



TARONG WEST WIND FARM

Community Consultation

RES has undertaken a range of technical studies and environmental assessments for the Tarong West Wind Farm (previously known as the Iron Leaf Wind Farm).

In addition to these assessments, RES has been consulting with the local community to understand the impacts and opportunities that may flow from a renewable energy project in the region.



Consulting with the local community

Consultation with the local community has involved:



Holding community information sessions as follows:

- 4 in the township of Kumbia (May 2022, October 2022, April 2023, July 2023),
- 4 at Ironpot Farmer's Hall (May 2022, October 2022, April 2023, July 2023)
- 2 at Chahpingah Hall, Burrandowan Racetrack (May 2022, October 2022)



Distributing 5 project newsletter updates to the project's proximal neighbours and surrounding localities.



Establishing a project website <u>www.tarongwestwindfarm.com.au</u> and project contact details (1800 number and email address)



Collecting targeted feedback via an online community survey



Meetings with individual property owners as requested.

RES Benefit Sharing Programs

The Tarong West Wind Farm, if developed, will contribute over \$10 million dollars to the community through a range of proposed benefit sharing programs over the life of the project.

Neighbour Shared Benefit Scheme The RES Neighbour Shared Benefit Scheme (SBS) will provide annual ongoing payments to qualifying neighbours of the project based on a clear set of distance-based criteria. The SBS allows project neighbours to share in the benefits of renewable energy projects with no limits or conditions, starting at the commencement of construction.



Eligibility will be tied to properties so that benefits pass to new property owners. A dedicated website will be set up and shared with eligible project neighbours to register their interest in participating in the SBS, should the project be developed.

In addition to the SBS, the project intends to provide broad benefit to the community and is in discussions with community groups and associations to ensure that ultimate funding arrangements address the current and future challenges of the community and provide benefit in a meaningful and long-term manner, informed by the community.

Community Futures Fund \$

Community feedback outcomes

Since the last community information sessions in April 2023, RES has made further refinements to optimise the Tarong West Wind Farm. This refinement will allow the project to achieve its energy production target, while minimising impacts to neighbours, the community and environment.

