

Kiata Wind Farm Community Engagement Strategy Summary

Windlab is conducting community engagement activities on behalf of Kiata Wind Farm Pty Ltd. In 2015 Windlab received the Business Community Engagement Award from the Clean Energy Council for its community engagement effort at Coonooer Bridge Wind Farm (CBWF) 150km from Kiata. Windlab is applying the same award winning approach at Kiata Wind Farm with the key tenements of:

- Reducing impacts by keeping the project small,
- Providing a fairer distribution of benefits by giving free project company shares to neighbours,
- Keeping the whole of the community engaged through regular face-to-face updates, and
- Operating a community grant program to support local not-for-profit organisations

Over the past 18 months Windlab representatives have:

- Conducted over 50 one-on-one meetings with project neighbours to discuss the timeline, delivery, impacts and community benefits of the Kiata Wind Farm,
- Given over 50 phone updates to project neighbours,
- Organised for a voluntary Cultural Heritage Management Plan to be compiled so as to protect aboriginal heritage values,
- Hosted a town hall meeting to present the project to nearby neighbours. Windlab intend on conducting another before the end of 2015,
- Committed, on behalf of KWF Pty Ltd, to giving free project equity to neighbours of the project through an open negotiation process,
- Committed to a \$4,000 community grant program during development and a \$20,000 community grant program during operation,
- Presented to the full Hindmarsh Shire Council and Mayor on the project,
- Presented various project aspects to planning officials at the Council office,
- Provided regular written updates to the community.

Windlab can confirm that community support for the Kiata Wind Farm is similar to that of the Coonooer Bridge Wind Farm, for which Windlab received the Business Community Engagement Award in 2015.

Kiata Wind Farm Pty Ltd will continue to engage Windlab through the development process to ensure that community support for the project remains high.