

## Project Newsletter

### September 2023

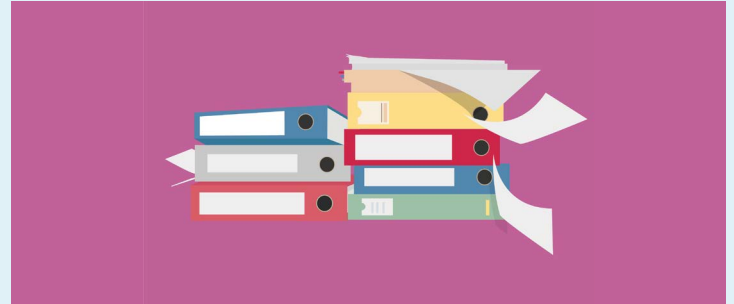
Thunderbolt Energy Hub is a wind energy project with the ability to provide affordable, reliable power to New South Wales consumers. The project is currently in the development stage.

#### Response to Submissions – Stage 1

The Response to Submissions (RTS) report was submitted to NSW Government in August and is now available on the planning portal:

[planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/thunderbolt-wind-farm](https://planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/thunderbolt-wind-farm)

Thunderbolt Wind Farm is now in the assessment phase, and we expect that a final determination will be made in early 2024.



#### Community Benefit Fund update

Neoen has proposed an industry-leading and generous community benefit sharing program, comprising of a Community Benefit Fund and Neighbour Benefit Fund.

After initially committing to an amount of \$100,000 per year, the amount has increased to \$160,000 following discussions with Uralla Shire Council and Tamworth Regional Council. For further information about the Community Benefit Fund and how it will be administered, please visit the latest news post:

[thunderboltenergyhub.com.au/news](https://thunderboltenergyhub.com.au/news)

You are welcome to contact us if you have any ideas of what types of initiatives you would like to see supported by the Community Benefit Fund.

#### Neoen Project Manager Change

From the end of September, Thunderbolt's project manager will change from Joanna Murphy to Aaron Gutteridge. Our contact details remain the same.

Please feel free to get in touch with Aaron if you have any questions.



#### Community review & comment

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##### 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

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##### Determination

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

