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Central-West Orana Renewable Energy Zone (CWOREZ) Projects

Community members are urged to keep up to date with the growing number of CWOREZ projects as they unfold within our local communities.

“Council is continuously monitoring these projects that are part of the Central-West Orana Renewable Energy Zone (REZ) and the impact that these projects may have on our communities,” said Warrumbungle Shire Council Mayor, Councillor Ambrose Doolan. “There has been a number of opportunities where Council has provided feedback on exhibited documents for a number of REZ related developments.”

Council has recently submitted feedback on exhibited documents for the Liverpool Range Wind Farm – Modification 1 – Amendment 2 – Temporary Worker Accommodation (TWA) Facility. Council maintains its objection to the proposal in totality for the following reasons: The Modification Application does not satisfy the criteria to be deemed a modification and a key component of the project, namely a large greenfield quarry, is yet to even be assessed. There still remains a lack of information provided on cumulative impacts and how these impacts will be addressed. As well as lack of progression of planning agreement with Council.

“In addition to the direct impacts from the projects located within the Warrumbungle Shire on our communities there are a number of REZ projects in neighbouring Local Government Areas potentially clashing, creating major cumulative impacts on our communities, including impacting housing and accommodation, roads, labour and workforce and social aspects,” Cr Doolan explained.

“There are currently 15 different renewable energy projects commencing across the Central-West Orana Renewable Energy Zone which will impact our local government area all at different stages of the planning process all which Council has submitted different submissions for,” said Cr Doolan. “All submissions have been made public and members of the public can also make submission on exhibited documents.”

On the home page of Council’s website there is a Banner called [‘Latest news from Council on Renewable Energy Zones \(REZ\)’](#) where community members can see the latest information on the REZ from the [EngeryCo website](#) and view the detailed submissions that Council have made regarding these projects.

“I would urge interested persons to take this opportunity familiarise themselves with these projects and keep up to date with information out on public exhibition allowing you to have a say on these projects via [Central-West Orana REZ website](#)”, concluded Cr Doolan.

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TABLE 1: MAJOR PROJECTS THAT IMPACT WSC

Major Project	LGA	Description
Liverpool Range Quarry	Upper Hunter	Hard rock quarry, extract, process, transport up to 700,000tpa of hard rock material for Liverpool Range Wind Farm
Sandy Creek Solar Farm	Warrumbungle and Dubbo	750 MW solar farm and assoc. infrastructure
Dapper Solar Farm	Warrumbungle and Dubbo Regional	300 MW solar farm and assoc. infrastructure
Spicers Creek Wind Farm	Warrumbungle and Dubbo	Wind energy generation project with up to 117 wind turbines, with energy storage and associated infrastructure
Cobbora Solar Farm	Warrumbungle and Dubbo	700 MW solar farm with energy storage and assoc. infrastructure
Central-West Orana REZ Transmission Project	Warrumbungle, Mid-Western, Dubbo, Upper Hunter	New twin double circuit 500Kv transmission lines between Wollar and the proposed substations at Methoherie and Elong Elong, and connections from these lines to projects in the REZ
Orana Wind Farm	Warrumbungle and Mid-Western	Wind farm with up to 92 wind turbines, battery storage and associated infrastructure
Barneys Reef Wind Farm	Mid -Western	441 MW wind farm, including 63 turbines (280m), battery storage and assoc. infrastructure
Birriwa Solar Farm	Mid-Western and Warrumbungle	600 MW solar farm, energy storage facility and assoc. infrastructure
Tallawang Solar Farm	Mid-Western	500 MW solar farm with 200 MW battery energy storage system and assoc. infrastructure
Liverpool Range Wind Farm Modification 1	Warrumbungle, Upper Hunter and Mid-Western	Increase maximum tip height to 250m, decrease number of turbines to 185, amend infrastructure, transport route and increase native veg clearing limits, inclusion of accommodation camp.
Valley of the Winds Wind Farm	Warrumbungle	Construct and operate wind farm up to 131 turbines, energy storage and assoc. infrastructure
Narragamba Solar Farm	Mid-Western and Warrumbungle	320MW solar farm including associated infrastructure
Avonside Solar Farm	Warrumbungle	180MW Solar Farm and 400MW capacity Battery Energy Storage System with 400MWh storage
Dunedoo Solar Farm	Warrumbungle	55 MW solar farm with energy storage and assoc. infrastructure