

# Temora Battery Energy Storage System

## Community Information Sheet

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North Harbour Clean Energy Pty Ltd (**NHCE**) is in the early development phase of a project involving the installation and operation of a Battery Energy Storage System (**BESS**) in the Shire of Temora (the **Project**). This information sheet provides preliminary information to the community about the Project.

The BESS will assist in matching electricity supply from renewable sources like solar and wind to consumer demand. It will do this by storing electricity during periods of excess generation or supply to be used later during periods of high electricity demand.

NHCE has appointed Umwelt Environmental and Social Consultants to commence several environmental and social studies to inform the scoping phase for the Project. NHCE and Umwelt are committed to engage with those who may be affected by or have an interest in the Project. Exploring community views of the Project in the early development stage will help us shape our design and assessment of the Project's viability. There will be further opportunities for community engagement throughout the planning approval process.

### Location

The Project site is located at the corner of Old Cootamundra Road and Miners Street, Temora (see map), approximately 1 km southeast of the township of Temora. The site area is approximately 3.6 hectares.

This site is well placed for a BESS, as it is situated amongst existing electrical infrastructure and other nearby industrial/commercial land uses.

### About North Harbour Clean Energy

NHCE is an Australian energy storage company working on projects to deliver clean, on-demand electricity when it is needed most.



Renewable energy is critical for Australia's transition to net zero carbon emissions, but we need a way to match the output from intermittent renewable generation sources, like solar and wind, to real-time demand for energy by consumers. NHCE is focussed on delivering the energy storage that is essential to ensure delivery of clean, on-demand electricity. We have a portfolio of energy storage projects across NSW at various stages of the planning and assessment process.



### Assessment Process

The Project is expected to be classified as State Significant Development (**SSD**) under NSW Planning legislation. We are currently in the ‘Scoping’ phase of the SSD planning pathway and are seeking to engage early with potentially affected people and other interested parties.

### Next steps

After this early engagement, NHCE will prepare a ‘Scoping Report’ incorporating community feedback, to lodge with the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (the **Department**).

The Department will review the Scoping Report and provide project specific assessment requirements, called the ‘Secretary’s Environmental Assessment Requirements’ (**SEARs**). NHCE will need to address the SEARs in an Environmental Impact Statement (**EIS**) before the SSD Development Application can be formally lodged with the Department.

A range of other studies will also be undertaken to inform the detailed design and feasibility of the Project. These studies will also inform the SSD application, which will need to address key impact issues such as social impact, visual, traffic and transport, noise, biodiversity, Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal heritage, and hazard and risk.

### How can I be involved?

NHCE, together with members of the Umwelt team, will be contacting relevant local and state government agencies, local residents and community group representatives as part of the scoping phase, to better understand community views and perspectives. If you would like to receive further information on the Project or want to make a time to meet with members of the respective Project teams, please contact us on the details below.

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