Neighbours

How we will collaborate

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We are committed to listening and responding to any community concerns.

Neighbours may be entitled to benefits under our innovative Benefits Scheme.

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.

Neighbour Benefit Scheme

Green electricity offsets: Offsets will be provided to cover electricity costs - equivalent to the average Victorian household's usage. Using green energy, these will be offered for 25 years once construction is complete. Eligible neighbours will be within a 1 km buffer from the edge of the final easement.

Timing: Payments will commence when construction of the transmission project is complete. It will be paid annually for 25 years.

Single household benefit: The benefit applies per household, irrespective of the number of occupants residing in the eligible property.

Payment conditions: A liveable house within the one kilometre buffer is a mandatory condition for payment eligibility. If a landholding lacks a house or contains an unliveable house within the buffer zone, the payment does not apply.

Tenant benefits: In cases where the property is a residential rental property, the benefit must be used to cover the electricity costs of the tenants for as long as the property remains tenanted.

Project phases

ORIGINATION & FEASIBILITY

1. Project Origination
2. Landholder Engagement
3. Community Engagement

PLANNING & TECHNICAL

4. Development & Environmental Approval Applications
5. Project Approvals Received
6. Grid Connection

COMMERCIAL & DELIVERY

7. Financial Close
8. Procurement & Delivery Contracts

Wimmera Renewable Energy Solution (WiRES) is energising change, unlocking the Wimmera's wind resources to secure up to 2 GW of renewable energy by 2030

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What about impacts to my view?

We understand there will be concern about the visual impact of WiRES transmission lines and other electricity infrastructure. We are committed to minimising these impacts through thoughtful planning, smart infrastructure solutions and screening with vegetation.

We want feedback from landholders, neighbours and the community to inform the project's alignment. More information can be found in our factsheet on Respecting the landscape.

Land access

As WiRES progresses, there may be a need for temporary access to land outside the project area to fully understand existing conditions, land use and environmental sensitivities.

WiRES will not access land without landholder permission. If we need to undertake investigations on land, we will contact owners to gain permission for access. We will talk through what investigations we may need to undertake and address any biosecurity concerns.

WiRES is committed to minimising any disruptions to you and to ensure a transparent and collaborative process throughout the project. Your cooperation and understanding are highly valued, and we are committed to keeping you well-informed about any access needs that may arise.

What might happen on my property?

Surveys and investigations may be undertaken by specialist consultants on behalf of WiRES. Typically these will be low impact.

You will always know what is planned, where it is planned, who will attend and when in advance of any activity.

In addition, our people will always remind you on the day the work is to be completed.

If you have any concerns, please reach out and let us know. We are committed to authentic and transparent engagement, and we want to hear from you if you believe that expectation is not met.

Connect

- Power generated to one Australia' s largest batteries, a 1 GW installation that builds resilience into the grid and ensures power will be available when it is needed.
- Multiple renewable projects to the grid, unlocking enough green electricity to:

Power 10%
of Victoria

Reduce

- Environmental, economic and social impacts by providing a regionally coordinated transmission solution.
- CO^2 produced from coal-fired power by

3 million tonnes

Support

- Landholders, neighbours and hosting communities through fair compensation and genuine benefits.
- The community by having an accessible, responsive, and locally based team.
- The economic health and vitality of the Wimmera, unlocking its potential as a major power in the transition to clean energy, including:

Significant
construction jobs over 5 years

Many
local opportunities & ongoing jobs

$700+ million
estimated project value (from WiRES alone)

$750,000
in annual Regional Benefit Scheme payments (subject to policy

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