

## COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Hello Community Members,

Thank you for your continued interest in Pottinger Energy Park. With pre-construction works underway, planning is continuing as we move towards construction starting in 2027, pending final approvals.



### PROJECT UPDATE

The project team are continuing to work on the detailed design of the project, negotiating with the major contractors and planning for the grid connection.

Alongside this work, we are preparing a number of management plans, required under the project development approval, on how key aspects of the project will be managed, including biodiversity, traffic and transport, road upgrades, Aboriginal cultural heritage, bushfire risk, workforce accommodation and employment opportunities.

Keep an eye on the project website where these plans will be made public.

Learn more [Pottinger Project Timeline](#)

### RENEWABLE ENERGY CAREERS DAY

In early March, our project team were excited to be part of the Careers Day with Year 10 students and teachers from across the South West Renewable Energy Zone (REZ).

Students participated in hands-on workshops to learn more about renewable energy and the range of future career pathways in the sector.

Our team enjoyed getting an insight into the industry's future talent and connecting with students and teachers from across the region. The initiative was led by the NSW Department of Education and Energy Co.

Learn more [EnergyCo](#)





## COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

The Community Consultative Committee (CCC) came together for its first meeting on 30 March in Deniliquin. It was a great opportunity for our project team to provide a project update and hear the views of community members and better understand their expectations for the project.

The CCC meets every quarter and brings together representatives from the local community, Edward River Council, Hay Shire Council, and First Nations groups.

We're looking forward to continuing the conversation at the next CCC meeting, which will be held on 25 May in Hay.

**Learn more [Community Consultative Committee](#)**



## COMMUNITY BENEFITS

Through our pre-construction stage, Pottinger Energy Park is proud to support a range of local organisations and community initiatives.

This year, as part of our REZ Success Fund community agreements, we have funded Hay Children's Services to establish a new mobile childcare venue in Boorooban and to Country Universities Centre Southern Riverina for new student laptops, software and video conferencing equipment.

Over the next 30 years, the Pottinger Energy Park Community Benefits Program will deliver at least \$26 million in direct support to the local community.



## LOCAL BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

Twenty-five work packages are available including a call for businesses specialising in earthworks, concreting, fencing, construction, electrical services, cleaning, catering and transport services.

Our commitments to the South West REZ include regional development and local supply chain targets, and we would like to see as many local businesses involved as possible as the project progresses.

**Businesses can complete an expression of interest via the ICN Gateway portal.**

[Register your Business](#)



## EQUIPMENT DELIVERIES EXPLAINED

We understand there is strong community interest in how the wind turbines and blade equipment will be transported to the project site. To help address common questions, we have prepared a series of frequently asked questions outlining what to expect.

### How are turbines transported to site?

Wind farms require the delivery of large and heavy components from the port to the project site. Tower and blade sections are delivered separately due to their size and weight limits, with each turbine requiring several truck movements.

### What vehicles are used?

Turbine components are transported using oversize overmass (OSOM) vehicles. These vehicles may be longer, heavier, wider or taller than standard trucks and often travel with pilot vehicles, warning lights and signage. In some cases, police escorts are also required.

### What local roads will be used?

The project will use major highways and state roads where possible and local roads where necessary to access the construction site. Transport routes are still being planned and assessed, and different routes may be required for the different components due to their size, weight and how they can be manoeuvred along the roads. Discussions with local councils and road authorities will be ongoing throughout the planning stage. Further details will be provided in the project's Traffic Management Plan (TMP).

### What impacts will there be on local roads?

Ahead of deliveries, road upgrade works will also need to be undertaken on local roads, so they are fit to carry trucks and oversize vehicles. These works may include adding localised widening at intersections, adding passing bays, modification of road furniture (such as signs), adjustment of traffic islands and lifting of overhead power lines. Sometimes road surfaces need to be widened or strengthened. A maintenance program will also be included to support the increase in traffic volume on the local roads. Once completed, these improvements will support the safe delivery of equipment to the wind farm and provide lasting benefits for local road users.

### When will equipment be delivered?

With all the planning and preparation that needs to be undertaken we expect turbine equipment deliveries to start around nine months after commencement of construction. A Traffic Management Plan (TMP) will be developed in consultation with road authorities to ensure that construction traffic is appropriately managed and uses the approved roads. We work closely with our contractors to plan deliveries, coordinate with other road users and provide advance notice of any disruption.

### CONTACT US

Have a question for the project team? Email us at [community@someva.com.au](mailto:community@someva.com.au), and we'll share updates in future newsletters. If you would like to contact the team, please reach out and you can also learn more about the project on our [website](#).

Kind regards,  
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Someva Renewables proudly acknowledges that Pottinger Energy Park is located on the lands of the Wiradjuri and Nari Nari people. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging and value working with First Nations groups on renewable energy projects.

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