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### **Energy Minister admires co-located solar and wind farm during Gullen Range visit**

Beijing Jingneng Clean Energy (BJCE) (Australia) Holding Pty Ltd, one of China's leading clean energy companies, welcomed the NSW Minister for Energy and Utilities, the Hon. Don Harwin, on a guided tour of the co-located Gullen Range Wind and Solar Farm, in Bannister yesterday. Upper Lachlan Shire Mayor Brian McCormack, Upper Lachlan Shire General Manager John Bell, and Goldwind Australia Managing Director John Titchen joined the Minister for the visit.

BJCE (Australia) General Manager Weiwei Shi said, "We are delighted to host the Hon. Minister Don Harwin today. He is an advocate for the renewables sector and it is great to see New South Wales powering ahead with its transition to cleaner forms of energy."

The Minister was treated to a close up look at a turbine and a turbine shutdown and restart through computer controls. Mr Harwin also met local landowner John Klem who explained the importance of the income stream received from the wind farm lease. He also expressed appreciation for the wider benefits the renewable energy industry has brought to the local community.

The site visit finished with an afternoon tea at the Gullen Solar Farm where local Crookwell High School student Gracey Abbey presented the Minister with a handmade wooden turbine. Gullen Range Wind Farm has been a key supporter of education in the local area, recently donating \$1,750 worth of educational equipment to the Crookwell Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) program.

Together, the Gullen Range Wind Farm and Gullen Solar Farms form the first co-located wind and solar farm in Australia. Gullen Range Wind Farm first generated electricity in 2013 and consists of 73 wind turbines with a total capacity of 165.5MW. Gullen Solar Farm consists of 42,000 solar panels and has a peak capacity of 10MW. It was partially funded by the Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA) and first generated electricity in 2017. Located 10km south of Crookwell in the Southern Tablelands, on an average day of wind and sunshine, the combined facility can power more than 70,000 average homes.

BJCE's next clean energy project is the Biala Wind Farm, a 31-turbine wind farm located in Biala NSW. For more information about Biala Wind Farm visit [www.bialawindfarm.com](http://www.bialawindfarm.com)

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**About Gullen Range Wind and Solar Farm**

Gullen Range Wind Farm and Gullen Solar Farm are owned and operated by New Gullen Range Wind Farm Pty Ltd (NGRWF), a joint venture between Beijing Jingneng Clean Energy Co., Ltd. (75%) and Goldwind Capital (Australia) Pty Ltd (25%).

**About Beijing Jingneng Clean Energy (Australia) Holding Pty Ltd**

Beijing Jingneng Clean Energy (Australia) Holding Pty Ltd (BJCE Australia) is wholly owned by Beijing Jingneng Clean Energy Co. Limited through its Hong Kong subsidiary (BJCE HK). BJCE was established in August 2010 and is the leading supplier of wind power in China. Listed on the Hong Kong stock exchange in 2011, BJCE's energy portfolio also includes gas, solar PV and hydroelectricity. BJCE owns and operates in excess of 3.3GW of renewable energy. In 2014 BJCE entered the international market by acquiring a 75% stake in the 165.5MW Gullen Range Wind Farm. BJCE Australia's growing team consists of ten people, moving towards an ambitious target of owning and operating 1GW of generation in Australia by 2020. BJCE is based in Beijing and the headquarters of BJCE Australia are in Sydney.

**Image 1**

Mayor Brian McCormack, Minister Don Harwin, BJCE Deputy General Manager Derek Powell

**Image 2**

BJCE General Manager Weiwei Shi, Minister Don Harwin, BJCE Deputy General Manager Derek Powell

**Image 3**

Minister Don Harwin and local high school student, Gracey Abbey