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BJCE Australia recognised for excellence in the Clean Energy Council Annual Awards

Last night at the Clean Energy Council's Gala Awards Dinner, BJCE Australia was acknowledged as one of only three finalists for the *2018 Business Community Engagement Award* for their co-located Gullen Range Wind Farm Clean Energy Program.

The first of its kind in Australia, the Gullen Range Wind Farm Clean Energy Program enables residents and businesses, located within 5 km of the 22 km long wind farm, to apply for grants to implement clean energy efficiency measures in their home or office.

Weiwei Shi, BJCE Australia, General Manager said; "We are proud to be recognised for our excellence in the clean energy sector. What sets this program apart from most community benefit schemes is the direct assistance provided to people who live near the wind turbines. Our grants for solar PV, solar hot water or other energy efficiency initiatives result in direct long-term power bill savings as well as a decreased carbon footprint."

Developed and refined through active community engagement, the program comprises two stages. The first step is an energy audit. Invaluable from a stakeholder education perspective, this is the first time most applicants have considered the energy efficiency of their home or office and the economic benefits presented by clean energy. It empowers applicants with the knowledge they need to get best value from the grant. Intended to run for the life of the wind farm, the Program has already received 96 applications – 94 buildings have completed the energy audit phase of the process. 39 Stage 2 applications have been approved 26 buildings are completed.

Joi, a nearby resident explained, "I'm so excited now I have solar and it's just great to be able to switch a light on without having to go outside to turn on the noisy generator...I want to thank Gullen Range Wind Farm and you for helping me finally getting part of my dream by being self-sufficient before I retire to make it easier for me to survive on an aged pension".

Derek Powell, BJCE Australia, Deputy General Manager went on to say, "This innovative program is an effective way to build better relationships in Crookwell and the villages surrounding our wind farm. Establishing and maintaining a good relationship with the community is instrumental to our success. As renewable energy providers, we believe one of our important roles is to encourage others to understand the value of making clean energy improvements."

Gullen Range Wind Farm consists of 73 turbines and produces 165.5MW of renewable power in ideal wind conditions. Located 11km South of Crookwell and 32km north west of Goulburn, the wind farm stretches 22km from north to south. It has been fully operational since December 2014.

For more information about Gullen Range Wind Farm and the Clean Energy Project visit www.gullenrangewindfarm.com





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About BJCE Australia

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. We entered the international market in 2014 by acquiring a 75% stake in Gullen Range Wind Farm. We have a growing workforce of 12 in Australia.

BJCE Australia's mission is to explore, develop and produce renewable energy within Australia, with the aim of owning and operating 1GW of generation by 2020. We are focussed on being a secure and reliable supplier to our customers, promoting the care and development of our people and delivering on our commitment to our stakeholders in a compliant, profitable, safe and environmentally responsible manner.