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**BJCE Australia implements new measures to help stop the spread of COVID-19 in the local community**

In response to the international COVID-19 pandemic, BJCE Australia has implemented a new set of protocols to protect the communities in which we operate, our employees, contractors and suppliers. We are experiencing an unprecedented public health situation and we want everyone to know public health and wellbeing is a top priority for BJCE Australia.

In recent weeks, we have proactively implemented the following changes:

- **Gullen Range Wind and Solar Farm public tours** have been suspended. If you would like to be notified when these tours will recommence, please register [here](#).
- **Our school visits and tours to site have been postponed until further notice.** As an Industry Partner with the STEM Industry School Partnership (SISP) Program, we are working closely with the SISP coordinators to continue supporting the Program in 2020.
- **Gullen Range Wind Farm Community Enhancement Fund grant workshop** has been postponed. We are planning to deliver a rescheduled workshop via an online webinar. If you are interested and would like to know more please call 1800 509 711.
- **Gullen Range Wind Farm's Clean Energy Program's household energy efficiency audit** visits are now on hold. We are currently exploring others ways of conducting the audits. If you have any questions, please call 1800 509 711.
- **Biala Wind Farm's** monthly **community BBQ's** have been cancelled for the time being.
- All Community Consultative Committee (CCC) **meetings** will be held via teleconference or postponed.

At this point in time, our project and construction sites continue to operate, but they are only open to our staff and contractors.

The NSW government has recently issued advice requiring the closure of certain types of businesses. Although construction sites are specifically excluded from this requirement, we will continue to monitor and follow government advice as it is updated.

Derek Powell, Deputy General Manager, BJCE Australia said, "We are monitoring the COVID-19 situation closely and working in accordance with guidelines and recommendations set forth by the World Health Organisation, the Australian Government and the NSW Department of Health. We are proactively introducing additional measures to minimise risk at our sites and encouraging our teams to be extremely mindful of best practice hygiene at all times."

The following strategies are now in place:

- 'Social distancing' practices between teams on our project and construction sites
- Minimised person-to-person contact
- Increased cleaning services at site
- Provision of hand sanitiser, disinfectant and antibacterial wipes for all staff and at site offices
- Any staff member showing sign of illness to remain at home
- Primary contractors have been asked to implement virus screening for all workers



We will commence delivery of wind turbine components to Biala Wind Farm this week, subject to the above precautions and any updated government recommendations. More information about our program of turbine deliveries can be found at <https://bialawindfarm.com/turbine-delivery/>.

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#### **About Biala Wind Farm**

Biala Wind Farm is a 31 turbine wind farm located approximately 6km south of Grabben Gullen on Grabben Gullen Road, 8km east of Biala and 14.5km south west of Crookwell in the Southern Tablelands of NSW. The planned wind farm is 100% owned by Beijing Jingneng Clean Energy (Australia) Holding Pty Ltd (BJCE Australia). Biala Wind Farm is expected to have an installed capacity of approximately 110MW producing enough electricity for approximately 46,000 typical homes on an average day of wind.

#### **About Gullen Range Wind Farm**

Gullen Range Wind Farm is an operational wind farm in the Southern Tablelands of NSW, Australia. It is owned by New Gullen Range Wind Farm Pty Ltd (NGRWF). The wind farm consists of 73 turbines and produces 165.5MW of renewable power in ideal wind conditions.

On an average day it produces enough energy to power in excess of 70,000 average homes. By 2020, Gullen Range Wind Farm will have saved 2.7 million tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions compared to conventional power generation.

Stretching from north to south, the wind farm measures 22km, approximately centred on the locality of Bannister, 11km South of Crookwell and 32km north west of Goulburn.

#### **About Gullen Solar Farm**

The Gullen Solar Farm project is an operational solar photovoltaic (PV) power plant with an installed capacity of 10MW. The solar farm is co-located within the existing Gullen Range Wind Farm making Gullen Range the first large-scale co-located wind and solar farm in Australia. Locating the solar farm adjacent to the wind farm minimises required infrastructure meaning a reduction in environmental impact and project cost. Construction of the solar farm was supported by a grant from ARENA.

The solar farm consists of 42,000 solar panels and first generated electricity in 2017. It produces approximately 22,000 megawatt-hours of clean renewable energy each year, which is enough energy to supply approximately 3,100 NSW homes. The operating life of the solar farm will be 25 – 30 years.

#### **About BJCE Australia**

Beijing Jingneng Clean Energy (Australia) Holding Pty Ltd (BJCE Australia) is wholly owned by Beijing Jingneng Clean Energy Co. Limited (BJCE) through its Hong Kong subsidiary. BJCE was established in August 2010 and is the leading supplier of wind power in China. Listed on the Hong Kong stock exchange in 2011, BJCE's portfolio includes gas, wind, solar PV and hydroelectricity. As at 2017, BJCE owned and operated in excess of 8GW of clean and renewable energy generation assets. BJCE initially entered the Australian renewable energy market in 2014 by purchasing a 75% stake of the 165.5MW Gullen Range Wind Farm.



BJCE Australia was subsequently formed in mid-2017 and is targeting a 1GW clean energy generation portfolio by 2023. BJCE Australia has built an experienced local team of people to drive this growth, with further expansion under way. BJCE is based in Beijing and the headquarters of BJCE Australia are in Sydney.

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