Fair compensation

Landholders, neighbours and community

We are committed to fair compensation for eligible landholders in the Wimmera region.

Neighbours will receive offsets for electricity, and the community will share in the project's financial benefits through a $750,000 per year regional benefits scheme (subject to policy direction).

Committed to fair compensation and real benefits

We are investing in the Wimmera region to support its potential to become a significant renewable energy generator.

Our priority is to ensure landholders receive fair compensation and that impacted neighbours and local communities can also benefit from the development.

WiRES will work in partnership with landholders and neighbouring properties to provide meaningful benefits.

Our team proposes to speak with every landholder and tenant to discuss our plans.

We commit to authentic engagement so we can gather and address feedback to ensure the right solution and compensation is delivered.

Landholder compensation

Compensation for landholders is structured to acknowledge both their cooperation as well as the use of their land for hosting infrastructure.

Compensation arrangements for landholders cover:

- contributions towards professional fees, i.e. legal advice
- an option fee covering option for easement and access for surveys and investigations
- up-front compensation for easements plus annual payments for 25 years
- Construction Licence Fee
- associated easement registration costs
- associated mortgage consents or third-party consent costs.

More details on landholder compensation and easements are included in the Landholder Guide.

Neighbour benefits

Electricity costs offset for 25 years

WiRES has developed an innovative benefit offer for eligible neighbours of the project.

Known as the Neighbour Benefit Scheme, the program will offset electricity costs - equivalent to the average Victorian household's usage - with green energy for 25 years once construction is complete.

This benefit will extend to neighbours within the 1 km buffer from the edge of the final easement.

More information can be found in our Neighbours factsheet.

Regional benefits

$750,000 per year Regional Benefits Scheme (subject to policy direction)

WiRES aims to deliver a Regional Benefits Scheme of $750,000 per year to share the project benefits with the wider community.

This would be coordinated by a Community Advisory Group - made up of local representatives to help us understand how to make the most of the Regional Benefits Scheme.

To maximise outcomes from the Scheme, we will also work to combine these funds with benefits offered by renewable energy projects connecting into WiRES.

To stay up to date on the Regional Benefits Scheme and how you can be involved, sign up for our email updates at www.wiresco.com.au.

To express your interest in joining the Community Advisory Group, email info@wiresco.com.au.

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