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JERRARA POWER LODGES SCOPING REPORT FOR ENERGY FROM WASTE FACILITY

Jerrara Power has completed the first step in the planning and assessment process for a proposed energy from waste facility at Bungonia.

The Scoping Report for the \$600 million proposal was lodged with the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment on 22 June 2021. It includes a description of the proposal, the statutory framework, stakeholder engagement completed to date, proposed ongoing engagement and the identification of relevant environmental matters.

The Jerrara Power proposal is considered a State Significant Development under NSW planning legislation as it is for a waste management facility that would handle more than 1,000 tonnes of waste per year. The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment will assess the proposal and the consent authority will be either the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces or the Independent Planning Commission.

Jerrara Power Managing Director Chris Berkefeld said an important part of preparing the Scoping Report was community consultation.

“We have had the opportunity to speak with residents from Bungonia, Marulan, Windellama, Tallong, Brayton, Quialigo, Gundry, Big Hill and Goulburn about our proposal and listen to their concerns,” he said.

“This included six community scoping workshops attended by 169 residents, a random phone survey of 405 residents from the Goulburn Mulwaree local government area, 13 resident meetings, 114 stakeholder emails and 116 stakeholder calls.

“The issues raised during these discussions have included air quality including odour, impacts on ground water, surface water and rainwater tanks, traffic and maintenance of Jerrara Road, biodiversity, site selection and location, noise, greenhouse gas emissions, property values, visual amenity, human health, technology and the proposed waste streams.

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“These issues, among others, have been preliminarily addressed in the Scoping Report where we have detailed the potential impacts and the proposed scope of the more detailed assessment to be undertaken in the EIS.”

Since announcing the project on 19 April 2021, the Jerrara Power website has been viewed more than 7,700 times by more than 1,600 users, while the Facebook page that has reached more than 5,200 people.

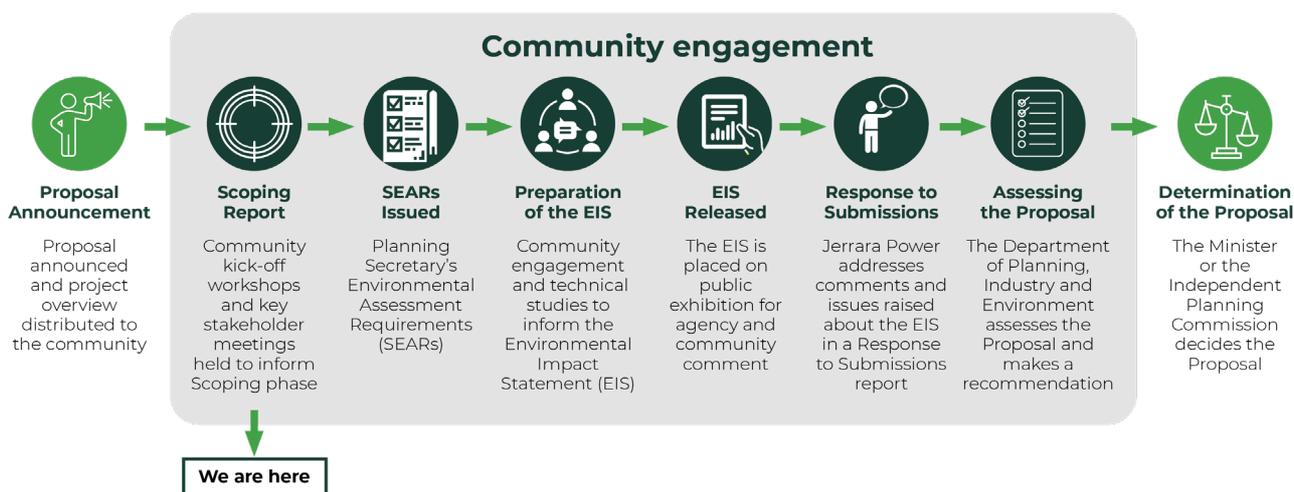
Mr Berkefeld said the team had also letterbox dropped almost 660 properties throughout Bungonia and Marulan in addition to local advertising.

“We are committed to engaging with the community and other stakeholders throughout the planning and assessment process and intend to continue our engagement through the creation of a Community Reference Group, pop-up engagement stalls at community events, drop-in sessions and presentations from technical experts as well as ongoing updates to our website and Facebook page,” he said.

The next step in the planning and assessment process will be the issue of the Secretary’s Environmental Assessment Requirements or SEARs.

For more information about the proposal or to view the Scoping Report, head to www.jerrarapower.com.au or visit the NSW Planning Portal Major Projects website <https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects>

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Background

Jerrara Power Pty Ltd is proposing to build and operate an energy from waste facility to process up to 330,000 tonnes of residual household, commercial and industrial waste each year to generate electricity.

Residual waste, not suitable for recycling, would be sourced locally and from Sydney and transported to the facility at 974 Jerrara Road, Bungonia where the waste would be thermally processed at high temperature using Hitachi Zosen Inova's (HZI) moving grate combustion technology.

The heat from combustion would boil water to create steam. The steam will drive a turbine connected to a generator to produce electricity. This power would be fed into the grid to power homes and businesses.

Once fully operational, the facility would generate an average of 30 megawatts of power. This is enough electricity to supply 43,000 homes (based on an average residential home in NSW using 5,100kWh per year¹).

The proposal also includes a visitor and education centre, car park, administration building, weighbridges, internal roads, stormwater infrastructure, fencing and landscaping, a temporary construction workforce accommodation facility and overhead power lines to a 66kV substation. Some 300 jobs will be created during peak construction and 60 full-time jobs during the facility's 25-year lifespan.

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¹ Monitoring the Electricity Retail Market 2019–2020, Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal