



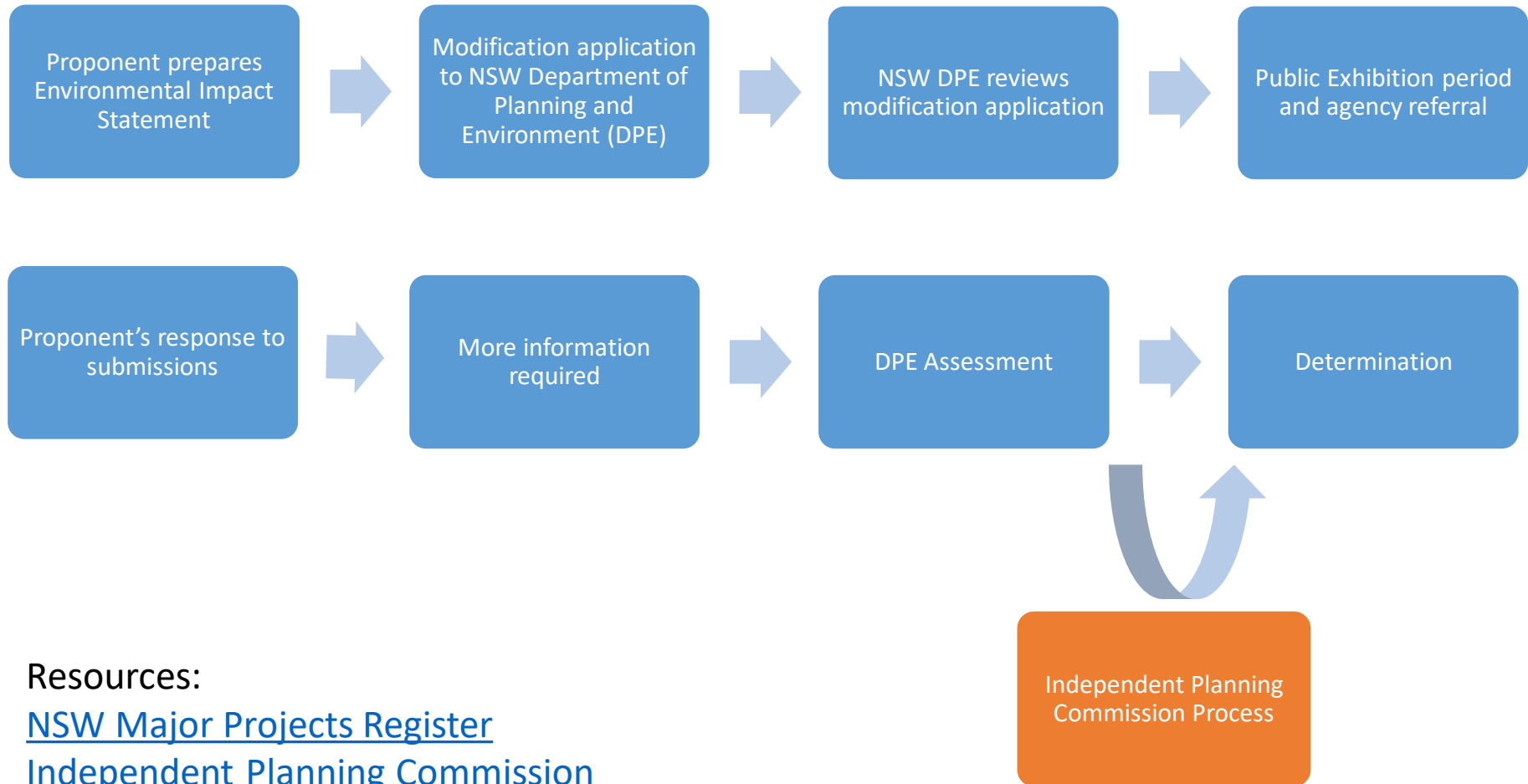
# COPPABELLA Wind Farm

## Project Briefing Community Consultative Committee

8<sup>th</sup> Nov 2018

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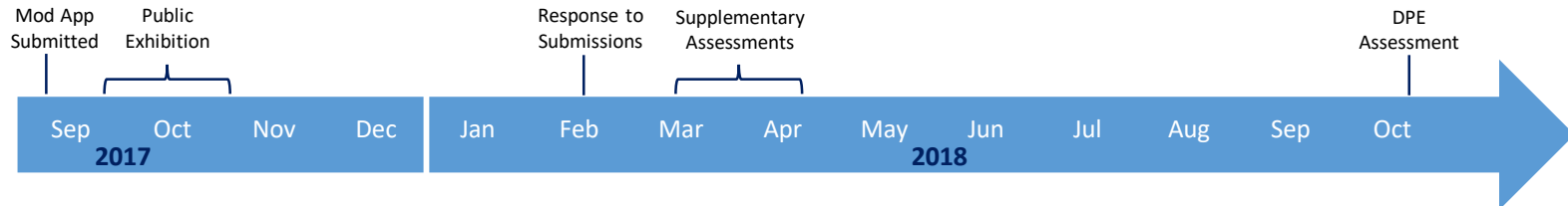
- Modification Application Update
- General Project Update
- Community Update



**Resources:**

[NSW Major Projects Register](#)

[Independent Planning Commission](#)



## Department of Planning & Environment (DPE) Assessment

In addition to the vegetation impact allowance and wind turbine tip height, DPE have made a number of notable additions to their proposed Conditions of Consent:

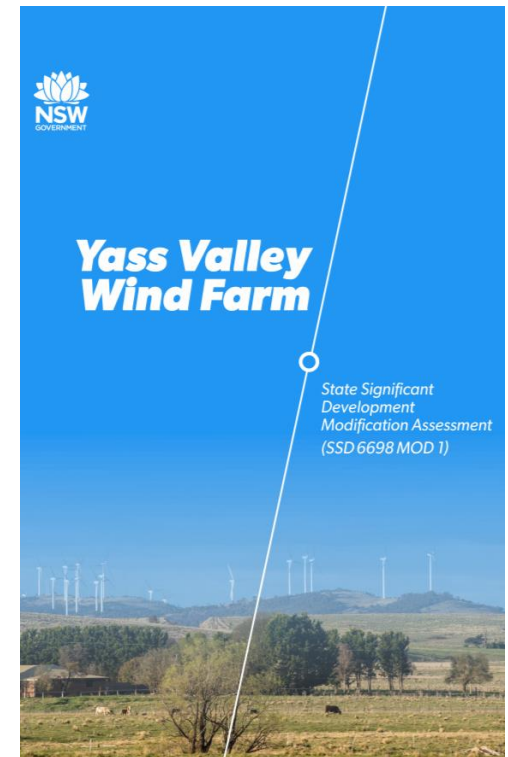
- Removal of 4 wind turbines
- Limit to removing no more than 4 hollow bearing trees on Whitefields Road
- Requirement to seal Whitefields Road
- Inclusion that any aviation hazard lighting, if required, utilises an aircraft detection lighting system

Extracts from the Assessment's conclusion below:

*"The Department has assessed the merits of the modification in accordance with the relevant requirements of the EP&A Act.*

*With the implementation of the amended conditions, the Department is satisfied that the modified project achieves a reasonable balance between maximising the efficiency of the wind resource development and minimising the potential impacts on the local community and environment"*

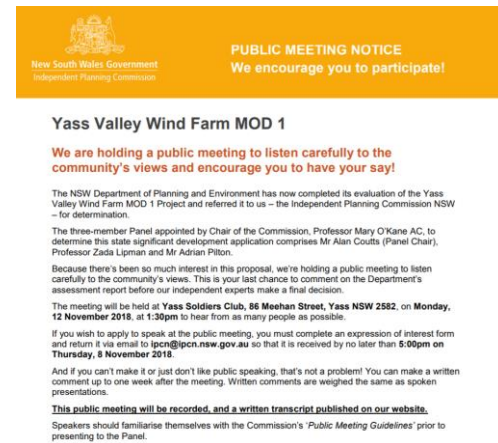
*"On balance, the Department considers that the proposed modification has merit, and is in the public interest"*



## Independent Planning Commission (IPC) Process

The modification application has now been referred to the IPC as more than 25 objections were received in the submissions stage. The process is outlined below:

- Referral received from DPE 16<sup>th</sup> Oct '18
- Meeting with Proponent 29<sup>th</sup> Oct '18
- Meeting with DPE 29<sup>th</sup> Oct '18
- **Public Meeting** 12<sup>th</sup> Nov '18
  - 1:30pm, Yass Soldiers Club
- Site Visit 13<sup>th</sup> Nov '18
- Written submissions deadline 19<sup>th</sup> Nov '18



The IPC will then assess the proposed modification and may request further information from the applicant or the NSW DPE throughout the process. For reference to an indicative timeline, recent IPC processes for wind farms were determined between 2-10 weeks after the public meeting.

For details on the process, transcripts of all meetings and speeches, as well as any further documentation supplied refer to the website:

<https://live.ipcn.nsw.gov.au/projects/2018/10/yass-valley-wind-farm-mod-1>

## **Construction Preparation**

- Tender for main contractor progressing
- Shortlisted to 2 main contractors – further design and tender optimisations underway

## **Early works planning**

- Highway intersection upgrade (RMS)
- Whitefields Road upgrade

## **Grid Connection**

- Due to new generation approved in the area (solar farm developments), TransGrid now proposing to connect wind farm directly into Yass Substation. TransGrid currently evaluating upgrades required to poles between the project at Yass (previously 25% were to be upgraded). This solution will eliminate the approved switchyard to the North of the project.

## **Meteorological Masts Removal**

- Sufficient data has been collected onsite. The 2 remaining development met masts are now being removed.



## Recent sponsorships

- Bowning Public School
- Binalong Arts Group
- Yass Irish and Celtic Festival
- Jugiong Quilt Show
- Harden Murrumburrah Show
- Binalong Rural Fire Brigade
- Harden Kite Festival
- Binalong Progress Group
- Binalong Public School Market Day
- Binalong Community Markets

## Information Centre

- Another 80 visitors since last meeting
- Opening hours:
  - Monday - 9am – 12noon
  - Wednesday - 3:30pm – 5:30pm
  - Friday - 3:30pm – 5:30pm
  - Saturday - 10-2pm



Harden Kite Festival 2018



Bowing Public School