



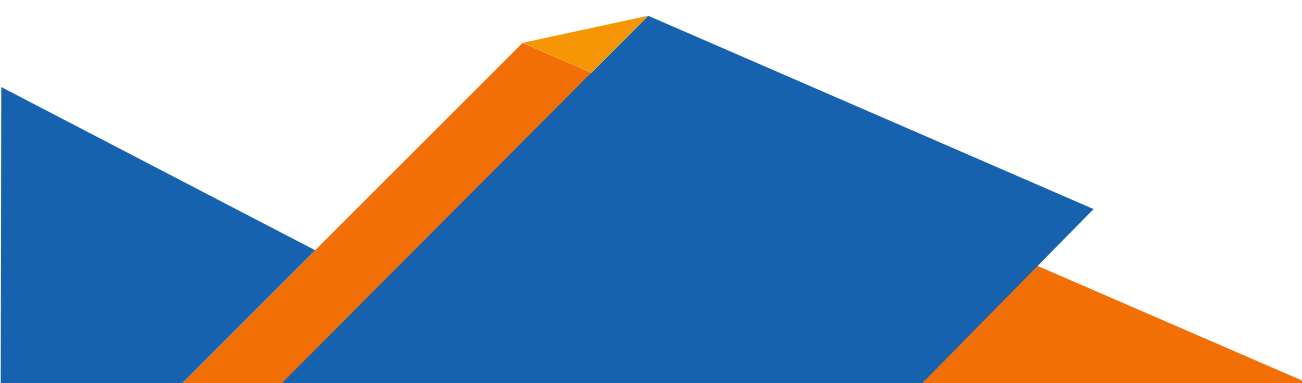
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CLEAN ENERGY COUNCIL BEST PRACTICE CHARTER FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS

Period to 31 July 2025

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Introduction

Beijing Jingneng Clean Energy Australia (BJCE Australia) was a founding signatory to the Clean Energy Council's (CEC) Best Practice Charter for Renewable Energy Projects. Sister company Beijing Energy International Australia (BEI Australia) has taken over management responsibility and ownership of the assets in the BJCE portfolio and has also become a signatory to the Charter.

This report refers to both companies throughout collectively as Beijing Energy and includes reference to projects and community engagement activities undertaken by both through the period to 31 July 2025.

About Beijing Energy

BEI Australia was established in 2021 to build and operate a significant portfolio of clean energy projects across Australia. Sister company BJCE Australia was formed in 2017 and currently has a 284MW clean energy portfolio of assets in New South Wales. Together, BEI Australia and BJCE Australia have an interest in 876MW of clean energy assets.

BEI Australia aims to build a 6GW portfolio of clean energy assets by 2030.

Since BJCE's first investment in Australia in 2014, it has prioritised care and respect for the communities and environments where its projects are located. BEI Australia has maintained this approach as Australia continues its transition to a clean energy future.

Assets in the Beijing Energy portfolio

Gullen Range Wind Farm (BJCE Australia) Gullen Range Wind Farm is an operational wind farm in the Southern Tablelands of NSW. The wind farm consists of 73 turbines and has an installed capacity of 165.5MW. BEI Australia has taken ownership of 40% of the asset and manages the day-to-day operations and community engagement activities.

Gullen Solar Farm (BJCE Australia) Together with Gullen Range Wind Farm, the 10MW Gullen Solar Farm is the first large scale co-located wind and solar farm in Australia. It was built by BJCE Australia in 2017, with support from the Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA). BEI Australia has taken ownership of 40% of the asset and manages the day-to-day operations and community engagement activities.

Biala Wind Farm (BEI Australia) Located in NSW, Biala Wind Farm has an installed capacity of 108.5MW spread across 31 wind turbines and has been operational since mid-2022. BEI Australia has taken ownership of 40% of the asset and manages the day-to-day operations and community engagement activities.

Wollar Solar Farm (BEI Australia) In 2021 BEI Australia purchased the Wollar Solar Farm, a 280MW greenfield project located in NSW. This project is currently in the final stages of construction and will commence electricity generation in 2024.

Moorabool Wind Farm (BEI Australia - 51% owner) BEI Australia owns Moorabool Wind Farm in partnership with Nebras Power. Located approximately 27km from Ballarat, VIC, collectively the North and South sections have 104 wind turbines with an installed capacity of 312MW.

Pictured front cover: Wollar Solar Farm and Biala Wind Farm

Best Practice Charter for Renewable Energy Projects

This report outlines activities which have met the CEC's Best Practice Charter for Renewable Energy Projects principles, covering the period from 1 August 2024 to 31 July 2025. With the lengthy development and operations period for major renewable projects, some activities relate to initiatives implemented prior to this period. Information on additional activities that meet Best Practice Charter principles not listed in this report can be found in the Beijing Energy submission for 2024.

Commitment 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

Across all projects in the portfolio, Beijing Energy has prioritised respectful communication with local communities and Traditional Owners from early project development to operations.

In 2025, engagement was undertaken with community members in early development of a possible modification to the Development Consent for Wollar Solar Farm to construct a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) at site. The original approval was for a BESS of 30MW/30MWh. With changing energy needs for the grid and advancements in technology, a decision was made to investigate a larger BESS size of up to 280MW/560MWh.

Early conversations were undertaken with nearby neighbours and landowners, key community groups in the village of Wollar and nearby regional centre of Mudgee as well as other key stakeholders such as Registered Aboriginal Parties. This assisted the project team to understand local concerns and expectations from an early stage, which could be addressed in a resulting development modification application.

An informative webpage was developed early in the investigation period, and direct mailouts were sent to the Wollar community advising them of initial discussions. Multiple community information sessions were held in Wollar and Mudgee ahead of the finalisation of the development modification application.

Direct communication with Registered Aboriginal Parties was also undertaken to ensure that any concerns around site location and cultural heritage impacts could be addressed at an early stage.

This engagement helped to open a respectful dialogue with residents and First Nations groups to address at an early stage any concerns or questions that they have, with ongoing communication around key project milestones maintained.

Commitment 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

Information on the Wollar BESS modification application project was shared with the community at key points of initial development. Questions received from community members were responded to in a timely manner and helped to inform community information session planning.

Beijing Energy's asset Complaint Handling Plan's highlight a commitment to responding to complaints or feedback from the community within 10 business days. This has been maintained over the past year, with complaint registers updated monthly and posted to Biala Wind Farm, Gullen Range Wind Farm and Wollar Solar Farm's respective websites.

Commitment 3: We will be sensitive to areas of high biodiversity, cultural and landscape value in the design and operation of projects

Wollar Solar Farm: Prior to construction commencement in 2023, extensive investigations were undertaken as part of the Environmental Impact Study, which showed several sites of cultural significance across the development area. This also led to the safe removal of more than 450 stone artefacts ahead of construction.

With construction beginning to reach conclusion in early 2025, initial outreach to Registered Aboriginal Parties commenced regarding repatriating these culturally significant items back to Country. These discussions helped to identify suitable locations for reburial of the artefacts outside of the project footprint, ensuring that they could be returned to the area with limited risk of future disturbance.

Finalisation of the reburial will be developed in coordination with Registered Aboriginal Parties towards the end of 2025 when construction activities are expected to be complete.

Gullen Range Wind Farm: During the period of 30 November to 31 March each year, four turbines are switched off between one hour prior to sunset and one hour after sunrise so as not to impact the breeding patterns of a pair of Powerful Owls that nest nearby. This was determined during the Environmental Impact Study process and has been undertaken each year since the wind farm commenced operations.

Further information regarding this and other biodiversity management activities can be found in the Gullen Range Wind Farm Annual Environmental Management Report [here](#).

A Compensatory Habitat Package (CHP) was also developed for Gullen Range Wind Farm, which identifies several management zones within an identified offset area to improve the site's biodiversity values. The required management actions within these zones, such as native vegetation monitoring, have been incorporated into a Conservation Property Vegetation Plan (CPVP), which is available to view [here](#). The CHP and CPVP combined, set a goal of improving the site towards or maintaining vegetation levels within 5 years and 20 years of the CPVP approval date, respectively. These activities are audited annually, with further information available in the 2024 CHP [report](#).

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

With Wollar Solar Farm moving towards its operational phase, a team of locally employed staff have transitioned to operations and maintenance work at site. They will undertake ongoing regular maintenance activities at the solar farm, including regular checks of the solar panels and infrastructure to ensure they are operating optimally and safely; maintenance of ground cover and weeds to ensure compliance with the solar farm's Biodiversity Management Plan; feral pest management in consultation with nearby neighbours and landowners; and ongoing dialogue with local authorities such as Rural Fire Service to ensure that bushfire management plans are suitable.

Priority is given to using local contractors and businesses wherever possible to undertake the day-to-day activities of the operations and maintenance teams. This includes but is not limited to engaging local weed management consultants at Biala Wind, Gullen Range Wind and Gullen Solar farms.

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

Across our operating assets, we have contributed more than \$900,000 in funding since 2014 towards a large range of community initiatives, including funding to local community groups, community hall enhancements, aged care facilities, environmental initiatives and more. This funding was made through both the Gullen Range Wind Farm and Biala Wind Farm community enhancement funds, which are administered by Upper Lachlan Shire Council under Section 355 provisions of the NSW Local Government Act.

Additionally, Gullen Range Wind Farm has offered a popular Clean Energy Program since operations began, which provides grant funding for eligible residents within 5 km of a wind turbine to make clean energy enhancements to their property. This program has provided more than \$600,000 in grants for eligible local residents to install solar PV panels, solar hot water or make other enhancements to their property to improve energy efficiency.

A Sponsorship Program was implemented throughout construction at Wollar Solar Farm, contributing over \$40,000 in funding to local community groups, events and initiatives across four rounds. With the operational phase of the project to commence in the coming months, initial engagement with local community groups has commenced to help shape future community benefit activities. This will help to ensure that funding is provided to initiatives and causes that are most important to residents in the local area.

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

Engagement with local schools and students is a key area of focus for Gullen Range Wind and Solar Farms. In May 2025, a group of Year 8 students from Crookwell High School undertook a tour of the wind and solar farm facilities to support their in-class learning around renewable energy. Information was provided around the construction and operations of the wind and solar farm, and students had the opportunity to get up close to a turbine. Information was also provided on local employment pathways into the renewable energy sector.

Further to this engagement, Gullen Range and Biala Wind Farm staff regularly attend local school career and STEM challenge days to speak with students about the opportunities for employment in renewable energy. This included the 2024 Crookwell High School career day, the “Keep Local and Build a Career in STEM” event at Mulwaree High School, and the Southern Tablelands Science and Engineering Challenge held in Goulburn in August 2024.