

Project Bulletin

June 2022

Thunderbolt Energy Hub Stage 1 is a 192 MW 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.



Community Drop-In Session April 2022

On Saturday 30 April, Neoen hosted the latest community drop-in session in the Kentucky Hall. Information posters and maps included in the Development Application (DA) were displayed for the community to view. Information booklets were available to take home as well as feedback surveys to complete.

Neoen provided community members with USB drives containing the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) documents, submitted as part of the DA to NSW Government. This allowed community members who do not have high speed internet connection to read the EIS documents.

We thank community members who attended the community event and shared their feedback. If you could not attend the community event and would like to meet with someone from the Neoen team to share your feedback and/or ask questions about the project, please contact us:

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Public Exhibition & Response to Submissions for Stage 1

The 28-day public exhibition period for Stage 1 concluded on 24-May. Public submissions made are now published on the NSW Government's Planning Portal:

<https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/thunderbolt-wind-farm>

Neoen received 111 submissions in response to the project. We are now in the process of responding to these submissions together with some of our subject matter experts who completed the detailed assessments.



The Response to Submissions report will be submitted to NSW Government in the coming months. This report will be published on the NSW Government's Planning Portal.



New England Renewable Energy Zone (REZ)

The Thunderbolt Energy Hub is being proposed in the New England REZ, announced by NSW Government in late 2021. The New England REZ is proposed to deliver 8 GW of renewable energy to support the transition to a renewable energy-based electricity market.

The REZ is expected to generate \$10.7 billion investment, 1,250 construction jobs and 830 operations jobs. The REZ plays a vital role in delivering affordable, reliable generation to NSW consumers to help replace the State's existing power stations as they approach their end of life. Learn more about the New England REZ below on NSW Government's website.

<https://www.energyco.nsw.gov.au/renewable-energy-zones/new-england-renewable-energy-zone>

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Eathorpe Battery

Neoen are currently exploring the feasibility of another renewable energy project in the New England REZ. The large-scale battery project, called the Eathorpe Battery, is proposed approximately 5km east of Armidale CBD and is proposed to have a capacity of 100MW. The battery will connect directly into the existing Armidale substation, which is adjacent to the proposed project.

The proposed location is centrally located within the New England REZ. It is hoped that a battery in this location can play its part in supporting the NSW Government to achieve a smooth transition towards their goal of 8,000MW of renewable energy capacity in this REZ.

If you would like to learn more about Eathorpe Battery, please visit our website or contact us via email or phone.

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Community Drop-In Session

Neoen will host a community drop-in session on **30 June 2022** in the Armidale Traffic Education Centre (10 Mann St, Armidale NSW 2350) from **3-6pm**. We invite you, your friends and family members to come along to meet members of our team, learn more about the proposed Eathorpe Battery and let us know what you think.

The Eathorpe Battery is expected to bring significant community benefits, jobs and investment to the local and regional economy.



Share your feedback with us

We would encourage community members to complete a feedback survey so we can best understand the views and key concerns of the community. If you would like to share your feedback, please fill in the feedback survey in the link below. Alternatively, please do not hesitate to reach out to myself if you wish to discuss any aspects of the project directly.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/neoenthunderbolt>

Registering Your 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 below link.

<https://thunderboltenergyhub.com.au/work-with-us/>



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