

PROJECT UPDATE

Neoen continues to progress the development of the Bondo Wind Farm. Ecological and technical studies, together with wind data collection, are well advanced with many of these activities now entering their final stages. In parallel, we continue to engage with neighbours, the local community, key stakeholders and regulators.

Neoen is taking a careful and measured approach to developing the project. We now have a detailed understanding of the site that allows us to make well-informed decisions about the project's design. Based on a comprehensive review of environmental, technical, community and commercial considerations, we have refined the project layout to better respond to the site's specific characteristics and risks.

The updated project layout and capacity:

Following review of these aspects, Neoen is reducing the size of the Bondo Wind Farm project from 164 wind turbines built in three stages to **90 wind turbines built in two stages. The total installed capacity will be reduced to approximately 700 MW.** The attached maps show the wind turbines retained in the project in blue. **The blue turbines, plus the two batteries, will form the basis of the project's development application.** The turbines removed from the project and from the development application are shown in white.

What informed the updated layout?

There are many variables informing the updated layout, however the principal considerations are:

- **Ecology:** The updated layout maintains a distance of at least 10 km between the Wee Jasper bat caves and the closest proposed wind turbines. It also provides for a greater separation distance between turbines and areas of native vegetation and waterways, two landscape features associated with higher bat activity.
- **Local communities:** We have heard the concerns of neighbours and the wider community in relation to the scale of the project and the potential visual and noise impacts. The updated layout will reduce the size of the project to one that will fit better within the local landscape and will reduce visual and noise impacts for those who live closest.
- **Technical design:** Delivering the project across two stages rather than three simplifies the electrical infrastructure required for the wind farm, as the turbines previously proposed in the north-eastern part of the project area were more complex to connect to the grid without the construction of new overhead line.
- **Commercial viability:** As part of the optimisation exercise, each proposed wind turbine was assessed individually, considering its expected energy generation and the infrastructure required to build and connect it. Lower-performing turbine locations that weakened the project's overall commercial viability were removed.

What happens next

The updated layout will now be incorporated into the environmental impact statement (EIS) and its supporting technical studies. As a result, we now expect to:

- **submit the development application around the end of January 2027;**
- have the **EIS on public exhibition in early March 2027**. This will be an opportunity for members of the community and wider public to review the full assessment and make a formal submission to the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure.

Stay in touch

We will continue to share updates as the project progresses and are planning further community meetings before the end of the year. In the meantime, please feel free to contact us with any questions or feedback.

Kind regards,
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