Have your say on a new wind farm in the Southern Tablelands

A proposal to construct and operate a wind farm in the Upper Lachlan Shire, approximately 8.5 kilometres east of Biala will be on exhibition from Friday for community feedback.

The Department of Planning and Environment is keen to hear the community’s views on the application which seeks to:

- construct a wind farm with up to 31 turbines with a capacity of up to 3.5 megawatts (MW) each, and a maximum height of up to 185 metres
- construct ancillary infrastructure including
  - an electrical substation
  - underground and aboveground cabling
  - access tracks
  - an operations and maintenance facility
  - a temporary batching plant to make concrete
- make provisions to decommission the wind farm at the end of its life.

The proposed transmission line to connect the wind farm to the electricity grid does not form part of this application, and will be assessed separately.

A spokesperson for the Department of Planning and Environment said the local community always has an opportunity to share their views.

“Community consultation is an integral part of the planning process and the applicant will have to respond to the feedback we receive and this is taken into consideration when we develop our recommendations to the Planning Assessment Commission, who will determine the project,” the spokesperson said.

“It’s easy to participate by going online and we encourage everyone to take a look and have their say.”

To make a submission or view the environmental impact statement, visit [www.majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au](http://www.majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au). Submissions can be made from Friday 21 August 2015 until Tuesday 20 October 2015.

Written submissions can also be made to:

Department of Planning and Environment
Attn: Planning Services
GPO Box 39
Sydney NSW 2001

The EIS is also available to view in person at:

- Department of Planning and Environment, 23-33 Bridge Street, Sydney
- Upper Lachlan Shire Council’s Gunning office, 123 Yass Street, Gunning
- Upper Lachlan Shire Council’s Crookwell office, 44 Spring Street, Crookwell
- Upper Lachlan Shire Council’s Gunning Library, 92 Yass Street, Gunning
- Upper Lachlan Shire Council’s Crookwell Library, Memorial Hall Centre, Denison Street, Crookwell
- Nature Conservation Council, Level 2, 5 Wilson Street, Newtown

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