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Coonerang Wind Farm timeline updated to ensure best practice environmental assessment

<u>Someva Renewables</u>, the NSW-based 100% Australian owned renewable energy company behind the proposed <u>Coonerang Wind Farm</u>, has announced an updated project timeline for the proposed 150 megawatt (MW) wind and battery storage project.

The updated timeline, which will see the project's Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) lodged before early-2026, will ensure the Coonerang Wind Farm is assessed against the new, best practice <u>Wind Energy Guideline</u> released by the NSW Government in late 2024.

"Someva is excited to continue partnering with the Snowy-Monaro community on the development of the Coonerang Wind Farm," said Tim Mead, Someva Renewables' Development Director.

"This decision will ensure the Coonerang Wind Farm adheres to the new NSW wind energy guidelines including that the project creates substantial, long-term benefits for the community."

"Projects in the development pipeline when the new wind guidelines were released are subject to transitional arrangements set out by the NSW Government. However in order to ensure the project is assessed under the new guidelines, we have asked the NSW Government to formally update the project's assessment requirements and now the NSW Government has issued a new Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs). This step ensures the community can have confidence that the proposed Coonerang Wind Farm is in line with the new, industry best practice guidelines," said Mr Mead.

"Importantly, the decision to evolve the project's EIS does not substantially alter the overall project timeline, and if approved, we anticipate the first turbine will begin producing energy in 2029."

"Following the release of the Scoping Report and initial turbine layout last year, we have seen growing momentum and community support for the Coonerang Wind Farm. Our commitment to genuine community co-design will continue as we engage further with the community on the details of the proposed project as well as how the economic benefits can be shared with the community," said Mr Mead.

With multiple biodiversity surveys underway or complete, the decision to request updated assessment requirements now ensures the development of the project's EIS and layout can be made seamlessly without significantly altering the project timeline.

The proposed Coonerang Wind Farm is located approximately 15 kilometres south of Cooma in NSW's Snowy-Monaro region. If approved, the Coonerang Wind Farm will feature approximately 25 wind turbines supported by advanced battery storage technology with the capacity to generate 150MW of clean, affordable and reliable energy – enough to power 62,000 Australian homes.

To find out more about the Coonerang Wind Farm, visit – www.somevarenewables.com.au/coonerang.

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