



Four Mile Creek Wind Farm

Community Newsletter

About the Prospect

The Four Mile Creek Wind Farm Prospect (the Prospect) is about 15 km south of Orange (NSW) on Wiradjuri Country. If approved, it would be built in the Forestry Corporation of New South Wales's (Forestry Corporation) Canobolas State Forest softwood plantation within Cabonne Shire Council and Orange City Council areas, near the Cadia mine.

The Investigation Permit was awarded to Iberdrola Australia in May 2024, allowing a series of investigative studies to be initiated. If the Prospect is deemed feasible, we will continue to develop the project and obtain the necessary planning approvals and grid connection. This is expected to take up to six years. Iberdrola Australia is also exploring a potential wind farm within the Mullions Range State Forest softwood plantation.

Community Sponsorship Fund

Applications for the first round of early community sponsorships closed in February 2025. Grant amounts of \$5,000 and \$10,000 were available for local groups, clubs, schools and organisations located near the project site.

We received 11 applications. Following a rigorous assessment process, we have awarded grants to:

- Rural Fire Service Canobolas Chainsaw Brigade to buy chainsaws to be used as part of their firefighting efforts.
- Springside Progress Association to update their local community hall.
- Nashdale Lidster Public Hall for a sign at the local community hall.
- Canobolas Public School Parents and Citizens
 Association to purchase plants to help them create a sensory garden at the school.
- Springside Rural Fire Brigade for new and updated radios for the Rural Fire Service.

We would like to thank everyone who submitted an application.
We greatly appreciate the time taken to prepare applications and considered that all applications were of a very high quality.

We will continue to offer community grants as the Prospect continues to develop and invite you to join our mailing list to keep you up to date on the Prospect and community grants program. Scan the QR code or follow the link: project mailing list.





Community Information Hub

We have established a **Community Information Hub** at 119 Byng St, Orange. The Hub is open Tuesday mornings between 9am and 1pm and Thursday afternoons between 1pm and 5pm. The Hub serves as a central location for neighbours and community members to access information about the Prospect, ask questions and voice feedback to members of our Project Team.

If you'd like to learn more about the Prospect, we invite you to stop by during these times and chat to our local Community Liaison Officer. Should you wish to visit us outside these hours, please email us at fourmilecreekwindfarm@iberdrola.com.au or call us on 0417 543 502 to arrange a meeting.

Next Steps

We are finalising the Scoping Report, which sets out the matters to be investigated in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and outlines the engagement to be carried out. It also includes the outcomes of any initial studies and community engagement.

We expect the Scoping Report to be lodged with the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) in the second half of 2025. Throughout our community engagement we are keen to hear your ideas about how the project can bring positive outcomes to the local community. If you have any suggestions or would like to speak with the team about community initiatives, we'd love to hear from you.

More information about the planning process is available on the <u>NSW Planning</u> Portal.

Site Identification & Desktop Feasibility Project Feasibility & Initial Community Engagement Planning Approval Submission & Continued Technical Studies Public Exhibition & Refined Design Planning Approval Determination Pre-construction (Contracting & Procurement) Construction & Commissioning Operations Decommissioning or Re-powering

Contact Us

If you have any questions, feedback, local knowledge or suggestions, please reach out via the contact details below.



Visit our website: www.iberdrola.com.au



Email the Project Team: fourmilecreekwindfarm@iberdrola.com.au



Call the Project Team: 0417 543 502 or 1800 917 372

Acknowledgement of Country

Iberdrola Australia acknowledges the Traditional Owners, the Wiradjuri People, and their continuing values, culture and connection to land, waters and sky. We pay our respects to Elders past and present.