



# APPENDIX C

Project engagement



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| Date          | Stakeholder  | Nature of engagement   | Response   |
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| 5/08/2021     |  | Letter drop to surrounding residents introducing the project, opening communication lines, and summarising the approval project process.   | -  |
| 13/09/2021    | NSW Farmers Association, Wellington Branch                 | A telephone call was held to discuss the project and to obtain early feedback concerning the project. No immediate concerns regarding the project were raised, however it was requested that the Association be kept informed when further design details are known. | Further information concerning the project, including the proposed design and access arrangements were shared prior to EIS exhibition. |
| 16/09/2021    | Member of the community - resident                         | A call was held at the request of the neighbour to discuss the proposed project. The neighbour advised that they were considering building a battery energy storage system, south of the Wellington Substation.  | -  |
| 23/09/2021    | Wellington Correctional Centre                             | A call as held with the Business Manager to discuss the project. An email was subsequently sent with further project information and information regarding the approval process and planned consultation.  | -  |
| 24/09/2021    |  | Outgoing calls were held with nearby residents to confirm that they had received the initial letter.   |  |
| 28–29/09/2021 | Lightsource bp (proponent for Wellington North solar farm) | Email correspondence and meeting to identify potential project interactions.   |  |
| 28–29/09/2021 | CWP Renewables (proponent for Uungula wind farm)           | Email and telephone correspondence to identify potential project interactions.   |  |
| 9/11/2021     | Local business   | Letter received via the website to offer equipment hire to the project.  |  |
| 9/12/2021     | Member of the community - resident                         | Letter drop to surrounding residents providing an update on the project (including information on the scoping report and future plans for consultation).   |  |
| 25/01/2022    |  | A newsletter was distributed to residents in Wellington, Wuuluman and surrounding suburbs to advertise an update of the project and to advise of upcoming community information sessions.  |  |
| 28/01/2022    | Local, State and Federal Government                        | A letter introducing the project and providing an update on its status was sent to relevant local, state and federal government representatives.   |  |
| 9/02/2022     | Member of the community – resident                         | A community member came to AMPYR office to seek information regarding the project. An overview of the project was provided and next steps were discussed.  |  |

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| 9/02/2022                | Member of the community – resident                         | A call was held with a nearby resident to confirm they had received the newsletter and to seek access to the resident’s property for photos to inform the visual impact assessment. In the call the community member raised concern about the possibility of electromagnetic radiation interrupting radio frequencies and any potential health problems associated with the battery’s operation through nearby exposure. | The hazard and risk assessment was separately provided to the resident as was an overview of the findings of the assessment concerning electromagnetic radiation and health impacts. |
| 10/02/2022               | NSW Farmers Association, Wellington Branch                 | A call was held with the Association to confirm they had received the newsletter. The Association reiterated previous concerns.  |  |
| 12/02/2022               | Member of the community – resident                         | An email was received via the project website. The resident asked about the total sound power level at the facility and the octave frequency spectrums to determine noise annoyance penalties.   | Information concerning the scope of the noise and vibration impact were provided on 14/02/2022. AMPYR committed to providing additional information when obtained from suppliers.    |
| 22/02/2022               | Member of the community – resident                         | An email was received asking about how the project will address fire risk and what measures would be put in place to control fires that are difficult to extinguish.   |  |
| 22/02/2022               | Member of the community – resident                         | A face-to-face meeting was held with the resident of R1 to discuss the project and the potential concerns they may have. The resident asked about the potential for noise and visual impacts at their home. AMPYR advised that studies were being undertaken to identify the potential for impacts at the resident’s home.   |  |
| 22/02/2022               |  | A community information session was held at PCYC Wellington. In total four people attended across the two sessions and provided feedback on the project.   |  |
| 26/02/2022               |  | An online community information session was held where time was set aside for residents to drop in.  |  |
| 7/03/2022 and 08/03/2022 | Member of the community – resident                         | Emails were sent to nearby residents seeking feedback on SIA questions and providing a link to the SIA survey.   |  |
| 10/03/2022               | Dubbo Regional Council, Mayor Mathew Dickerson             | Presentation to DRC Infrastructure, Planning and Environment Committee. Topics covered included an overview of the project, development process and timing, construction issues, and contributions to the community.   |  |
| March–September 2022     | Lightsource bp (proponent for Wellington North solar farm) | Regular correspondence relating to project timings and interface between Lightsource bp easement and access way to the project.  |  |
| June 2022                | Member of the community – resident                         | Telephone call and email correspondence with the resident of R1 to provide update on the project and discuss potential noise impacts on R1. Agreed to explore on-site mitigations at R1.   |  |

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| June – September 2022 | Member of the community – resident | Ongoing consultation with the resident of R1 in relation to proposed noise mitigation measures at R1.  |          |
| 24/06/2022            | Member of the community – resident | Email correspondence with R15 regarding EIS status and to provide copy of the draft hazard assessment in response to their request.  |          |
| 24/06/2022            | Member of the community – resident | Email correspondence with nearby residents, including R3, R15, R16, R17, R20 regarding EIS status. Addressed specific issues of concern for each, including noise, visual, traffic and hazard assessments.   |          |
| July–September 2022   | TfNSW                              | Email and phone correspondence with numerous TfNSW representatives seeking feedback in relation to the TIA approach and proposed intersection works/concept design.  |          |
| 02/08/2022            | Member of the community – resident | Email correspondence with the resident of R15 to arrange a site meeting for 08/08/2022 to discuss project related issues and obtain a photograph from the residence in support of the VIA. Meeting of 08/08/2022 was subsequently cancelled by the resident on the day of the site inspection due to work commitments. Committed to alternate zoom call. |          |
| 11–19/08/2022         | Endeavour Minerals Pty Ltd         | Telephone call regarding Exploration Licence EL8505 over the project site, to which the proponent was advised that the company Endeavour Minerals no longer exists. Follow-up letter correspondence outlining the details of the proposed project, link to the project documents on the major projects website, and contact details for the proponent.   |          |
| 11–19/08/2022         | Modeling Resources Pty Ltd         | Telephone call regarding Exploration Licence EL6178 over the TransGrid site. Follow-up letter correspondence outlining the details of the proposed project, link to the project documents on the major projects website, and contact details for the proponent.  |          |
| 17/8/2022             | Member of the community – resident | Zoom call with the residents of R15 to discuss their concerns regarding cumulative impacts, visual impacts, lighting, landscaping and noise.   |          |
| 19/08/2022            | Member of the community – resident | Email correspondence with the resident of R15 to offer another site meeting opportunity to obtain a photo from their property for the purpose of a photomontage.   |          |
| 05/09/2022            | Wellington Correctional Centre     | Letter sent via email with an update on the EIS status and inclusion of the Wellington Substation upgrade works within the EIS for the project.  |          |
| 5–6/09/2022           | Member of the community – resident | Letter sent (via email where available, or alternatively express post) to all nearby residents with an update on the EIS status and inclusion of the Wellington Substation upgrade works within the EIS for the project.   |          |