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Central-West Orana Renewable Energy Zone Transmission Project

Local residents are encouraged to have their say on the Environmental Impact Statement for the Central-West Orana Renewable Energy Zone Transmission project which is now on display.

“The NSW Government’s EnergyCo is proposing to construct and operate new energy transmission lines between Wollar and the proposed substations at Merotherie and Elong Elong in the Central-West Orana Renewable Energy Zone (REZ),” said Warrumbungle Shire Council Mayor, Councillor Ambrose Doolan. “The EIS for this stage of the project currently out on exhibition for the public to be able to make submissions.”

“The project incorporates parts of a number of Local Government Areas (LGAs) in the Central West Orana region, the main ones affected being Warrumbungle, Dubbo and Mid-Western. The REZ will impact our LGA, but particularly the localities of Coolah, Leadville, Dunedoo, Birriwa, Cobbora and surrounds,” said Cr Doolan.

The Central-West Orana REZ transmission exhibition can be found on the [NSW Planning Portal](#). Documents on exhibition, which can be accessed on the Planning Portal, include the full Environmental Impact Statement.

At its peak, the REZ is expected to support over 6,000 construction jobs in the region, however this could be as high as 8,000.

“Many of the proposed projects are located across LGA boundaries, with delivery of projects potentially clashing and generating cumulative impacts to our communities, including impacting housing and accommodation, roads, labour and workforce, and social aspects,” Cr Doolan explained.

It is important to note that the REZ transmission line and associated wind farms, solar farms and battery energy storage systems are either State Significant Infrastructure or State Significant Development requiring approval from the NSW State Government.

“I would urge interested persons to take this opportunity to have a say on the transmission project and also to keep abreast of what is going on with this and follow the [Central-West Orana REZ website](#)”, concluded Cr Doolan.

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