

# COVID-19 Update



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In response to the international COVID-19 pandemic, BJCE Australia implemented protocols to protect the communities in which we operate, our employees, contractors and suppliers. The measures described in this update are constantly being reviewed and updated.

In March-April 2020, we proactively implemented the following changes to our community engagement activities:

- We suspended the **Gullen Range Wind and Solar Farm public tours**. If you would like to be notified when these tours will recommence, please register at [gullenrangewindfarm.com](http://gullenrangewindfarm.com)
- We postponed **school visits and tours** to site. 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 by running virtual tours of our wind and solar farm.
- We postponed the **Gullen Range Wind Farm Community Enhancement Fund** grant workshop. We are now planning to deliver the workshop in July 2020. If you are interested and would like to know more please call 1800 509 711.
- We cancelled the **Biala Wind Farm's monthly community BBQs**.
- **Gullen Range Wind Farm's Clean Energy Program's household energy efficiency audit visits** are now on hold. If you have any questions, please call 1800 509 711.
- All **Community Consultative Committee (CCC) meetings** are being held via teleconference or have been postponed. Biala Wind Farm held a face-to-face meeting in accordance with the social distancing requirements.

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## Frequently Asked Questions – Gullen Range Wind and Solar Farm

### Is Gullen Range Wind Farm, Gullen Solar Farm or Biala Wind Farm still open?

Our project and construction sites continue to operate, but they are only open to our essential staff and contractors. The NSW Government issues various pieces of advice requiring the closure of certain types of businesses. Although construction sites are specifically excluded from this requirement, we monitor and follow government advice as it is updated.

### What staff are at Gullen Range Wind and Solar Farm?

A team of fifteen locally based staff work at the operations and maintenance facility at Bannister, servicing and maintaining the Gullen Range Wind and Solar Farm. No non-essential staff, or non-essential contractors, are allowed to attend site at present.

## Frequently Asked Questions – Biala Wind Farm

### Where are your wind turbines coming from?

The Goldwind turbine blades and other turbine components are manufactured in China, and exported via sea to Australia. NSW Ports and Australian Amalgamated Terminals (AAT) have stringent protocols in place to ensure any products from offshore are quarantined before entering Australian ports. Goldwind Australia's transport subcontractor, based in Port Kembla, picks the wind turbine components up from the port and delivers them to the wind farm site. All wind turbine components for the project have now arrived in Australia.

### There are a lot of workers at Biala Wind Farm. Where do they come from? Do they fly in and fly out?

BJCE Australia has one person based at Biala Wind Farm who lives locally. All staff are required to abide with the Federal and State Government regulations regarding travel within Australia. This includes adhering to self-isolation protocols if required.

We appointed three primary contractors to construct Biala Wind Farm:

1. **CATCON** – based in Adelaide, South Australia. CATCON has been constructing the civil works at the wind farm, including the roads and concrete turbine foundations. They have been flying staff in and out from South Australia and supplementing them with local subcontractors. The majority of their work is complete. They will maintain a small crew to manage site health and safety until the project is operational.
2. **Consolidated Power Projects (CPP) Australia** is an Australia wide company with offices in all major capital cities. CPP is an electrical infrastructure contractor that has been extending the Gullen Range Wind Farm substation at Bannister. The majority of their work is complete. They will maintain a small crew connecting the electricity cables to the wind turbines as they are gradually erected. They will also perform revegetation works at the substation and along underground cable routes.
3. **Goldwind Australia** – based in Sydney, New South Wales. Goldwind Australia is responsible for delivering the Goldwind wind turbines to the project site, as well as installation and commissioning of the turbines. Goldwind Australia is scheduled to be on-site performing this work for most of this year.

Goldwind Australia has engaged three subcontractor companies to assist in delivery and installation of the turbines:

1. **Ares Transport Group** – based in Port Kembla, New South Wales. Ares currently has two staff members base on site. Ares transports Goldwind wind turbine components from Port Kembla to the wind farm site six days a week.
2. **ARC** – based in Sydney, New South Wales. ARC is assisting with assembly of the wind turbines. Their staff stay locally to Goulburn or Canberra.
3. **Borger Cranes** – based in Sydney, New South Wales. Borger's staff stay locally in Goulburn whilst working on site and return to Sydney between work rotations.

## Frequently Asked Questions – Biala Wind Farm

### Are more workers needed as the project progresses and where will they come from?

Different workers will be required as the focus of the works moves from erecting and assembling the turbines to commissioning and operating them. All capabilities necessary to do the works required to complete the wind farm are already located in Australia. Goldwind Australia has sourced local staff from its existing Gullen Range Wind Farm workforce to undertake some of these works, as well as other existing Goldwind Australia staff.

### What measures have you introduced to prevent virus transmission?

- We minimised the number of people on site. A reduction in staff means there is more space between people working.
- Workers were separated into smaller teams, who only interact with their own team members. This includes avoiding interaction between the different teams while working on site, during lunch and break times, driving to/from the site or if they are in shared accommodation.
- Meetings between the smaller teams are being held outside under shelter with a minimum two metre separation between staff.
- All workers are encouraged to eat their lunch outside.
- Our contractors screen every worker before they can commence work on our site. Screening involves workers filling out a questionnaire to evaluate whether there is a reason they shouldn't be allowed on site. The questionnaire is constantly evolving as the COVID-19 situation progresses. We are monitoring the new border restrictions closely to ensure any self-isolation protocols required are strictly adhered to.
- We conduct body temperature checks.
- We increased cleaning services on site and in work areas.
- Hand sanitiser and disinfectant wipes are provided for all staff and at site offices. These measures are reviewed frequently, both at a site level and a senior management level.

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