



# Media release

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## Locals encouraged to participate in Sunny Corner Wind Farm survey

Mainstream Renewable Power ("Mainstream") and Someva Renewables ("Someva"), the renewable companies jointly awarded a permit to investigate a wind farm at Sunny Corner State Forest, are encouraging local residents to contribute to a community survey to better understand the community's views, priorities, and perspectives regarding the proposed wind farm.

This survey is part of an ongoing consultation program by Mainstream and Someva and the findings will help ensure the project team has a detailed understanding of local issues and can tailor future community benefits programs to align with the community's needs and preferences.

The survey, which takes approximately five minutes to complete, can be accessed online at <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Sunny">www.surveymonkey.com/r/Sunny</a> Corner Wind Farm.

Jamie Chivers, Managing Director of Someva Renewables, emphasised the importance of genuine community participation and collaboration as part of the investigative process.

"We are encouraging all locals to participate in our community survey and share their views. We have distributed a physical copy of the survey to households close to the wind farm investigation area. The information gathered will be crucial in shaping the project, and any feedback will also help guide us in addressing community priorities and tailoring future community benefits programs to meet local needs," said Mr Chivers.

All responses to the survey will be handled in accordance with Australia's *Privacy Act 1988* and the Ethical Guidelines of the Australian Evaluation Society.

In May, Forestry Corporation of NSW announced Someva and Mainstream had been awarded a permit to explore a wind farm in Sunny Corner State Forest that will co-exist with softwood plantation trees. If approved, the wind farm will generate about 500MW of electricity – enough to power up to 280,000 homes with affordable, clean, and reliable energy for 30 years.

In the short time since the announcement of the investigative permit, Someva and Mainstream have hosted a drop-in information hub at Portland Library, held meetings with Bathurst and Lithgow Councils, the Sunny Corner Progress Association, First Nations and community groups; conducted face-to-face introductions and door knocks in the Sunny Corner area, and responded directly to communication from community members.

Someva and Mainstream will continue preliminary investigations over the coming months, with further consultation and information hubs planned.

Stay up to date on the investigation of Sunny Corner Wind Farm by visiting www.somevarenewables.com.au/sunnycorner, or by emailing community@someva.com.au.

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#### **About Mainstream Renewable Power:**

Mainstream Renewable Power is a leading pure-play renewable energy company with wind and solar assets across Europe, Latin America, Africa, and Asia-Pacific. Mainstream is one of the most successful developers of gigawatt-scale renewables platforms, across onshore wind, offshore wind, and solar power generation. The company has successfully delivered 6.6 GW of wind and solar generation assets to financial close-ready and has a global project portfolio of over 23.9 GW.

Mainstream entered the Australian market in 2019, with a local office in Melbourne and an experienced development team on the ground. Currently Mainstream has a pipeline of 1.5 GW of onshore wind farm developments in central Queensland which are about to enter the state and planning approval process. In addition, Mainstream is part of a consortium developing the 2.5 GW Gippsland Skies offshore wind farm off the coast of Victoria.

For more information, visit www.mainstreamrp.com

#### **About Someva Renewables:**

Someva Renewables is an 100% Australian-owned, NSW-based renewable energy company that works with landowners, communities, and industry leaders to deliver the clean, affordable and

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