensure that members of the community are fully informed and to gather feedback which will influence the final design of the project. As a member of the community you will have several opportunities to be involved in the decision making process.

Some of the opportunities include:

- One to one door knock meetings
- Community information day
- Formal written submissions to the Department of Planning and Infrastructure
- Website inquiry form, phone, email and written inquires

Door Knock

As part of the community engagement strategy, a door knock of the local area will be conducted by UFWA representatives on the 30-31st of May and 1st of June 2011. All identified houses close to the wind farm and along the proposed transmission line options will be visited.

The door knock is a significant initiative that will help UFWA understand what issues are important in the local area, and will contribute to the design of the wind farm. Residents are invited to ask questions or comment on the proposed wind farm. Your feedback in these one to one meetings will be taken into consideration in the development of the overall design and inform the Environmental Assessment for the project.

We encourage residents who would like a visit to contact UFWA and make an appointment for a suitable time. Regardless of whether an appointment is made, all houses within a 5km radius of the proposed wind farm will be visited.

If you have any questions or are interested in setting up an appointment, please call 1800 457 181.



Community Information Day

A Community Information Day is proposed to be held during the exhibition period to provide further opportunity for the local community and stakeholders to ask questions about the proposal. The Information Day will be held over an afternoon and will include presentation boards containing key information on the project. Members of the consultant team will be available to answer any questions and explain key aspects of the proposed wind farm. Dates for the information day are to be confirmed and will be advised closer to the date.

How to stay informed

UFWA aims to keep you informed about the proposed Paling Yards Wind Farm with newsletters such as this one. If you have questions or would like to be informed of updates in a different way, please contact:



Address: **Suite 4.03, 68 York Street Sydney NSW 2000**

Phone: **Free Call No. 1800-457-181**

Email: **info@unionfenosa.com.au**

Internet: **http://www.unionfenosa.com.au/project_py.htm**

Golspie Wind Farm goes live

GOLSPIE Wind Farm, along with Bango Wind Farm have both taken the next step in their preliminary community consultation process. Websites for both projects are now live, allowing people to comment on the projects through the 'Have Your Say' page.

The project websites are www.golspiewindfarm.com.au and www.bangowindfarm.com.au. "The purpose of these websites is to showcase the Golspie and Bango wind farms and provide information to the public at each stage of development.

While more specific information is to be added in the coming months, the websites provide a focal point for landowners and the general public to comment on the projects," said Scott Evans, Development Manager with Wind Prospect CWP Pty Ltd. "Each website will be maintained throughout the duration of the project with key events, milestones and newsletters updated as the wind farms progress. Importantly, there is a 'Have Your Say' form on the website for community members to get their opinions across to us and shape the development," said Mr Evans.

Street fire on Kialla Rd



• What is left over of the fire lit on Kialla Rd during the early hours of Saturday morning. Inset: Broken glass was spread over a wide area on both sides of the street.

IN the early hours of Saturday morning in very windy conditions, a fire was lit on the asphalt in Kialla Road near the McDonald Street intersection. Bottles and cans were thrown into the fire and

broken glass was spread over a wide area on both sides of the street. The fire was put out by a reasonably heavy fall of rain which caused the group to disperse. Police are investigating.



• Looking across the beautiful Kialla Valley.



Letter to the Editor

WE are residents of Pejar Road, 10kms south of Crookwell. The above photo was taken from our backyard, which looks across the beautiful Kialla Valley.

This is where around 84 enormous wind turbines are to be situated. These turbines will run south along the top of the ridge.

We live about two kilometres or so from the top of this ridge. We have never been contacted by anyone regarding the wind turbines and how they will impact on our lives.

We hear peoples concerns regarding the noise, the flicker, the health problems, TV disturbance and the acquiring of land, but we are unsure of what we are in for until they arrive. The one thing we do know is that these enormous turbines are going to ruin the look and feel of this beautiful landscape.

The people who voted yes to the wind turbines probably didn't realise we may well become surrounded by them.

We believe that these turbines will be visible from parts of the Crookwell township.

Picture a few high-rise buildings in the main street of Crookwell, they would look ridiculous and out of place. This is how these turbines will look over the valley.

This picturesque area has so much history with some lovely old historic buildings. The old butter factory, the schoolhouse and the old store still remain and are well maintained by their current owners.

This village also boasts two lovely churches that overlook the valley. These historic churches may soon be overlooked by turbines.

This historic area is situated probably no more than 1km from where the first turbine is planned.

The land in this area has some of the best grazing country in the southern tablelands, it shouldn't be used as industrial land.

If all these planned wind farms proceed, Crookwell will be known as the town with all the turbines. Not very appealing is it.

**Concerned residents,
Leigh and Kellie Plumb.**

Crown lands and weeds

THE current NSW Government has committed itself to increase noxious weeds control funding by \$6 million (15 per cent) over four years - and will require Crown lands to be subject to the same requirements as private landholders.

The commitment has been given in a joint statement by the Liberal - National Parties.

It will include increased weed patrols along fire trails in National Parks.

The plans, to cover the years 2011 to 2016, were received by Upper

Lachlan Council at its last meeting.

A feasibility study will be conducted for the establishment of a Regional Weeds Authority, which it is claimed will streamline the delivery of noxious weeds control resources.

The commitments were received with approval by Councilors, although Cr. Mick Mayoh commented that extending private rules and regulations to all Crown and Departmental lands would create added expense for Council because of the increase in inspections required.



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**LACHLAN CATCHMENT
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Lachlan Catchment Management Authority Board Vacancies

Do you have an interest in the environment, agriculture and community? Then the Lachlan Catchment Management Authority (CMA) is looking for you. Governed by a Board consisting of a Chair and six Board Members who report directly to the delegated NSW Minister, opportunities are now available for interested Lachlan catchment residents to apply for Board positions that have come available due to conclusion of terms of appointment.

Our Board members play an active role in organisational activities and demonstrate an understanding of the strategic, economic, social and environmental issues facing the catchment.

Potential Board members should reside within the Lachlan Catchment and be able to demonstrate the following:

- Community involvement with an appreciation for the diverse range of values and sensitivities throughout the catchment;
- An understanding of the key environmental and natural resource management issues, including soils, water, landscapes, current land uses, extractive industries, native vegetation and animals;
- A working knowledge of land use systems with the capacity to encourage sustainable developments within the Catchment;
- The ability to participate in setting the strategic development of the organisation and its goals
- A proven track record in building relationships and working collaboratively with others; plus

Broad knowledge and practical skills in some of the following areas:

- Primary production - Community leadership, education and capacity building
- Business administration, finance, accounting or law - Communication, consultation, negotiation and facilitation
- Social and economic analysis - Natural resource management systems, conservation and the environment
- Aboriginal cultural heritage - State/Local Government administration

Appointments are for a term of up to three years with the option open to apply for reappointment. Board Members are remunerated for their contribution with all travel expenses also covered.

The Lachlan CMA Board meets 10 times a year with members also involved in various sub committees to assist with the direction and growth of the organisation.

Successful applicants must be prepared to complete certification with the Australian Institute of Company Directors Course.

For further information in relation to this opportunity, please contact the Lachlan CMA Chairman, Robert Gledhill on Ph: 0428 262 891 or Samara Stewart on 02 6851 9502

Email: samara.stewart@cma.nsw.gov.au for a detailed information package.

Applications close Friday 27th May 2011.



• Joanne and Chris Robertson

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So how do you get in the draw? All you need to do is pay your booking fee to Jan before September 30, 2011 for your ceremony to be held at any date in the future, complete the entry form that she will give you and she will enter you in the draw. It's that simple!

We spoke with Jan recently. She became a full time celebrant in 2007 and says she loves what she does. Being a full time celebrant, Jan is available for ceremonies any time any day.

She has performed many local weddings and namings and although most of her ceremonies are in the local area of Crookwell, Binda, Gunning, Taralga, Goulburn, Canberra or at the Coast she is happy to travel further for your special day. Your ceremony can be

anywhere that is special to you. It can be in a restaurant, hall, private garden or down the paddock. It can be at the beach, on a boat, in a hot air balloon. The venue is your choice.

"I also know of some small local churches we could use if you wish," said Jan.

Jan has a portable public address system which means you don't have to worry about a power supply to ensure all your guests hear what is happening and you can still have your favourite music. "It is an amazing privilege to be able to pronounce a couple husband and wife," said Jan.

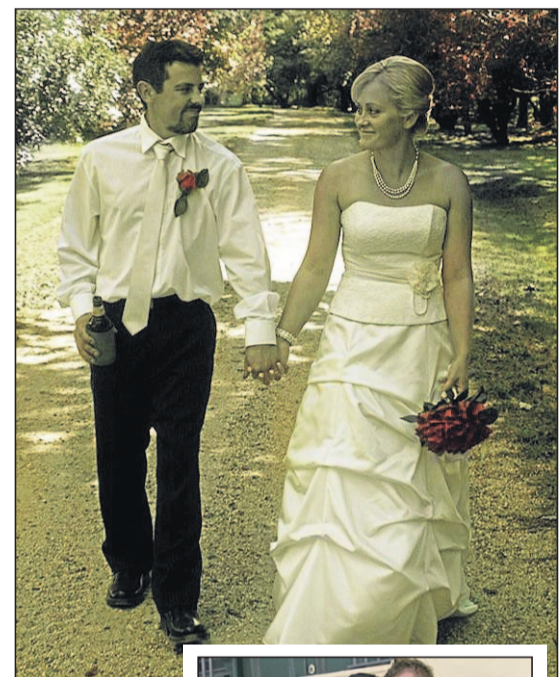
"I have had many jobs over the years but, by far, being a celebrant, is the most satisfying.

"Helping people develop their own special ceremony is especially rewarding. "Everyone is unique and I get great pleasure working with people to develop a ceremony that reflects that uniqueness."

Jan has an extensive library of material that she will share with you to help the decision making process easier.

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• Kylie and Andrew Lynch

• Jan Fenton.



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DEATH NOTICES

JOBLING - Rod

Passed away peacefully at Oberon Hospital on 16th May, 2011. Best friend and loving husband of Alison, and loving and treasured father and father-in-law of Winsome and John, Pru and Jens, Jen and Michael. Special grandfather of Jasmine, Damian, Haylee and Tessa, and great-grandfather of Georgia. Loved brother and uncle to Sue, Stephen, Kevin, Lisa, Mitchell and Thomas, and good friend to many.

PEACEFUL FLYING

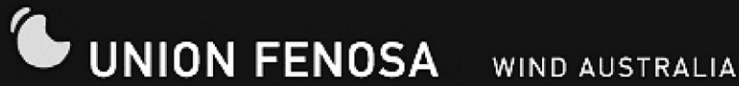
Relatives and friends of Rod are advised that his funeral will be held on **MONDAY, 23rd May, 2011** commencing at 10.30am. The cortege will leave St Ignatius' Church, Queen Street, Oberon at the conclusion of the Service in the Anglican Rite, for private cremation.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made at the church to the Oberon Hospital Auxiliary.

M. A. & P. M. DWYER

30 Fleming Street, Oberon
Phone: 6336 1267

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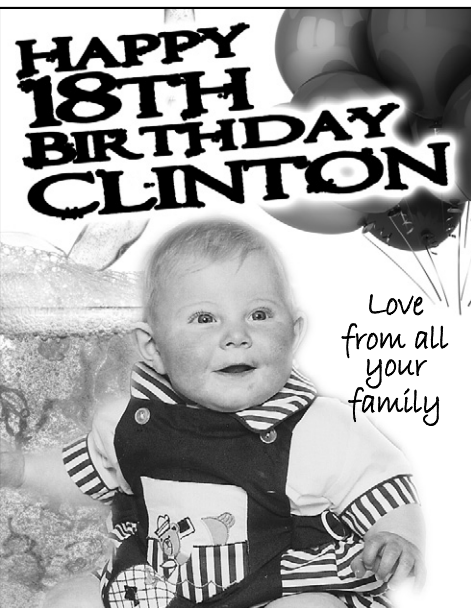
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- Previous experience in maintenance electrical work;
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- Achieving and exceeding safety targets
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POSITIONS VACANT

Manager Offender Services & Programs
Clerk Grade 9/10, Oberon Correctional Centre, Permanent Full-Time.

Vacancy Number: 00000FUB. Total remuneration package valued at \$111,085 pa including salary range of \$89,076 pa to \$98,159 pa, employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading. An Environmental Allowance (currently \$2,507 pa) also applies during occupancy of this position.

Primary Purpose of the Position: Responsible for the operation and management of Offender Programs and Services including Case Management, Risk Management and Classification and associated staffing.

Selection Criteria: Proven managerial skills including the capacity to negotiate satisfactory resolutions to conflict. Knowledge of adventure/experiential learning programs. Highly developed communication skills. Possess an understanding of the principles and application of case management to offender management, classification, security level and goal placement. Demonstrated experience in the development, implementation and evaluation of programs. Proven ability to effectively lead a multi-disciplinary team. Demonstrated experience in budget management and monitoring. An awareness of the requirements of working in a correctional environment and an extensive understanding of contemporary correctional issues.

Job Notes: Applicants must apply and address the selection criteria online and attach their resume as a word document to their online application. Applicants must provide e-mail addresses for two nominated referees, one of which should be a current or recent supervisor. An eligibility list may be created and may be used to fill future similar positions within this area. All new staff will be required to attend the Integrated Induction for up to 2 weeks at the commencement of their employment

Inquiries: Mark.Kennedy@dcs.nsw.gov.au (02) 6335 5248

Closing date: 5/6/2011.

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KAOS kids a knockout!

Review by Anne Cleary

IF you haven't managed to see Kids Acting On Stage's (KAOS) latest offering, then do yourself a huge favour and hightail it to the Crookwell Memorial Hall this weekend. This reviewer was totally captivated and in awe of the impressive performances of these young people when attending opening night last Friday. At the same time, it was a little disappointing to note the small audience numbers who turned out to support our own home grown little Aussie actors. This is why you need to see this gem of a show before it's too late!

It is ninety minutes of pure entertainment which begins with a song and dance segment performed by a tantalising troupe of tiny tots, and then segues nicely into the frenetic 50's music that accompanies the fractured fairy tale "Doo Wop Wed Widing Hood". The whole spectacle of the show left Friday night's small but supportive audience wanting more.

>From the very beginning, when the youngest cast members make their entrance for "Weather Forecast", it becomes obvious that we are in for a most entertaining evening. The glitter of the tabs, the burst of bubbles descending on stage and the array of rainbow brollies, make an effective backdrop to these cute and colourful infants, eleven in total, as they dance onto the stage. "Singing in the Rain" are Rylee, Logan and Katelyn Croke; Taleisha and Tiarna Bill; Imogen and Breanne Roberts; Bella and Bonita Holman; Emily Secomb and Misha O'Brien. But it isn't long before they make the sun come out with their bright smiles! A little circuit around the maypole provides the chance for most of them to steal a little peek at the audience, but that doesn't faze them a bit. These little ones love applause and they certainly earn it with this delightful seven-minute routine.

In a matter of minutes, the stage is reset for "Do Wop Wed Widing Hood". This is a particularly good script, well-suited to the age group performing it. In fact, the twenty-four young actors in this production turn out to be a tight-knit ensemble giving the most even-handed delivery seen on stage for some time.

>From Mr and Mrs Hood's entrance (James Anderson and Kathleen Campbell), the high standard of acting is established. The sweetest little Red Riding Hood that could grace the stage appears, as Felicity Naughton takes on the title role. She sustains the sweetness throughout in both speech and song.

Just in case the audience needs help in following the plot, a very capable Gemma O'Brien in the guise of the narrator and complete with a remote control and pause button, steps in to clarify the situation. It turns out that Little Red is not an only child. Her siblings - Medium Purple and Big Green, beautifully characterised by Laura O'Keefe and Susie Brennan,

add their own twist to the plot in a most humorous way.

All good fairy tales need a kingdom and its associated characters. It is within the castle walls that the King and Queen (Jack Hunt and Amy Warren) make their presence felt. These two young actors carry off their regal roles with great aplomb. They also have three very special off-spring - Wide Prince Jason (Justin Taylor), Strong Prince Justin (Max O'Brien) and Loud Prince Frank (Zach George) - aptly named and aptly played. These guys complement the Hood girls in both humour and temperament. Georgie O'Brien and Hannah Stephens make the perfect ladies-in-waiting. They're bright and they're funny. Jye Naughton and Jacob McGrath play each end of the mandatory dragon (what fairy tale would be complete without one?) with the right amount of pathos. It's easy to feel sorry for the green beast.

Of course no tale about Red Riding Hood would be complete without the grandmother (Rebeka Picker) and the Big Bad Wolf (Ellis O'Brien). Rebeka portrays the aged grannie most convincingly and Ellis manages to get the audience onside with some very funny lines and saxophone playing - not a skill one usually attributes to the Big Bad Wolf.

And then there's Louise (Monique Naughton). It's not often that a postal service delivery person gets a main part in a fairy tale, but as was established earlier, this is no ordinary fairy tale. The small supporting chorus of Milljana McGrath, Molly Seaman, Keira Warren and Gemma Watmore succeed beautifully in adding voice, colour and movement when they're required on stage. All in all, this is a very tight accomplished cast, especially when one notes that most of these actors are still in primary school. However, two of the older cast members (junior high school age) deserve a special mention both for their character portrayal and their singing. They're hard to ignore when they make an entrance or an exit. The fairy godmother (Emily Campbell) and her nemesis the Evil Queen (Eliza Stephens) are stunning. Just wait until you hear their duet, "Fairy Tales Blues", complete with harmonies!

As this is a musical, no review would be complete without making mention of the toe-tapping, boppy tunes straight out of the '50s and these kids belt them out with gusto and in key! Not only that, they have the dance moves down pat. When they burst on stage in the opening number, you will wish you were up there on stage with them.

Excellent direction, superb sets and lighting, amazing costumes and a bunch of talented kids acting on stage make this a play not to be missed. You have only two chances left to see it - this Saturday night at 7pm and Sunday afternoon starting at 2pm. You'll kick yourself if you don't.

High Schoolers with a sense of service

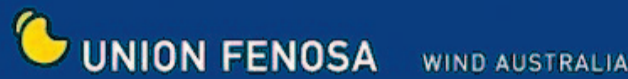
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SO that the children could listen to stories and music at any given time, the Interactors flew into action again and in six weeks raised the \$400 needed to make the listening centre available.

As Ebony told Rotary members: "We are a passionate, energetic and committed group of young people - we hope to broaden our community service activities by extending our help to those in greatest need."

She expressed thanks to the Rotary Club for its support, and particularly mentioned the time and effort provided

by Rotarians Richard Opie and Craig Smart.

As Rotarian Gordon Grant commented after listening to the Interactors: "In my far away school-days there was no way we could speak with the confidence shown by these young people - we were told to speak when spoken to and otherwise be quiet." Rotarian Brian Hudson, who is Principal of the High School, added that he was proud of the Interactors and their activities - "they are great ambassadors for their school and for their community."



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Change mooted for Brooklyn footbridge

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MR. Newham said the bridge provided an important link between the Brooklands area and the Crookwell CBD, the Hospital and other medical services.

The existing bridge is only 1m wide, while current RTA standard required for pathways for pedestrians and cyclists is 2.5m, Mr. Newham said.

About two-thirds of the bridge was washed away in the December floods.

A temporary pathway has been constructed by Council to link up the remains of the bridge to the western bank.

Mr. Newham said that an inspection by representatives of the NSW Department of Commerce (the funding body) and Council staff agreed that the remains of the bridge had sustained too much damage to be economically returned to permanent use.

Because of the high cost of total replacement and unlikelihood of funding, a new crossing was designed using four box culverts where the pathway crosses the streams.

These would be 700mm lower than the present level and have the capacity to carry the flows of 1 to 2 years flooding.

"It is anticipated that the path would be out serv-

ice due to flooding for several hours at a time," Mr. Newham said.

The pathway, which would be 2.5m wide, would have very flat batters both upstream and downstream to protect from erosion and allow safe, easy mowing.

"The pathway would provide less potential for snagging of debris in the river during floods and require less maintenance and repair than a bridge," Mr. Newham said.

"This is significant as the river appears to carry a lot of debris when it floods."

Cr. Mick Mayoh commented that it was "quite ridiculous" to have a 2.5m wide crossing for such low usage, when there had never been an accident and which would increase the cost.

Mr. Newham replied Council had to deal with the Department of Commerce which used RTA standards.

He pointed out that if accepted the new design would be constructed at no cost to Council.

Cr. Paul Culhane wondered at the effectiveness of the lower level, but Mr. Newham assured him it would make the structure more secure.

The recommendation for the culvert-style structure was carried unanimously.

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Different versions of rescue mission emerge

By LOUISE THROWER

DIFFERING versions of a rescue mission from a Crookwell Rd car accident two weeks ago have emerged, posing a headache for emergency authorities.

Ambulance and police have said they'd be recommending passing motorists for their bravery, but just who should be awarded could prove a difficult decision.

Passers by pulled Crookwell father and son Jim and James Evans out of their burning car, 8km from Goulburn after it crashed on Friday May 20.

Their ute had struck a culvert and tree and rolled several times,

before it landed upside down on the road. Fire engulfed the car within moments of people at the scene pulling the men free.

Last week, Goulburn man Malcolm Peden told the Goulburn Post he pulled James Evans junior from the burning vehicle. With assistance from two younger men from Bathurst and Orange travelling together and Golspie man Justin Rowles, he had also helped free Jim Evans senior and carry him to the side of the road.

But Bathurst man Dennis Jensen said only his son, Nathan, 18, and work colleague Josh Archbald, 21, of Orange had pulled the men out.

He told the Post that according to his son, others at the scene were reluctant to move the men and were mindful the car could go up at any moment.

"That's just how these kids are," Mr Jensen of Bathurst said of the pair's bravery.

They had been working in Canberra and were on their way home. Both are employed by an arborist company which had been contracted to clear vegetation from rail corridors.

Having decided not to stop in Goulburn for a bite to eat they soon came across the rolled ute on the Crookwell Rd. They arrived behind Malcolm Peden and Justin and Angela

Rowles. Nathan, with his senior first aid certificate, did not hesitate to help, his father said.

"The others were convinced that because the car was already on fire, whoever was in it was in a very bad way or was gone," Mr Jensen said.

"The people there contacted emergency services but they were reluctant to move them. But Nathan and Josh said 'look we're going to get them out.'

"Josh cut the seatbelt on the passenger side and the boys pulled them out."

Mr Jensen said they had just freed the men when Nathan turned to take a photo on his mobile phone for police.

"A minute later the car just went 'boom,'" he said.

"It shocked him that he could have been in danger too but said he didn't think about it at the time. These boys are like that."

Mr Evans junior was able to speak and asked the boys to collect his wallet from the car but by that time it was too late. The pair had been on their way to Goulburn to pay bills, Mr Jensen understood.

Nathan and Josh did not stick around for praise. Mr Jensen said just the fact that the men were okay and in emergency service hands was enough for them.

As soon as police had finished their enquiries, they were on their way. This week,

Crookwell man Shane Ellem told the Post he was driving from Crookwell when he encountered the rolled and smoking car. By this time, other motorists were at the scene. He noticed younger James was out of the vehicle by this stage.

"I jumped out to render as much assistance as possible...I bolted down the other side of the ute," he said.

"I could see older Jim was upside down and the car was on fire. My only concern was to get him out. I asked for help and nobody was willing.

"I decided I had to do something and went in underneath his ribcage."

Mr Ellem said Mr Evans senior's head was stuck underneath the

seat's headrest and the younger boys warned him against moving him any further. He said he ignored this and it was only when he had Mr Evans a few metres free that others heeded his call for help.

"He's alive, he's 92, and if I can give him a few more years, then so be it," Mr Ellem said.

He was aware of the different accounts but said he "knew what he did."

Mr Evans junior suffered fractured ribs and minor abrasions while his father sustained head and internal injuries. Both were flown to Canberra Hospital. James was released last Friday however his father remains in a stable condition.



• This dramatic photo of the May 20 Crookwell Road fireball was taken by Nathan Jensen on his mobile phone about 1-2 minutes after he and mate Josh Archbald had pulled the occupants of the vehicle to a safe distance.

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A TTY service is available for persons who have a hearing or speech impairment on **1800 555 677**.

Applications close on **Wednesday 8 June 2011 at 5pm AEST**.

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www.fahcsia.gov.au

Out of Bron's Kitchen



Soupy
I was asked down the street the other day for a

quick, 'off the top of my head' Pumpkin soup recipe. Here it is Cath:
Basic Pumpkin Soup
In a soup pot put the following

- 1.5kg butternut pumpkin - peeled and chopped
- 2 chopped brown onions
- 1 litre liquid chicken stock
- 1 leek sliced

Bring to the boil and cook until the pumpkin is tender. Use a stick blender to

blend and check the seasoning. I like to add a little extra chicken stock powder and some salt and pepper.

A couple of variations:
For a little flavour boost add to the above

- * 1 can corn kernels or creamed corn and small can of chick peas, (cook usual time and blend)
- * 500gms chopped bacon (fry with the onion and leek before adding the other ingredients)

- * 500gms cooked chicken (add at the end after blending and just warm through)
- * 1/2 pumpkin and 1/2 potato (some people don't like all pumpkin)
- * Add 1 cup cream after blending for a creamier soup
- * Serve with a dollop of sour cream and chives sprinkled on top
- I suggest warmed crusty bread to accompany any of the above variations

Cheers, Bron

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DEATH NOTICES

WILDS: Noel Thomas "Ned" Late of Buxton, formerly of Black Springs Passed away 22nd May 2011

Dearly loved husband of Jacqueline. Loved father of Sheree & Erica. Beloved younger brother of George (Dec), Raymond, Rita & James. Fond Uncle to all his nieces and nephews.

The Funeral Service for Noel will be held in St Anthony's Catholic Church, Tahmoor on Friday 27th May, 2011 commencing at 2pm. Following the Service the cortege will proceed to Thirlmere Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Australian Cancer Research Foundation would be appreciated.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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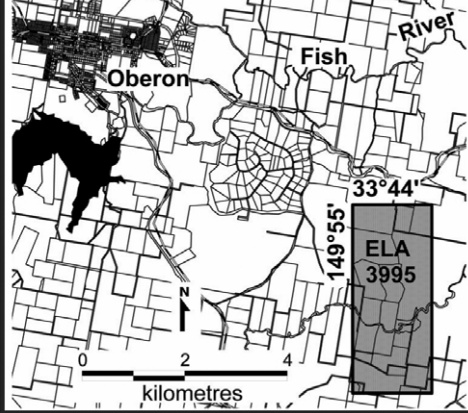
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Gavin Jeffries - Regional Manager

PUBLIC NOTICES

EXPLORATION LICENCE APPLICATION
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Information regarding this application can be obtained from Bob Harrison - Mining Title Services Pty Ltd on Tel: 02 9420 3591. Information regarding landholders' rights are available from the Department's website <http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/minerals/titles>



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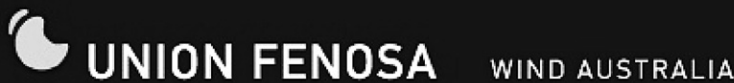
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Human Resources Manager
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Haymarket NSW 1240

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PALING YARDS WIND FARM

Door-Knock Consultation Meeting Record

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PROPERTY DETAILS			
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<p>Introduction and Process Outline</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Introduce Union Fenosa Wind Australia 2) Introduce the Project and explain the relationship of the project to the property 3) Outline Stakeholder Engagement Process 4) Outline the community involvement and rights regarding the process



GENERAL SURVEY	
General View of Wind Farms?	Highly supportive Supportive Neutral Opposed Highly Opposed 1 ----- 2 ----- 3 ----- 4 ----- 5
→ How have you formed this view? (TV, Radio, Newspaper, Neighbour, etc)	
Do you have any concerns about the wind farm, and if so, what are they?	
Identify Landowner Involvement Category: (UFWA use Only)	Highly Involved / Attentive / Browser / General Public
Concern about Noise Impact	Not Concerned Neutral Very Concerned 1 ----- 2 ----- 3 ----- 4 ----- 5
→ Are you happy for your house to be used for background noise measurements (if required)?	Yes
Concern about Landscape Visual Impact	Not Concerned Neutral Very Concerned 1 ----- 2 ----- 3 ----- 4 ----- 5
→ What is the main viewpoint from house (Circle all that apply)	N --- NE --- E --- SE --- S --- SW --- W --- NW
Concern about Shadow Flicker Impact	Not Concerned Neutral Very Concerned 1 ----- 2 ----- 3 ----- 4 ----- 5
Concern about Negative Impact to Land Value	Not Concerned Neutral Very Concerned 1 ----- 2 ----- 3 ----- 4 ----- 5
Concern about Fire Hazard	Not Concerned Neutral Very Concerned 1 ----- 2 ----- 3 ----- 4 ----- 5
Concern about Impact to Flora & Fauna	Not Concerned Neutral Very Concerned 1 ----- 2 ----- 3 ----- 4 ----- 5
Concern about Impact to Aerial Agriculture Activities	Not Concerned Neutral Very Concerned 1 ----- 2 ----- 3 ----- 4 ----- 5
Concern about Impact to Local Traffic	Not Concerned Neutral Very Concerned 1 ----- 2 ----- 3 ----- 4 ----- 5
Concerns about High Voltage Transmission Lines	Not Concerned Neutral Very Concerned 1 ----- 2 ----- 3 ----- 4 ----- 5



Concern about Electromagnetic Interference to TV & Radio Reception	Not Concerned 1 ----- 2 ----- 3 ----- 4 ----- 5	Neutral	Very Concerned
→ What television services do nearby resident (i.e. within 5km of a turbine location) use?			
→ Where do residents receive free-to-air television signals from?			
→ Also, what wireless internet services (if any) are used by the residents?			
→ Mark if the house has more than 1 storey	Yes / No		
If the proposal was approved, what type of community project(s) would you like to see funded from the wind farm contributions to the Council's Community Enhancement Program?			
How would you like to be informed in the future, newsletters, fact sheets, information days, one on one meetings with UFWA, other?			
<p>For each of the landowner concerns ranked 4 or 5,</p> <p>A) Identify what is causing the concern to the landowner.</p> <p>B) Identify what has triggered those concerns.</p> <p>C) What can be done to address those concerns?</p> <p>D) Do others in the community share similar concerns, and what has triggered their concerns.</p> <p>E) What can be done to address the community concerns?</p>			

GENERAL QUESTIONS, CONCERNS & COMMENTS
Landowner's concerns relating to wind farms: (Please List)



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Dwelling GPS Location:	Easting	Northing	mAsL
Or Coordinate from Roadside:	Easting	Northing	mAsL
Property Name (if any):	_____		
Street Address:	_____		
Suburb / Locality:	State:	Post Code:	

RESIDENT DETAILS			
Name(s):	_____		
Phone No:	Home (02) _____	Fax (02) _____	Mobile 04 _____
Email:	_____		

MAILING LIST	
Include on Mailing List?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, <input type="checkbox"/> Same as property address or detail below
Mailing Address:	_____

<p>Introduction and Process Outline</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Introduce Union Fenosa Wind Australia 2) Introduce the Project and explain the relationship of the project to the property 3) Outline Stakeholder Engagement Process 4) Outline the community involvement and rights regarding the process



GENERAL SURVEY	
General View of Wind Farms?	Highly supportive Supportive Neutral Opposed Highly Opposed 1 ----- 2 ----- 3 ----- 4 ----- 5
→ How have you formed this view? (TV, Radio, Newspaper, Neighbour, etc)	
Identify Landowner Involvement Category: (UFWA use Only)	Highly Involved / Attentive / Browser / General Public
Concerns about High Voltage Transmission Lines	Not Concerned Neutral Very Concerned 1 ----- 2 ----- 3 ----- 4 ----- 5
→ Are you willing to consider hosting an easement?	
Concern about Landscape Visual Impact	Not Concerned Neutral Very Concerned 1 ----- 2 ----- 3 ----- 4 ----- 5
→ What is the main viewpoint from house (Circle all that apply)	N --- NE --- E --- SE --- S --- SW --- W --- NW
Concern about Negative Impact to Land Value	Not Concerned Neutral Very Concerned 1 ----- 2 ----- 3 ----- 4 ----- 5
Concern about Fire Hazard	Not Concerned Neutral Very Concerned 1 ----- 2 ----- 3 ----- 4 ----- 5
Concern about Impact to Flora & Fauna	Not Concerned Neutral Very Concerned 1 ----- 2 ----- 3 ----- 4 ----- 5
Concern about Impact to Aerial Agriculture Activities	Not Concerned Neutral Very Concerned 1 ----- 2 ----- 3 ----- 4 ----- 5
Concern about Electromagnetic Interference to GPS, TV & Radio Reception	Not Concerned Neutral Very Concerned 1 ----- 2 ----- 3 ----- 4 ----- 5
Concern about Electromagnetic Fields Health Effects	Not Concerned Neutral Very Concerned 1 ----- 2 ----- 3 ----- 4 ----- 5
If the proposal was approved, what type of community project(s) would you like to see funded from the wind farm contributions to the Council's Community Enhancement Program?	
How would you like to be informed in the future, newsletters, fact sheets, information days, one on one meetings with UFWA, other?	



UNION FENOSA

WIND AUSTRALIA

Date _____ Time _____

Dear Resident,

I visited your house today to talk about the proposed Paling Yards Wind Farm. Sorry I missed you. I will be in the area until the afternoon of Wednesday 1st of June 2011, so if you would like to call me on the number written under my name below, we can organise a more suitable time.

If this is not possible, and you have any questions or you would like to discuss any aspect of the proposed wind farm, you can call our free call number during business hours (1800 457 181) or visit http://www.unionfenosa.com.au/project_py.htm

The purpose of the door knock is to answer questions and gather information from nearby residents so as to better understand the concerns of the members in the community in regards to the proposed wind farm project and to be able to provide more information to our consultants for the preparation of the planning application.

Thank you for your time, and, once again, I'm sorry I missed you.

Kind Regards,

Name _____

Mobile _____

Union Fenosa Wind Australia

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Email: info@unionfenosa.com.au

Advertisement Calendar - October 2012



October 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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			Goulburn Post			
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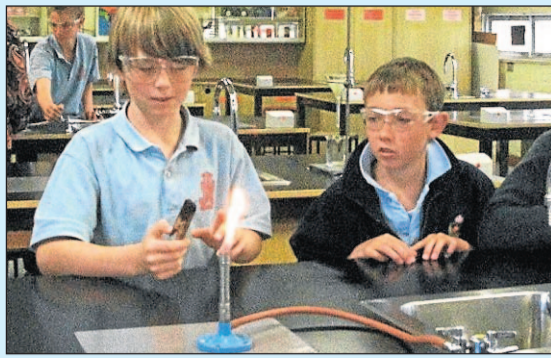
Future Picassos



• Budding artists, Rhianna King and Bridget Myvalt, enthusiastically working to create a "Picasso".

Year 1 delved into the magical world of abstract paintings by Picasso. The students examined the ways Picasso used lines, shapes and colours to enhance an image. A procedure was then followed by the students to create a simple portrait using Picasso's techniques.

Off to High School



• Jacob McGregor and Daniel Picker conduct an experiment in Crookwell High School's science laboratories. This term Year 6 students participated in their last of a series of taster lessons at Crookwell High School. The students experienced Science, P.E., and English lessons. Being immersed in the learning environment of Crookwell High School helps the students feel more comfortable and confident about moving to high school in 2013. With the school year flying by, the Year 6 students will be high school students in no time at all.



Term 3 'Crazy, Odd' Social

• Veronica Burt-Leonard, Teagan Croke and Chelsea Morton embraced the social's theme and came dressed in crazy odd clothes. Crookwell Public School students from Years 2-6 celebrated the end of Term 3 with a 'Crazy, Odd Clothing' themed social. Students arrived dressed in the most odd and crazy creations they could find in their wardrobes. Thanks to the music styling's of Mr Walton, students 'busted a move' and the hall was turned into a hive of entertainment. The evening was topped off by a hilarious fashion parade and dancing competition. The theme Crazy Odd Clothing made for a fun night with many memorable costumes. Well done to all winners and all students for their creative costumes!

Pop Stars Entertain



• Maddison Seaman, Mackenzie King, Sharn Edwards and Joshua Waters were rock stars who rocked! On the last day of Term 3 Year 4 performed at the assembly. This was a culmination of what the students have been learning in drama classes throughout the term. The class acted a popular play called 'I want to be a rock star'. At the end of the performance the students sang to the legendary pop song, 'We will, we will rock you'. The students had great fun dressing up as their favourite pop star and presenting their item to a very appreciative audience of students and guests.

Flying Start Concludes For 2012



• Some of the children who participated in Crookwell Public School's Flying Start Program at the base of the very popular slide in the fixed equipment area. The Flying Start program concluded on the last Monday of Term 3. The well attended session was lots of fun for everyone with the little Flying Starters happily playing on the fixed equipment in the Spring sunshine. We are really looking forward to spending more time together next term when our little Flying Starters return on Monday 12th November, 2012 for the week long 2013 Kindergarten Orientation Program.

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Crookwell Gazette in conjunction with



Upper Lachlan Shire Garden Competition

Be rewarded for all of your hard work!

1st Prize - \$400 worth of design and Horticultural consultation with Lorna Vallely of Ground Designs, \$200 voucher from Gehl Garden Centre, \$50 voucher from JD's Hardware & \$50 voucher from Crookwell Country Bunches

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Entires close October 31st. Judging will take place early November.

Photographs of your garden, along with this entry form are to be either handed in to the Gazette office or mailed/ emailed to: Ground Designs, PO Box 246, Crookwell NSW 2583 OR Email: lorna@grounddesigns.com.au



Name.....
 Address.....
 Garden Location (if different to above).....
 Phone number.....
 Email.....

Please indicate if your garden is Town Rural

Competition open to residents of the Upper Lachlan Shire only

NSW permit number: LTPM/12/00224

Proudly sponsored by Gehl Garden Centre, JD'S Hardware, Crookwell Country Bunches

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Debs make a grand appearance

THE 49th Oberon Masonic Debutante Ball was held on Friday, September 21 at the Oberon RSL Club.

Thirteen debs and their partners showed great respect for the night as the couples demonstrated individual finesse and elegance as the group were introduced to community, family and friends.

The debutantes, and their partners, were presented and received by the representatives of the Grand Master of NSW and ACT Rt Wor Bro Donald Savage and the Worshipful Master of Lodge Oberon Gordon Mills.

All funds raised from the Masonic Ball were donated to the Oberon branch of Can Assist.

Can Assist provides assistance and care to rural cancer patients and their families.



JUST GRAND: Back left – Graham Davina, Jarita Hopwood, Ryan Cunynghame, Nicole Rowlandson, Brandon Kober-Brown, Venus Slattery, Thomas McKinnon, Kate Whalan, Hayley McKinnon, Trevor Maloney, Alanah Bailey, Lachlan McGill. Middle from left – Alex Bouchier, Rachael Swannell, Jacob Howes, Zoe Robinson, Jarrod Oliver, Lydia Moore, Adrian Williams, Jody Sullivan, Shanaya Stapleton, Alex Pointon, Jessie Parking, Brice Dwyer, Caitlin Roach, Jack Sargent. Front – Rt Wor Bro Don Savage, Mrs Tillet, pageboy Brody Elliott, matron of honour Kerry Robinson, flowergirl Dakoda Francis and Wor Chris Tillet.

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Around Our Schools

OBERON PUBLIC

OBERON Public School recognised its outstanding school citizens at a whole school assembly and special principal's morning tea recently.

Students were presented with silver, gold and diamond awards for excellence in citizenship.

These special awards celebrated all aspects of school life.



AWARDS: Oberon Public's outstanding school citizens.

The students then parents and guests attended a special morning tea with their parents and guests to celebrate their award-winning occasion.



OLYMPICS: Gold, silver and bronze medals were presented to Oberon Public School students at an assembly.

OBERON PUBLIC

STUDENTS and parents celebrated the Olympic spirit at Oberon Public School recently with a sports day.

The celebrations began with a "torch relay" and then a class parade to the school oval where kids participated in a series of tabloid activities.

The Oberon Public School P&C provided gold, silver and bronze medals to students who raised amounts greater than \$30 through sponsorship for the event.

OBERON PUBLIC

OBERON Public School held its annual "spell-off" recently, as part of the NSW Premier's Spelling Bee competition.

Students from Years 3 to 6 practised their core spelling list words and then competed in class- and year- based competitions.

Isaac Cove, Susanah Curnuck and Jake Foley (pictured) were successful at school level and attended the regional finals at Molong during the last week of term 3.



SPELLING CHAMPIONS: Isaac Cove, Susanah Curnuck and Jake Foley made it to the spelling bee regional finals.

Gyms flex muscle in blood bank challenge



UP TO THE CHALLENGE: David Schultz, personal trainer at Anytime Fitness.

IN just one hour Goulburn gym goers will improve the health of patients in need without even breaking a sweat.

It's all part of the Australian Red Cross Blood Service's Gyms Challenge, which started on Monday and runs until December 14.

As part of the challenge, gym staff and members will be encouraged to make a blood donation, which takes just an hour and saves the lives of three patients in need.

Anytime Fitness is one of the gyms in Goulburn competing to see who can make the most blood donations.

"At Anytime Fitness we work with our members to make goals and meet challenges, when we heard that just one in 30 people donate blood we knew this was one challenge that couldn't be turned down," personal trainer David Schultz said.

"The reality is that while we're putting up a good fight on the treadmill, some patients are fighting just to say alive."

Blood Service Community Services Officer Linus Nesbitt-Hawes said the competition was quickly building, with fighting fit gym goers already setting goals to save lives.

"We're asking gym members to step up and join the challenge, there's an increasing demand for blood but still only three percent of the population donates," she said.

"A donation that takes just an hour of your time will lift the weight off the shoulders of patients in desperate need of life-saving treatments.

"Your donation will mean a lifetime to someone else."

Take the challenge and help patients get healthy.

To donate call Goulburn Donor Centre on 4823 0400 or 13 14 95 or visit donate-blood.com.au.



TRIP: Day Out Society Members including (l-r foreground), Doug Corkery, John Piggott, Iris Corkery, Gloria Brooking, Dianne Barrow, Patricia Mackie, Ann Piggott, Stan Catlin (president), David Fennamore and Ken Evans, were pictured moving through the enchanting and colourful International and Australian Display section at Cockington Green during their recent trip to Canberra.

Day Out on the Green

By **LEON OBERG**

BLESSED with perfectly calm, sunny spring weather, a record 56 Day Out Society members recently boarded the coach for Canberra, all bent on seeing first hand the superb blossoms and blooms on show during the National Capital's celebrated Floriade.

A superbly-preened Cockington Green at Nicholls, became the first port of call. Here members were able to marvel at the work the staff has undertaken to create a miniature English village surrounded by immaculately-maintained grass and complete with a canal and railway.

They were also "blown away" by the creativity that has gone into building a newer, separate International and Australian Display elsewhere on the grounds. This fascinating area houses such scaled down delights as Scotland's Braemar Castle, the Ukraine's St Andrew's Church, a collection of imposing Turkish buildings, a Dutch windmill and the Chateau De Ruit from Mauritius.

At Tulip Top Gardens, the visit coincided with a concert where

members enjoyed complimentary coffee and pancakes while not only taking in the diverse music but the vivid colours of the lavish surrounding 10 acre gardens crammed full of half a million bulbs and flowers.

Those attending the Society's monthly meeting at the Goulburn Workers' Club last Wednesday [10th] heard specially-prepared and well-structured poem by member Val Croker which related to the Canberra trip.

Members also heard how arrangements were "fully in place" for a coach trip to the waxworks display at Darling Harbour on October 25, and for a Shoalhaven River cruise out of Nowra organised for Remembrance Day, Sunday November 11.

Winner of the raffle was Colleen Cooper while birthdays for the month included Aileen Cooper, Wendy Dickson, Esma Faucett, Max Lockwood, Jan Mills, Betty McWhirter and Fay White.

The Society's next meeting will be held on Wednesday November 14 in the club auditorium at 1.30pm.

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RELEASE OF DISCUSSION PAPER Inquiry into Construction Industry Insolvency in NSW

The Inquiry into Construction Industry Insolvency was established by the New South Wales Government to help safeguard the interests of subcontractors in the sector.

Following a series of meetings with industry participants, the Chair of the Inquiry, Mr Bruce Collins QC, has released a Discussion Paper that focuses on options being considered.

Comment on the specific issues and options raised in the paper are sought from all interested parties particularly contractors and subcontractors working in the construction industry.

For more information on the Inquiry visit us online at: <http://haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au/construction-industry-inquiry>

Comments and submissions can be lodged by:

- emailing info@iicli.nsw.gov.au
- or in writing to:

Chair
Inquiry into Construction Industry Insolvency
GPO Box 15, Sydney NSW 2001

If you have any questions, please email info@iicli.nsw.gov.au or phone (02) 9236 7770.

Submissions close 5pm, Friday 2 November 2012.

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