

# Community Newsletter #7

## Sunny Corner Wind Farm Community Update – 15 April 2025



Launching a Sunny Corner Wind Farm Facebook page

Hello Community Members,

### Recent TrueView visits with neighbours

Over the last few weeks, the Sunny Corner Wind Farm project team has been visiting many neighbours living close to the project area at their homes for a consultation using TrueView augmented reality. This iPad-based software enables people to visualise the initial proposed turbine layout from their properties. These consultations are continuing across April and May.

The invitation for the project team to visit your property with the TrueView software is open to any near neighbour – if you would like to book a consultation, please get in touch via community@someva.com.au

During consultations undertaken so far, the main questions raised have been about potential visual and noise impacts, with other areas discussed including protecting water quality/natural springs, bushfire management, and potential impacts on farm animals and farm-stay businesses. These areas are being assessed by independent technical consultants as part of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process. Several neighbours expressed interest in hosting infrastructure, and all are keen for continued engagement and updates, including about the Neighbour Benefits Program being developed.

### Community benefits survey - feedback so far

Thank you to the 80+ community members who have shared their views through <u>our survey</u> on the proposed Sunny Corner Wind Farm Community Benefits Program and Fund.

When asked what the Community Benefits Fund should focus on, locals have highlighted priorities like environmental sustainability, fire management, community infrastructure, and reducing household energy costs. Ideas for long-term investment include employment programs, support for youth and seniors, and other renewable energy initiatives. Many have called for inclusive governance of the fund with broad community representation, and clear and regular communication going forward.

The survey responses also reflect the strong and diverse opinions about the project more broadly. Some community members have indicated interest in hosting project infrastructure and welcome the investment that comes with the Community Benefits Fund. While others have shared their concerns about the project and renewable energy developments more generally.

The survey remains open if you wish to have your say at: <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SunnyCornerBenefits">https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SunnyCornerBenefits</a>





Several community members have shared that they would prefer to access project information using social media. In response, we have just launched a Sunny Corner Wind Farm Facebook page to share updates, answer common questions and provide project information, for example about the EIS process.

## You can follow the Sunny Corner Wind Farm Page here:

www.facebook.com/SunnyCornerWindFarm

We are hopeful that this new communication channel will complement the approaches we have used to date in our effort to engage with the community as broadly as possible (including email newsletters, website, printed leaflets, newspaper ads, phone calls, surveys, drop-in sessions and others). To date, we've hosted five Community Information Hubs, spoken with over 655 locals, engaged more than 130 local organisations, and held more than 45 appointments with the project's nearest neighbours – with more to come.

We're also updating the Sunny Corner Wind Farm website to answer some of the questions we've been hearing most frequently from the community, including about the State Significant Development process and timing, potential impacts, and the neighbour and community benefits programs. If you would like to catch up on previous community newsletters, they are also now available on the website:

www.sunnycornerwindfarm.com.au

The Fact Pack can be found here: <u>SCWF-Fact Pack</u> – All newsletters can now be found here: <u>Sunny Corner Newsletters</u> - <u>Sunny Corner Wind Farm</u>

### Independent technical assessments continuing

Several independent technical consultants have begun visiting the area to conduct their assessments for the EIS. Thank you to those community members who have provided consultants access to their properties – this process is at arm's length from the Sunny Corner Wind Farm project team and allows for a more comprehensive study of the project's potential impacts, to inform mitigation measures and/or project design changes.

If you have questions about these assessments or what the technical consultants are focussed on, please reach out directly to us at community@someva.com.au.

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