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## Information Sessions Indicate Support for Hills of Gold Wind Farm

Energy company ENGIE has met with residents, community members and business leaders during its recent week-long community consultation for the proposed Hills of Gold Wind Farm near Nundle.

ENGIE's General Manager, Asset Development, Andrew Kerley said the community information sessions demonstrated there was strong local support for the project.

"We were very pleased with the number of local residents that attended the sessions to meet with our team, discuss the details of the project and further explore the opportunities it could provide for the local area," he said.

"While we had many project supporters come along to discuss project changes, we also had a number of new faces, who were keen to learn more about the project.

"A highlight of the week was when over 40 supporters from Nundle and Hanging Rock joined us up at the project site, to get a first-hand look at where the turbines would be constructed."

As well as the community information sessions, ENGIE's project team also met with the Hills of Gold Community Consultative Committee (CCC).

"The team provided the CCC with an update on changes to the project made as a result of public submissions and community feedback. There was also a robust question-and-answer session," said Mr Kerley.

Members of the project team also met with neighbours of the proposed development site.

"We have been regularly meeting with host landowners and neighbours to the project, which continued when our team was in the region," said Mr Kerley.

"There are 56 dwellings within five kilometres of the proposed project site and 35 of those have host landowner and neighbour agreements in place or did not oppose the project during the public exhibition period."

The week-long visit also included a forum for business leaders in Tamworth.



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“This session was for interested business owners and leaders to gain a greater understanding of the economic benefits this project will bring to the wider region, as well as the project in general,” said Mr Kerley.

“The Hills of Gold project will create 211 direct jobs during the construction phase and is expected to include around \$370-million in capital expenditure in the local community.”

If approved, ENGIE’s Hills of Gold Wind Farm will generate enough renewable energy to power around 182,000 average Australian homes and reduce annual carbon emissions by 608,000 tonnes.

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