

# Palmer Wind Farm Benefit Sharing Plan

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## Overview

Tilt Renewables is committed to being a positive community member and is proud to provide support that makes a real difference.

The Palmer Wind Farm will have more than \$13 million<sup>1</sup> available for neighbours, local community and First Nations people the over the 30+ years of the project. These include:

- \$7 million for local community benefits.
- \$2.9 million available through our Neighbour Benefit Scheme (\$3,500+ annually per eligible household).
- \$2.3 million provided directly to our First Nations partners through the Peramangk Partnership Fund.
- \$1 million over the first five years for a First Nations Training and Capacity building fund.

The closer you live to the wind farm, the more benefits you could receive.

In addition to these long-term benefits, the project commits to spending \$627.5 million for local content and employment, including First Nations economic participation and training. This includes goods, services and labour procured from Australia and New Zealand.

[1] This is today's money, this amount will be adjusted by CPI over time so the value for the community will stay the same.

# The Community Benefit Plan

Tilt Renewables is committed to sharing the benefits of the Palmer Wind Farm with the local community. The \$7 million in community benefits amounts to \$226,000 every year beginning at construction and continuing for the life of the wind farm. This money will be split between community grants, energy subsidies, education programs and mental and physical wellbeing initiatives.

Over the last 18 months we have undertaken engagement activities to better understand community priorities. These included:



**A survey for all community members (mailed out to all residences within 5km of the project)**



**Two workshops with community representatives, CFS, Councilors and Members of Parliament.**

This document outlines our Benefit Sharing Plan based on the feedback so far and provides an opportunity for further feedback.

## What we heard?



# What is the plan?

## Neighbour Benefit Scheme

In 2013 a Neighbour Benefit Scheme was established for the Palmer Wind Farm. Neighbours with a dwelling within 2 km or a property boundary within 1km of a turbine, will be eligible for an annual payment of \$3,500 (was previously \$2,500 but has been increased due to CPI), plus an extra \$100 for every extra turbine.

The purpose of the scheme is to share financial benefits with close neighbours. It was established in response to early feedback about sharing the financial benefits beyond the host landholders.

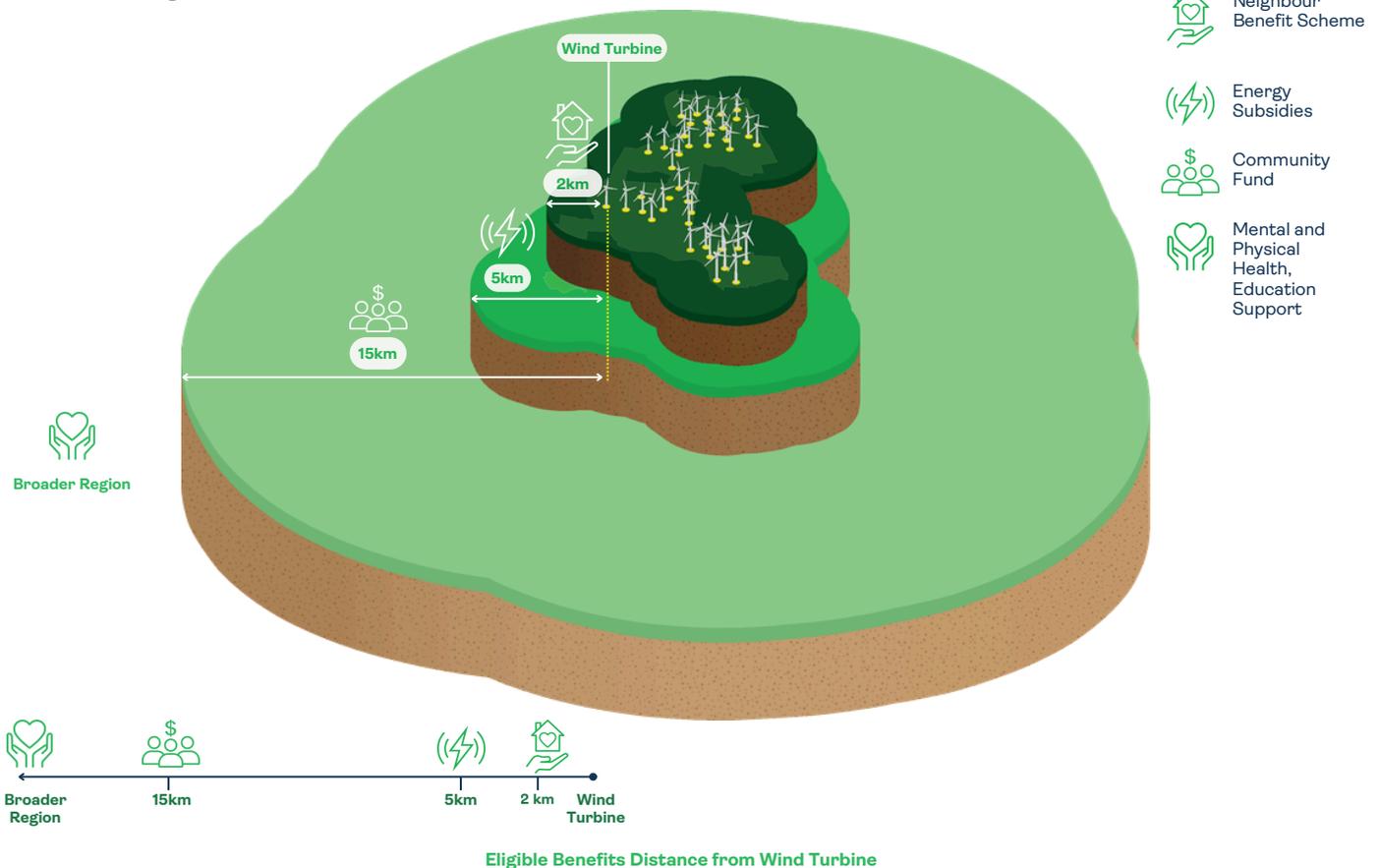
People will continue to be eligible to sign up for the scheme until the wind farm is in operations.

## Mental and physical wellbeing

Mental and physical wellbeing consistently ranked as the highest priority for the community. Therefore, 30 per cent (\$~70,000) of the annual funding will be dedicated to mental and physical wellbeing.

Community representatives suggested improving connection through a community bus. A free community bus could be used to attend community events, visit the men’s shed, go shopping, visit a gym or park for exercise. They believed this would help community members improve their social connection and therefore wellbeing. Tilt Renewables is working with LinkSA to bring this possibility to life.

## Palmer Wind Farm Community Benefit Program



This is an indicative diagram, please reach out to us a [palmerwindfarm@tiltrenewables.com](mailto:palmerwindfarm@tiltrenewables.com) to find out what you may be eligible for.

Figure 1: Community benefits as they move out from the project

## Education

While not the highest priority, the importance of education support was consistently raised. In particular, community representatives raised the need to support adult learners. For example, a single mother who wants to gain additional training to improve her professional opportunities but might need childcare or transport support to attend night classes.

Therefore, a scholarship will be established through the Bendigo Bank Community Enterprise Foundation to support adult learners. The scholarship could be 10 percent (~\$20,000) of the overall funding.

## Community fund

Community representatives were keen to have an annual fund so emerging priorities for the community can be addressed. Therefore 40 percent (~\$85,000) could be available via applications to a community fund every year.

Decisions on what projects get funding under this model will be made by community members. The fund will be coordinated through the Bendigo Bank Community Enterprise Foundation.

Feedback from the Mid-Murray Council was that part of this funding could go into a new community-wide foundation being set up with other renewable energy developers. This would allow the community surrounding the wind farm to help others in the broader Mid-Murray area.

You can share your thoughts about this idea by completing the survey linked on the next page.

## Energy subsidies

Community representatives were supportive of providing energy subsidies to people once the project was operational. They wanted to allocate 20 per cent (~\$50,000) of the funding to this, as there are other neighbour payments available for dwellings within 2km of a turbine.

The proposal is to provide energy subsidies for all households within 5km of a turbine. This is approximately 300 households and includes Palmer and Tungkillo townships. This will equate to approximately \$150 per household, per year.

## Sponsorships and ad-hoc benefits

Tilt Renewables has been providing sponsorship support and ad-hoc benefits for the Palmer and surrounding community for many years. We will continue to do so throughout the lifetime of the wind farm.

Organisations and activities that have received financial support to date include:

- Cambrai Cricket Club.
- Palmer Cricket Club.
- Palmer Sculpture Biennial.
- Palmer Hotrods Street Party.
- Sedan Cambrai Football Netball Club.
- Cambrai Area School - for students to attend the 2025 National Landcare Conference.
- Mid-Murray Council - for the Palmer Water Standpipe Automation and to support community members to attend the National Small Town Reinvention Conference 2025.
- The Palmer Collier Park Community Association and Tungkillo Progress Club - to improve their public spaces including new exercise equipment.



### Questions?

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