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Overview

Thunderbolt Energy Hub Stage 1 is a 192MW wind farm with the ability to provide affordable, reliable power to New South Wales consumers. The project is proposed near Kentucky, approximately 47km north-east of Tamworth.

Project benefits – Stage 1



The project is predicted to produce enough renewable energy to power approximately **118,000 New South Wales homes**.



The project represents approximately **\$373 million investment in infrastructure**.



During construction the project would create over **190 direct jobs**, with **9 direct jobs during operations** (25-30 years).



32 wind turbine generators.

DA Submission for Stage 1 & Public Exhibiton

Neoen have submitted the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to the NSW Government as part of its Development Application (DA) for Stage 1 of the Project. The Project will go onto public exhibition in the coming weeks.

Community members are invited to view and/or download the EIS documents on the NSW Planning portal:



planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/project/40551

If you would like to receive a copy of the EIS documents on a USB drive, please contact:

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or Joanna
joanna.murphy@neoen.com

USBs will also be available at the local Councils for community members to take with them.



Community review & comment

1

Scoping
Neoen submits the Scoping Report to NSW DPIE

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SEARs
NSW DPIE provides Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements

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EIS Preparation
Specialist studies are undertaken; EIS report is prepared

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EIS Submission
Neoen submits the EIS Report to NSW DPIE

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Public Exhibition
Exhibition of the EIS Report; Submissions made by the community and stakeholders

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Response to Submissions
Neoen response to public submissions

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Assessment
NSW DPIE assesses Development Application and public submissions

8

Determination
NSW Minister of Planning or the Independent Planning Commission make final decision on Development Application



Making a Public Submission for Stage 1

If you would like to make a public submission in response to the Project, you may do so during the public exhibition phase. To learn how to make a public submission, please refer to the below link:



[planningportal.nsw.gov.au/
major-projects/have-your-say](https://planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/have-your-say)

Submissions can be made online or by sending a letter to the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment. The Project's application number is **SSD-10807896**.

If you are unsure how to make a submission, please contact us for further clarification.



CCC Meeting

The third Community Consultative Committee (CCC) meeting was held on 21 February 2022. Project updates were provided, including outcomes of some specialist studies. The Executive Director for Planning & Communities from the Energy Corporation of NSW (Department of Planning and Environment) also provided a presentation on the Renewable Energy Zone (REZ) process.

Meeting minutes and a copy of the presentation will be made available on the Thunderbolt website shortly:

[thunderboltenergyhub.com.au/
community-consultative-committee-2/](https://thunderboltenergyhub.com.au/community-consultative-committee-2/)

Neoen Learning Hub Launch

We have recently developed the Learning Hub, an educational resource for local schools, as part of our community engagement.

The Learning Hub is a stand-alone website with materials for Years 5-6 and another for Years 7-8, both centred around electricity and renewable energy.

Developed by an experienced science curriculum writer, each module contains 3 topics each with a video, interactive activities and lesson plans.

We hope you find them useful and that your students enjoy them!



Jobs and Supplier Interest

If you are interested in learning what types of jobs and suppliers are typically required throughout construction and operations, or you wish to register your interest, please visit the Work With Us page on the Thunderbolt website:

[thunderboltenergyhub.com.au/
work-with-us/](https://thunderboltenergyhub.com.au/work-with-us/)