



# NEIGHBOUR BENEFIT SHARING PROGRAM

The Plains Renewable Energy Park is a proposed large-scale development that aims to harness wind and solar energy to provide cheap, reliable and clean electricity for homes and businesses in NSW. The renewable energy park will include the construction of an integrated wind and solar farm and will operate alongside agricultural activities.

ENGIE considers a range of benefit sharing programs as part of its project development in order to deliver significant benefits to the broader community.

## SHARING THE BENEFITS

ENGIE has established a Neighbour Benefit Sharing Program to ensure those residents living closest to the project can share in the direct financial benefits of the energy park. The Program will commence if the project is approved, and construction begins.

Under the Program, neighbours within 10 kilometres of the project will be eligible for a one-off payment during construction, and then additional annual payments based on how close they are to a constructed turbine. These annual payments will commence at the commissioning of the wind farm and continue annually for as long as the relevant turbines are operational.

The Program has been benchmarked against industry standards and takes into account the nature of the landscape surrounding the energy park.

All neighbours within 10 kilometres of a constructed turbine are eligible to sign up to the Program. While signing an agreement under the Program means neighbours acknowledge and accept construction and operation of the project, it does not restrict neighbours from raising concerns about the project at any time, either to the project owner or regulatory bodies.

## PAYMENT STRUCTURE

Payments will be calculated on the distance of a residence to project infrastructure, including wind turbines, solar and other ancillary infrastructure.

**Sign-on payment:** a once-off payment of **\$2,000** when the agreement is signed to cover legal costs and to reimburse for time spent understanding the agreement.

**Construction payment:** a once-off payment at the start of construction, acknowledging the disruption that may be experienced by neighbours.

- Within 5km: **\$15,000**
- Within 8km: **\$10,000**
- Within 10km: **\$5,000**

**Operation payments:** an annual base payment, plus payments based on distance to wind turbines.

- Within 5km: **\$15,000 + \$1,000 per turbine**
- Within 8km: **\$10,000 + \$500 per turbine**
- Within 10km: **\$5,000 + \$250 per turbine**

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EXAMPLE:		PAYMENT:	TOTAL:
	Neighbour lives 4km from the nearest wind turbine	<b>\$15,000</b> (base payment)	
	<b>3</b> turbines within 5km	<b>\$3,000</b> (\$1,000 per turbine)	<b>\$27,250</b> annual payment once the Energy Park is operational
	<b>11</b> turbines within 8km	<b>\$5,500</b> (\$500 per turbine)	<b>+</b>
	<b>15</b> turbines within 10km	<b>\$3,750</b> (\$250 per turbine)	<b>\$15,000</b> once-off payment at construction

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Dwelling Payments are applicable in relation to dwellings only, not land without dwellings. Eligible dwellings must:

- not be dilapidated
- have existed at January 1, 2023
- have been occupied for a minimum of six months in the year previous to the energy park commencing operation.

## \*Notes:

- If a one-off payment is preferred to the annual payment structure, the project team is open to working with neighbours on how we can achieve a fair and equitable approach.
- All payments would be indexed annually to the Consumer Price Index, from the commencement of the Program.
- Each agreement will include a negotiated distance that the project commits to not place any infrastructure within.
- Payments are for every dwelling located on land with a unique registered owner. For situations where more than one dwelling is owned by the same person, the amount payable is calculated by establishing the highest calculated benefit for a dwelling and adding \$1000 for every additional dwelling located within 10 kilometres of a constructed wind turbine.



ENGIE is committed to supporting the local community by widely sharing the benefits of this project. We invite all community members to get in touch and provide input on how we can best deliver our projects and initiatives to have a sustainable and positive impact on the community.

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