

# BIALA WIND FARM

## UPDATE

MAY 2018

We're keen to keep you up to date on what's happening with Biala Wind Farm. To receive **electronic updates**, sign up at [bialawindfarm.com/subscription](http://bialawindfarm.com/subscription).

### Latest Updates

The main reason for this update is we wanted you to know the additional information we have provided to the **Joint Regional Planning Panel (JRPP)** is now on public exhibition. On the 14th March the JRPP considered our Development Application for an underground transmission line from Biala Wind Farm to Gullen Range Wind Farm substation and requested we provide this information.

We require this **transmission line** so that electricity generated by the Biala wind turbines can be passed on to the electricity grid. We've volunteered to put this cable underground to minimise its visual impact and so there is minimal restriction on farming activities where the cable is installed. We'll be using directional drilling to put the cable under Grabben Gullen Road to avoid restricting traffic and damaging the road surface. The use of the existing Gullen Range Wind Farm substation avoids having to build a whole new substation in a new location. The existing substation will receive some upgrades and these are included in the Development Application.

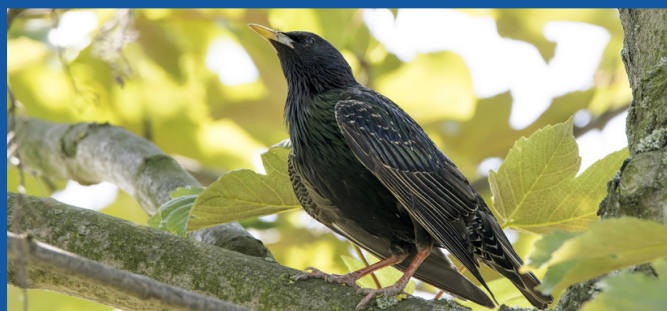
The additional information will be **on exhibition** until 15th of May on the Upper Lachlan Council website and at Gunning and Crookwell council offices. For more information visit [upperlachlan.nsw.gov.au/planning/exhibition](http://upperlachlan.nsw.gov.au/planning/exhibition).

Driven along **Kialla Road** recently? We've just begun work to replace **seven culverts** between Crookwell and Range Road. Divalls Earth Moving is removing the dips and will have traffic lights in place with delays of approximately five minutes. This is the first stage of the mandatory local road upgrades to be completed before the Biala Wind Farm construction can begin. The second stage is **resurfacing** Range Road between Kiala and Grabben Gullen Roads. All these works should be finished by early July 2018.

Last update we mentioned our plans to put up **four meteorological masts** on the wind farm site. These masts are used to test the performance of the wind turbines after the turbines have been installed. We'd be happy to explain the process if you are interested. The masts are on track for erection in July.

The next **Community Consultative Committee (CCC)** meeting is scheduled for the 22nd of May at 12pm in the Gunning Council Chambers. Observers may request to attend by registering their interest with the independent chairperson, Nic Carmody, on 0429 354 582 or email [nic.carmody@bigpond.com](mailto:nic.carmody@bigpond.com). The CCC is currently looking for new members. If you'd like to apply, please contact Nic.

We are in the process of producing a bird and bat management plan which is implemented when the turbines begin operating. This is a requirement of the wind farm development approval and involves 12 months of surveys of bird activity around the wind farm site. The surveys commenced in November of last year.



*The Common Starling*

So far the five species most abundant are:

- Common Starlings (22%)
- Sulphur-Crested Cockatoos (20%)
- Fairy Martins (9%)
- Australian Magpies (6%)
- Buff-Rumped Thornbills (4%)



*Sulphur-Crested Cockatoos*

### Our Community

Since December we have met with everybody who lives within 3km of a proposed wind turbine and all neighbours along the proposed transmission line route. We're always happy to talk about the project. If there is something you'd like to know, please feel welcome to contact us. We can drop by your house for a chat if it suits. You can also check our website for more information.

### About the Project

The Biala Wind Farm is owned by BJCE Australia, who also has a majority share in Gullen Range Wind Farm and Gullen Solar Farm. Biala wind farm is approximately 6km south of Grabben Gullen on Grabben Gullen Road.

The Wind Farm is proposed to have 31 turbines and was awarded a Development Approval in April 2017 by the NSW Planning Assessment Commission. BJCE Australia plans to connect the wind farm to the electricity grid via an underground cable to the existing Gullen Range Wind Farm Substation, located near Bannister.

### Project Timeline

Approvals, design work, surveys	Now until end September 2018
Roadwork to Range Rd and Kiala Rd	April 19 <sup>th</sup> 2018 to early July 2018
Onsite civil and electrical works	October 2018 to May 2019
Delivery and erection of wind turbines	March 2019 to July 2019
Commissioning of wind turbines	May 2019 to August 2019

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