

Liverpool Range Wind Farm

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The Liverpool Range Wind Farm will help reduce Australia's carbon footprint by approximately 2.5 million tonnes every year, while supplying enough power for up to 570,000 dwellings across NSW. With more clean, renewable energy powering the state, the Project will contribute to driving down the cost of electricity, while bringing jobs and economic development to the region.

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- Modification Application update
- Temporary Quarry consultation update
- Temporary Workforce Accommodation consultation update
- A look ahead for early-2024

Modification Application

In October 2023, we formally lodged the Response to Submissions (RTS) Report, the Amendment Report and updated environmental impact assessments for the Liverpool Range Wind Farm (the RTS Project). The reports detail the consultation completed to-date, how submissions received during public exhibition have been addressed, and show the changes to the design and layout of the Project. All reports are available to view on the NSW Major Projects Portal:

<https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/mod-1-turbine-and-infrastructure-changes>

The Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) will make a determination on the Modification Application once their review of the documentation is complete.

Our October 2023 Newsletter provided detailed information on the RTS Project. On our website and in the Coolah Shopfront (50 Binnia Street), you can find large-scale maps, photomontages, and updated environmental impact assessment fact sheets, which distil technical detail from the RTS Project assessments and pull out the key changes, impacts and mitigation measures.

Hover over the QR code to explore the interactive map of the RTS project.



Temporary Project-specific Quarry - consultation update

We are proposing a temporary Project-specific quarry located within the Project site approximately 10 km northwest of Cassilis township, off Rotherwood Road. While we considered a number of sites, detailed site geological investigations confirm that the proposed site is able to produce a range of suitable quarry product required for construction of the internal road network, hardstand areas, turbine foundations and other associated civil works.

Sourcing quarry materials from within the Project boundary would avoid the need for large numbers of heavy vehicles to transport quarry products from significantly greater distances from existing quarries elsewhere in the broader region. Reducing the number and length of heavy vehicle trips on the broader road network is expected to result in less congestion and delays, improved safety outcomes, and reduced construction costs.

Initial neighbour and broader stakeholder and community engagement has been undertaken for the temporary quarry. A total of 9 community feedback surveys were completed and the location has been generally well received. 44% of the sample respondents consisted of residents residing within 5 kms.

Following the DPE's recent advice, we are now preparing a separate Development Application for the temporary quarry, aiming for lodgement early next year. In the new year, you will be able to let us know what you think of the quarry development when DPE launches its consultation process for our quarry.

Temporary Workforce Accommodation (TWA) - consultation update

We are aware that there is a substantial shortage of short- and long-term rental accommodation in the local area that could be used by the construction workforce. To reduce pressure on existing rental accommodation we are proposing to construct and operate a TWA facility within the Project site.

We investigated over twenty potential locations for a TWA facility in and around Coolah and Cassilis townships, however many of the sites had significant environmental or social constraints and did not warrant further consideration. Through this investigation process, we short-listed two potential TWA sites, one located within the Project site approximately 3 km east of Coolah township off Vinegaroy Road, and another on the southern side of Cassilis township off Cassilis Road.

In response to engagement outcomes and other technical assessments of site suitability, the Cassilis site is no longer being considered by Tilt Renewables. Amongst other reasons, the Coolah site has been selected due to its negligible environmental constraints and central locality within the Project site boundary to minimise commute times for construction staff. The siting of the Coolah TWA facility provides a suitable buffer distances from the Coolah township to minimise social, noise and traffic impacts to residents as far as practicable.



Temporary Workforce Accommodation (TWA) - consultation update

Consultation in relation to the proposed TWA facility was undertaken to gather feedback from near neighbours, the broader community, First Nations and local government stakeholders. Most of this engagement was delivered through in-person meetings with neighbouring landholders, key stakeholder briefings, and through three drop-in community consultation sessions that took place between 24 – 26 October 2023, in Coolah and Cassilis. In total, we had 77 in-person attendees at those sessions.

As mentioned, Tilt Renewables originally considered two locations for a TWA facility and both options were presented during stakeholder engagement activities. As shown in Figure 1 below, stakeholders expressed strong opposition to the Cassilis site during consultation based on a range of concerns, with consultation revealing preference for the Coolah site.

A total of 93 surveys were completed in relation to the TWA facility. Respondents were given the option of providing feedback on the Coolah TWA site, the Cassilis TWA site, or both.

Most responses (65) were completed by respondents who only chose to provide feedback on the Cassilis TWA site, while 28 were completed by respondents who either provided feedback on both TWA sites or just the Coolah TWA site.

Key categories in community views centred around the economic, environmental and social impacts/benefits of the proposed TWA facility. Stakeholders were most concerned about:

- Impact to amenity associated with traffic movements
- Impact to services particularly health care; and
- Potential social impacts associated with anti-social behaviour

Perceived positive economic benefits associated with the proposed TWA facility include:

- Reduced daily travel distances and commute times for Project workforce which potentially leads to improved road safety outcomes.
- Increased potential to consider buses for transporting a portion of the Project workforce between the TWA facility and construction compounds located within the Project site boundary.
- Increased potential business opportunities for local suppliers of machinery/equipment hire and repair, fencing, landscaping, and labour including food preparation and cleaning.
- Flow-on economic benefits to local business from workers residing locally and spending money in the local communities.

Thinking of the impacts you just listed, which site do you think would be better suited to hosting temporary workers' accommodation?

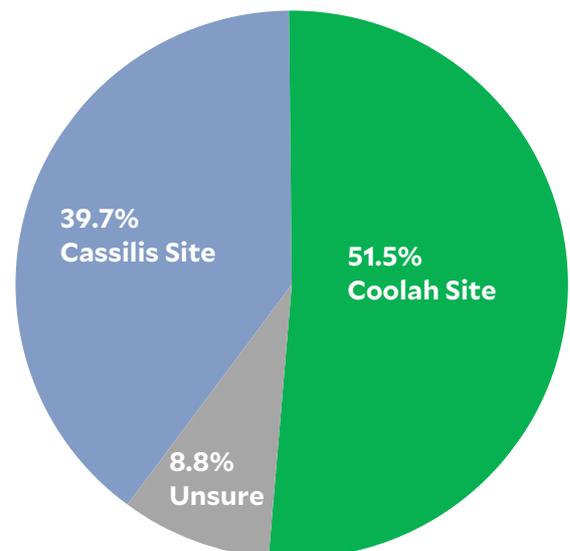


Figure 1: Community survey percentage preference for Coolah, Cassilis or unsure



A look ahead for early-2024

We are currently finalising the documentation to amend the Modification Application to include the TWA facility at the Coolah site as an integral part of the Liverpool Range Wind Farm project. We are targeting lodgement of the Amendment Report with DPE before Christmas. Once submitted, the Amendment Report will be available for public comment on the NSW Major Projects Portal. We expect that the information related to the TWA facility will be placed on public exhibition early in the new year.

To stay up to date on progress of key Project approvals, visit:

Modification Application: www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/mod-1-turbine-and-infrastructure-changes

EPBC Referral: epbcpublicportal.awe.gov.au/all-referrals/project-referral-summary/?id=dc3fd301-9a6b-ed11-81ac-00224818aa21



Detailed information about the proposed TWA facility and temporary quarry, including the findings of detailed environmental impact assessments and possible mitigation measures, are available at the Coolah Shopfront (50 Binnia Street) and the Cassilis Post Office.

Figure 2: Ready for the Coolah Drop-in Sessions

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Wishing you a safe, happy and healthy holiday season, from all at Tilt Renewables.

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