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WIND FARM

# PROJECT NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2026

Neoen is investigating the potential to develop a wind farm in the softwood plantations near Bondo, approximately 15-kms east of Tumut. The Bondo plantations are suitable for a potential wind farm because they have: a good wind resource, three existing transmission lines, and a large network of existing roads

## Fire Management Workshop



A fire management workshop was held in Tumut and online on October 12. It brought together representatives from Neoen, Forestry Corporation of NSW (FCNSW), NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS), Fire & Rescue NSW (FRNSW), NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service (NPWS), local councils, forest operators and other stakeholders to discuss fire risk management for the project.

Key discussions focused on fire prevention, emergency response, water supply, communications, turbine safety, aerial firefighting, and battery energy storage systems (BESS) fire management. There was a consensus that comprehensive planning and ongoing collaboration will be essential to ensure safe and efficient firefighting operations during the construction and operation of the wind farm.

Regarding aerial firefighting, some stakeholders acknowledged that the presence of wind turbines will require adjustments to some suppression tactics, particularly for Large Air Tankers (LATs). However, it was also highlighted that lessons learnt from recent fires in the area show that helicopters and Single Air Tankers (SEATs) allow for many more rotations and are therefore much more efficient for firefighting operations. Fire authorities, emergency services and project representatives agreed that these risks can be managed through detailed fire management planning, operational controls, emergency shutdown procedures, pilot familiarisation, training exercises and continued engagement with fire authorities.

The workshop reinforced a shared commitment to developing robust Fire & Emergency Management plans, improving preparedness arrangements, and maintaining close coordination between the project, fire authorities, emergency services and forestry operators before construction commences.

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## Community Drop-in Sessions

The project is progressing and the layout has been refined. Come and meet the project team at a drop-in session near you. Drop in anytime during the advertised hours at any of the locations, no RSVP required.



**Brungle**
Tuesday, 17 November
4:00 – 7:00 pm
Brungle Memorial Hall
1386 Brungle Rd

**Adjungbilly**
Wednesday, 18 November
4:00 – 7:00 pm
Bongongo Public School Hall
Adjungbilly Road

**Argalong**
Tuesday, 24 November
4:00 – 7:00 pm
Lacmalac Soldiers Memorial Hall
1015 Lacmalac Rd

**Tumut**
Wednesday, 25 November
4:00 – 7:00 pm
Bondo Wind Farm Office
45 Fitzroy Street

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