

## **Community Benefits Survey**

### **Overview**

The proposed Sunny Corner Wind Farm would be located in the softwood plantation at Sunny Corner State Forest, on the lands of the Wiradjuri people, halfway between Bathurst and Lithgow in NSW. This region has been historically rich in energy, and this proposed project will continue to provide some of these power needs of NSW residents while supporting local industry and communities around Bathurst and Lithgow and beyond.

Mainstream Renewable Power and Someva Renewables have been awarded a permit by the Forestry Corporation of NSW to investigate a wind farm with a potential capacity of 500 megawatts.



ESTIMATED 500 MW OF WIND POWER



POWERING UP TO 300,000 HOMES



PROVIDING
BENEFITS
TO THE
COMMUNITY



OPERATING IN HARMONY WITH TRADITIONAL FORESTRY OPERATIONS



ENGAGING WITH RECREATIONAL FOREST USERS LIKE FOUR-WHEEL DRIVERS, MOUNTAIN BIKERS AND HUNTERS

### Seeking your views on community benefit sharing

We recently surveyed the community to gain a deeper understanding of the local issues and opportunities that are most important to the community. Thank you, we received great feedback. We heard from you that benefits sharing could support transport, environmental programs, local and high-quality jobs, housing affordability and choice, energy offers, health services, parks and recreation.

We are now seeking views on **Community Benefits** in a new survey.

Sunny Corner Wind Farm is developing a **Community Benefits Program**, including a Community Benefit Fund to ensure the proposed project supports the prosperity of the region.

The Community Benefit Program would be implemented from construction and run through the 30 year operational life of the proposed wind farm.

We are committed to working closely with local community members and understanding local issues so we can tailor our funding to best meet community needs.

## The Community Benefits Program could include:

- Grants and sponsorships to the community, businesses and First Nations groups
- Energy efficiency upgrades to homes (e.g. solar and batteries)
- Enhancing community services and facilities
- Programs and partnerships to support local arts, culture and recreation
- Improving local health and wellbeing
- Local employment, education and training initiatives
- Protecting the local environment

## **How the Community Benefits Program** could be structured

#### **Community Benefits Funds**

Working closely with local community members, councils and First Nations people to deliver tailored Community Benefit Funds annually over the life of the project.

#### **Near Neighbours**

Collaborating with near neighbours (closest to the project site) on the design of the project and developing Neighbour Agreements to provide direct benefits to those who choose to participate.

#### **First Nations**

We are committed to supporting First Nations people and are seeking to understand how our funding and programs can best support local needs.

#### **Bathurst and Lithgow Councils**

Working with Bathurst Regional Council and Lithgow City Council to determine the best ways to support the community.

#### Local jobs, training and procurement

The proposed wind farm would create jobs through construction and operations. We want to hear from local businesses about how to support your business.

#### Enhanced bushfire response

Working with Forestry Corporation of NSW and the Rural Fire Service to improve bushfire response within the forest and surrounding communities.



# Have your say on community benefits from the Sunny Corner Wind Farm

Sunny Corner Wind Farm invites the community to share your views on how project benefits could be distributed, what should be prioritised and what level of engagement is most meaningful to you.

Your input will help us develop and manage the future Community Benefits Program.



To learn more about the opportunity, please visit our website somevarenewables.com.au/sunnycorner or reach out to us via email at community@someva.com.au





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