



Clean Energy Council Best Practice Charter Report 2025

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1. Purpose

The purpose of this report is to fulfill reporting requirements of the Clean Energy Councils Best Practice Charter. This is Zenviron's second report.

2. Scope

The scope of this report is to provide information on actions taken and outcomes achieved against the Clean Energy Councils Renewable Energy Best Practice Charter ten commitments as applicable to the company and its work during the reporting period 2024-2025. This report captures the activities at the Lotus Creek Wind Farm (QLD), Latrobe Valley Battery Storage project (VIC) and the Wooreen Energy Storage System (VIC).

3. The Charter

CEC Best Practice Charter:	
1	We will engage respectfully with the local community, including Traditional Owners of the land, to seek their views and input before submitting a development application and finalising the design of the project.
2	We will provide timely information and be accessible and responsive in addressing the local community's feedback and concerns throughout the life of the project
3	We will be sensitive to areas of high biodiversity, cultural and landscape value in the development of our projects
4	We will minimise the impacts on highly productive agricultural land and explore opportunities to integrate agricultural production.
5	We will consult the community on the potential visual, noise, traffic and other impacts of the project, and on the mitigation options
6	We will support the local economy by providing local employment and procurement opportunities.
7	We will offer communities the opportunity to share in benefits of the project, and consult them on options available, including relevant governance arrangements

8	We commit to using the project to support educational and tourism opportunities where appropriate.
9	We will demonstrate responsible land stewardship over the life of the project and welcome opportunities to enhance the ecological, cultural and/or agricultural value of the land.
10	During the life of the project, we will recycle waste materials where feasible and commit to responsible decommissioning or refurbishment/repowering of the site at the end of the project's life.

4. Charter actions

1 We will engage respectfully with the local community, including Traditional Owners of the land, to seek their views and input before submitting a development application and finalising the design of the project

Zenviron has not submitted any project planning applications in the reporting period.

2 We will provide timely information and be accessible and responsive in addressing the local community's feedback and concerns throughout the life of the project

Zenviron, in collaboration with our clients, provides updates on progress on their projects and assists with communications to the wider community. We have participated as subject matter experts in community/council meetings as and when required, to address specific areas of concern such as:

- Working hours
- Transport routes
- Light and noise pollution
- Road upgrades and changes to infrastructure
- Impacts on day-to-day travel times within the community.

3 We will be sensitive to areas of high biodiversity, cultural and landscape value in the development of our projects.

Zenviron, in working closely with our clients, has been able to protect and minimise harm and disturbance to numerous threatened plants and fauna species.

- Tree clearing activities are conducted under close supervision and monitored by qualified fauna handlers.
 - Lotus Creek Wind Farm internal design has been optimised to reduce the impact on habitats where possible and to stay under the state and federal approved vegetation and habitat clearing limits .
- Erosion and sediment control plans at Lotus Creek have been designed by a CPESC (Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control) with weekly inspections to ensure measures are in place to minimise pollution to the local waterways.
- Restoration and rehabilitation works are conducted progressively and as quickly as possible to reduce the likelihood of immediate erosion and to prevent ongoing soil erosion.
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- Civil design optimisation resulting in quantity reduction of required cut to fill. The optimization has an emissions savings from the associated reduction in equipment fuel usage, estimated at ~3.75 T.CO2-e per 1,000m3 reduction in earth works volume.
 - For Lotus Creek Park Wind Farm a 75 metre bridge option was chosen for the crossing of Yellow Creek, this reduced the cut to fill volume in this area by 30,000m3 and will achieve a Zero Impact on the waterway and have the added benefit of avoiding impact to the threatened plants (Sannantha Bracypoda) identified in this waterway.

4 We will minimise the impacts on highly productive agricultural land and explore opportunities to integrate agricultural production.

Not applicable to the work that Zenviron performs.

5 We will consult the community on the potential visual, noise, traffic and other impacts of the project, and on the mitigation options.

Zenviron, working closely with our clients, develops strategies to minimise the impacts during construction; including.

- Ensuring power to temporary facilities is turned off overnight avoiding light pollution at neighbouring properties
- Sourcing gravel construction material from on-site sources to avoid adding further traffic to local road network.
 - Lotus Creek Wind Farm is sourcing all road and hardstand gravel from within an 11 kilometre radius of the project centre. Only half of this will need to travel any distance on the public road network. Greatly reducing the impact to other road users
- Establishing on-site concrete batching facilities to reduce the traffic increase on local roads.
- Construction and operation of a 400 man accommodation camp within the project foot print to reduce the daily impact on the local road network.

6 We will support the local economy by providing local employment and procurement opportunities.

Zenviron has worked closely with our clients to maximise the local contents of the project, including:

- Supporting opportunities to create local jobs in manufacturing, service and resource recovery sectors associated with recycling, re-use, remanufacturing, and increased service offerings.
 - Wooreen Energy Storage System use the services of numerous locals from within the area for services which included electrical contractor and civil works contractors from Victoria onsite staff includes locals from the Latrobe Valley.
- Engaging with communities, businesses and local government bodies to communicate the opportunities that exists within the project.
 - As part of the Wooreen Energy Storage Project Zenviron has engaged in a sponsorship with the local TAFE, a commitment to support the Local Learning and Employment Network (LLEN) for the Job Skills Expo. At corporate headquarters in Newcastle NSW, we have recently signed up to a 3 year collaboration program supporting the St. Vincent de Paul Society Vinnies Van project through financial contributions and employee volunteering.
- Provide fair and reasonable opportunities for local business.
 - Lotus Creek Wind Farm saw a large portion of the public road upgrade works awarded to a contractor based in Mackay.
 - Construction water infrastructure and bore water licenses will be transferred to the local landholders for future benefit at the end of the project.
 - During enabling works for the project all staff was housed in local accommodation ranging from homesteads to caravan parks.

- Zenviron provides housing for its staff the Latrobe City LGA for its employees at Wooreen Energy Storage System supporting the commerce of the local townships.

7 We will offer communities the opportunity to share in benefits of the project, and consult them on options available, including relevant governance arrangements.

Not Applicable to the work that Zenviron performs.

8 We commit to using the project to support educational and tourism opportunities where appropriate.

Not applicable.

9 We will demonstrate responsible land stewardship over the life of the project and welcome opportunities to enhance the ecological, cultural and/or agricultural value of the land.

Zenviron works closely with our clients to develop and design a project that:

- Has the smallest footprint possible to minimise the impact on habitats.
- Considers the ecological nature of the site and avoids areas of high biodiversity to the extent possible.
- Avoids impacts to/on cultural heritage.
 - Lotus Creek Wind Farm avoided disturbance to two cultural heritage sites located within the footprint. These were in locations where the nature of the heritage precluded salvage. These areas were avoided through the relocation of the infrastructure via design and complemented with onsite delineation of the areas of concern.
- Does not create ongoing disturbance or pollution.
 - Through proper design of stormwater systems and drainage throughout the project/s with a high focus on establishing groundcover as soon as possible following the disturbance to minimise the amount of sediment produced.

10 During the life of the project, we will recycle waste materials where feasible and commit to responsible decommissioning or refurbishment/repowering of the site at the end of the project's life.

Zenviron works closely with our clients, to minimise the waste generated during construction through:

- Minimising packaging brought to site through effective procurement.
- Segregating all waste on site to maximise the salvage of recyclable material.
- Working closely with local waste facilities to understand limitations on materials that can be processed and accepted.
- At Lotus Creek Wind Farm, a can and bottle recycling scheme has been established with all proceeds donated to local community groups