



Fact sheet

# Wind Farms

## Community benefit sharing

We are committed to sharing the benefits of our wind farms with the host communities. We will do this by establishing a community benefit fund for the operational life of our project, in line with best industry practices and the needs and expectations of local communities.

We want the funding to have a positive, lasting, and meaningful impact on any community that hosts our project.

We acknowledge the diverse needs of each community and will co-develop a benefit fund with local communities. Before we establish the fund, we will consult with the community to understand their needs and determine how they wish to be engaged to foster positive outcomes, provide value, and contribute more equitably to the regional economy.

A community benefit fund investing in local projects and community organisations, as determined by the community, can help to relieve pressure on council budgets and allow initiatives that might have otherwise been subject to budget constraints, to be realised more quickly.

### What are some examples of how our wind farm can benefit local communities?

Our aim is to support communities by creating economic and social benefits such as:

- Providing training opportunities to build technical expertise, address skill gaps and find jobs with improved career pathways.
- Creating local jobs to boost employment in the area during construction and operation of our wind farm.
- Buying locally to boost regional economies.
- Building relationships and working with local contractors, suppliers, and service providers.
- Generating a source of income for landowners.
- Contributing to the state and national renewable energy targets.

We look forward to working with you and the local community to refine these benefits as our project progresses through its development stage.

## How will we engage with the community?

We are interested in working with you as a stakeholder who may be interested in our wind farm. Our team is always available to chat and answer any questions you may have.

We undertake early, transparent, and timely community engagement when developing our projects.

Our communication and engagement approach is guided by the international standards of the:

- International Association for Public Participation (IAP2).
- International Association for Impact Assessment (IAIA).

We engage early with the aim to:

- Raise project awareness.
- Include community knowledge in the design and delivery of our projects (where possible) to reflect community values.
- Gather local feedback to learn about community needs, concerns, and interests.
- Learn how stakeholders wish to be engaged.
- Proactively address community concerns in a timely manner.
- Enable the sharing of ideas and resources.
- Manage expectations and build trust.

## Provide feedback

Email [AUProjects@equis.com](mailto:AUProjects@equis.com)  
or phone 1800 161 249.

To learn more about our projects you can:

- Visit our [website](#).
- Register at [engagement hub](#) to follow our projects.
- Attend a project information session.

On our engagement hub you can register as supplier, provide feedback and register for community benefits.

We will publish project information on our engagement hub and website, including upcoming information sessions, project updates, newsletters, and fact sheets.

## Need more information

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