

Best Practice Charter for Renewable Energy Report

15 August 2025



Acknowledgement of Country

Mint Renewables acknowledges the Wurundjeri, Woi-wurrung people as the Traditional Custodians of the land on which our office stands. We extend our respect to all Traditional Custodians of the lands where our projects are located, and to Elders past and present. We particularly acknowledge:

- the First Nations peoples of Bpangerang, Dalka Warra Mittung, Dhuduroa Waywurru, Duduroa Dhargal, Gunaikurnai, Jaithmathang, Taungurung, and Waywurru
- the Tubba-Gah people of the Wiradjuri Nation
- the Noongar people of the Whadjuk Nation.

We recognise the enduring connection of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to the lands and waters of Australia and respect their continued cultural connection to Country and community.

Mint is committed to working alongside First Nations peoples, to build meaningful partnerships and to preserve sacred sites, culture and ensure we leave a positive impact on community and the environment.

1. Introduction

Mint Renewables (Mint) was formed in December 2022, as a privately held renewable energy and storage company, established by two of the most successful long-term investors in the Australian renewable energy sector, Infratil (NZX/ASX listed) and Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation (CSC).

Mint's vision is to help lead a rapid and sustainable transition to renewable energy, a transition that brings communities with it. Since 2022, the Mint team has built a 4GW portfolio of early-stage wind, solar, and storage projects across QLD, NSW, VIC, and WA. In August 2025, Mint announced its entry into New Zealand, through a strategic partnership with Ngāi Tahu Holdings. Our secured projects are steadily progressing, with the goal of long-term ownership.

Mint's most advanced project, the Dederang BESS (awarded a planning permit in mid-2025), leads our portfolio alongside early-stage proposed wind farms near Wambangalang, NSW, and Lancelin, WA. Since 2023, our activities have spanned site selection, feasibility studies, and landholder and community engagement across multiple projects.

Mint proudly committed to the Clean Energy Council's Best Practice Charter for Renewable Energy Projects (Best Practice Charter) in January 2023 and is committed to upholding the Charter's 10 commitments in the development of renewable energy and storage projects. The following report sets out how Mint has demonstrated its commitment and adherence to the Clean Energy Council's 10 commitments.



2. Charter Commitments

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.

Community engagement is an essential part of project development. As part of the development of our Dederang BESS project, we held formal consultation in 2024, and feedback from community and key stakeholders helped shape our updated design, inform mitigation measures and impact assessments and prepare a planning permit application for the project. During this phase of engagement, we heard genuine concerns raised by the community in relation to fire risk, and the composition of potential smoke and gases in the event of a fire, and how this may behave within a valley landscape. As a result of that feedback, Mint has committed to completing a plume study, to better understand, address and mitigate this concern, and ensure what we learn is considered in our Risk Management Plan.

Activities have also included reaching out to and engagement with the local Traditional Owner groups for the area, and preparation of a voluntary Cultural Heritage Management Plan. First Nations peoples who reside in the area have participated in the Mint facilitated engagement activities.

As we progress the Project, we will continue to engage on specific elements, including how we share benefits through the development of a community fund with First Nations peoples, local council and community.

At our early-stage proposed wind farm near Lancelin, we have been working closely with the Yued Aboriginal Corporation from the very beginning, guided by a clear commitment to early and meaningful engagement. We will continue to work in close partnership with Yued Aboriginal Corporation as the proposed project progresses.



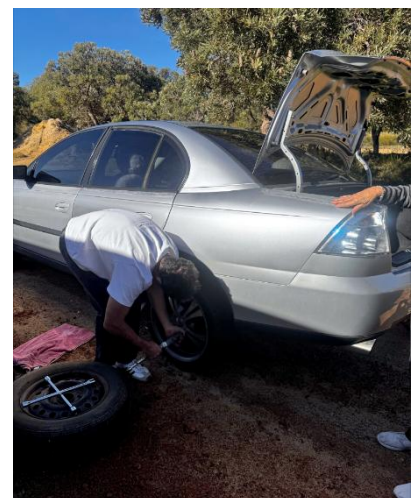
Weather station installed on site to collect essential data for the plume study, following suggestions from local residents.

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.

Mint is committed to providing transparent and timely updates to our community and project stakeholders throughout every phase of project development. This commitment was demonstrated during the planning permit process for our Dederang BESS Project, where we carefully considered the themes and concerns raised in formal submissions to the Minister. In response, we provided updates through a dedicated community newsletter and engaged in one-on-one conversations to directly address questions and feedback where possible. We remain committed to ongoing engagement, ensuring the community feels heard and confident that their concerns are being taken seriously and thoughtfully addressed.

In August, at our early-stage proposed wind farm near Lancelin, our team proactively door-knocked neighbouring properties to inform residents about the potential development. This early engagement ensured that our closest neighbours were included from the outset, not only to raise awareness of the



While door knocking, the team came across a local who had a flat tire and jumped into action to help out.

proposed wind farm, but to open a dialogue and better understand local concerns and aspirations for the region. The feedback we received has been instrumental in shaping our early engagement program and providing our project team with invaluable local knowledge.

Commitment 3

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

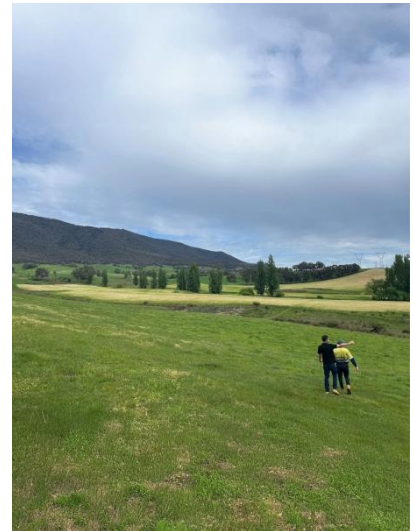
Mint considers biodiversity, cultural and landscape value throughout all phases of development, construction and operation of a project, starting during site selection.

When identifying potential project opportunities, typically based on favourable resource and grid connection, we undertake preliminary desktop assessment and where necessary a site visit. These assessments help determine a site's suitability by considering a wide range of factors, including environmental, cultural and visual attributes. In some cases, we have chosen not to proceed with sites based on environmental feasibility studies; for example, we ruled out several locations due to their proximity to Brolga habitat in Victoria.

As the project progresses, these considerations remain central. Our project designs and layouts are developed iteratively, refined as new information becomes available through site investigations, regulatory requirements, and the selection of technology models (turbine, BESS, etc.)

Environmental studies are tailored to the specific site and technology, and for all current projects, without exception include assessments of biodiversity, heritage, landscape and visual impact. The results of these assessments, as well as other technical, environmental, and community inputs, are continuously incorporated into project design and the development of mitigation measures.

Throughout development, we prioritise transparent communication and make every effort to keep stakeholders informed of design updates and changes.



The Mint team completing a site walk with a technical specialist to better understand the site.

Commitment 4

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

Potential impact to high quality agricultural land and ongoing agricultural productivity is a key consideration in the design of our projects.

BESS present unique challenges when it comes to balancing agricultural land use with infrastructure development, unlike solar and wind projects, which can often coexist with farming activities within the same area. This consideration played a key role in selecting the location for the Dederang BESS. By situating the project adjacent to the existing Dederang Terminal Station, we are able to minimise impacts on productive agricultural land by utilising an already industrialised area and reducing the need for additional connection infrastructure (the connection will be placed underground).

Furthermore, the location and design of the BESS and its supporting infrastructure, including access routes and fencing, have been carefully planned to support the continued agricultural use of the broader property.

The Project will occupy approximately 4 hectares of the property once construction is complete, with the remaining land continuing to be available for the hosting landholder's agricultural use. Any temporary disturbance to the land, such as construction laydown zones, will be carefully rehabilitated once construction concludes.

The permanent use of a small portion of land for the Project represents a minimal reduction in agricultural land, particularly in the context of the broader region and coupled with the siting next to a terminal station. Importantly, the Project offers the landholder an additional and diversified income stream, supporting the long-term productivity and resilience of the local agricultural sector. The Project has been designed to ensure there are no impacts on the host landholder's or neighbouring properties' access to water or other agricultural resources.

We are also working closely with landholders on early-stage wind farm developments in cropping regions, to understand their operational requirements and integrate them into our designs. This includes optimising the dimensions and alignment of access tracks to accommodate large harvesting, seeding, and spraying equipment, minimising disruption to farming operations.

These factors demonstrate our commitment to working productively with our landholder to ensure their land continues to support agricultural activities well into the future.

Commitment 5

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

As part of our Dederang BESS engagement, we consulted on a wide range of potential impacts, including noise, visual amenity, traffic, bushfire risk, and cultural heritage. Community members were invited to provide input on potential impacts, but also on ways to reduce or manage them.

During drop-in information sessions, locals had the opportunity to view and discuss early findings from environmental assessments and share their local knowledge, such as flood history, native flora and fauna, cultural heritage sites, and valued landscape features. This feedback directly informed our updated project design, shaped proposed mitigation measures and impact assessments, and supported the preparation of our planning permit application.



Dederang BESS drop-in information sessions.

In response to feedback about traffic concerns and cumulative impacts from nearby developments, we have also committed to partnering with a neighbouring project to coordinate a shared vehicle access point. This shared approach is designed to minimise traffic impacts on local roads.

The approach taken at Dederang reflects a broader commitment across all Mint projects. We are embedding opportunities for local input into our environmental and social assessment processes from the earliest stages of development.

Across projects, we gather community insights on key elements such as traffic, biodiversity, cultural heritage, local weather patterns, and bushfire risk. For example, locals may help identify where native flora and fauna may be found, which roads are pain points for locals, school bus routes, peak travel times, and common congestion spots. This knowledge helps shape thoughtful, responsive project development that are better aligned with local priorities.

By providing multiple avenues for feedback, such as information sessions, newsletters, FAQs, or our website and making technical information accessible and transparent, Mint ensures that community voices are not only heard but have a tangible influence on how projects are developed and delivered.

Commitment 6

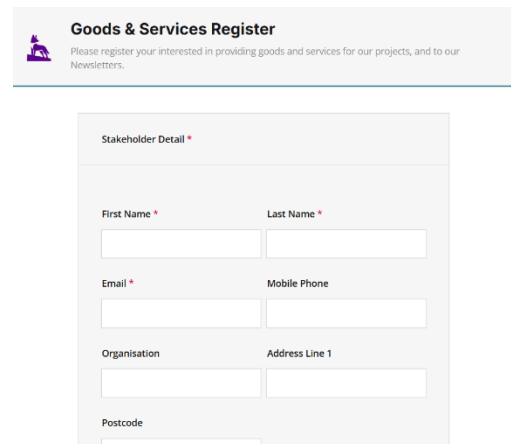
We will support the local economy by providing local employment and procurement opportunities.

Mint is committed to employing local people and sourcing goods and services locally wherever possible. While Mint, as the owner of renewable energy projects and storage assets, does not typically employ workers directly, there are often employment and supply opportunities through our delivery partners, contractors, and their subcontractors.

To support local involvement, we establish a Goods & Services Register at the commencement of each project. Local businesses and suppliers are encouraged to submit their interest in contributing to the construction and operation phases. The register is available on our website (www.mintrenewables.com) and is actively promoted through our community newsletters, consultation materials, and onsite signage.

Once contractors and delivery partners are appointed, the relevant project register is shared with them to help guide local procurement and engagement.

We communicate this commitment consistently via project specific newsletters, FAQs, our website, project webpages, and ongoing community engagement, to ensure local stakeholders are informed and able to participate.



Goods & Services Register
Please register your interest in providing goods and services for our projects, and to our Newsletters.

Stakeholder Detail *

First Name * Last Name *

Email * Mobile Phone

Organisation Address Line 1

Postcode

Dederang BESS Goods & Services Register.

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.

Mint is committed to developing opportunities to share the benefits of our renewable energy projects. We look to develop programs and initiatives that create a lasting legacy which is welcomed by locals, and provides the best economic, environmental and social value for the community.

Mint's first public project, the Dederang BESS project, demonstrates our genuine intent to engage respectfully with the communities in which we plan and operate projects, to be sensitive to environmental and cultural values and to make a positive contribution to the region. On behalf of the host landowners for our Dederang BESS project, we have committed to establishing a community fund (of the value of \$70,000 per annum) from the commencement of operations. Over the 20-year lifetime of the Project, this represents a significant investment of \$1.4 million directly into the local area.

We want these funds to be directed by local people, for local people, so we are seeking input on how the community fund is governed and distributed, ensuring it reflects the community's own priorities and values. So far some of what we have heard includes that the funds should be pooled, with another nearby project (which we have committed to), and that governance should consider establishing a committee made up of community and skills-based representatives. We have heard a range of ideas on where the funding could be distributed, including contributing to upgrades to public infrastructure (e.g. Recreation Reserve, Fire Brigades), support to local businesses, rural mental health programs and the exploration of community wealth building.

Across all our projects, we develop a Benefit Sharing Plan that explores how each project can add value to the local community and considers what it means to be genuinely welcomed as a development in a host region. This authentic approach, aligned with Mint's values, ensures that both the project and its benefit sharing initiatives are grounded in strong community engagement and social responsibility.

Commitment 8

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

We are committed to leveraging our projects to support educational and tourism opportunities where appropriate. This is demonstrated by Mint's active exploration of benefit sharing initiatives, with a particular emphasis on enhancing local and regional educational outcomes.

Additionally, in response to community feedback, we are developing an accommodation register for projects located in regions where there is a demonstrated need. This initiative will allow local residents and property owners to register their homes or accommodations as potential worker housing. The aim is twofold: to help ease pressure on larger accommodation providers during peak workforce periods, and to create visibility and opportunities for smaller or independent providers who may otherwise be overlooked. This approach also supports the local tourism industry by promoting local services and infrastructure.

Commitment 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.

At Mint Renewables, our values as Partners for Good guide everything we do, from how we engage with communities to how we care for the land. We act with integrity and genuinely care about what we do and how we do it.

That's why responsible land stewardship is at the centre of every project we develop. From the earliest planning stages through to project completion and decommissioning, we are committed to managing land respectfully and sustainably. This commitment is backed by action, embedding robust land management and decommissioning provisions in our landholder agreements. As we grow our portfolio, we will actively seek opportunities to enhance the ecological, cultural, and agricultural value of the land, ensuring that our projects deliver lasting benefits for the environment and the communities that host them.



The Mint team completing an early site walk to understand the natural environment.

Commitment 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.

Sustainability is embedded in everything we do, from how we plan and deliver our projects to how we manage resources day-to-day. Throughout the life of each project, we aim to recycle waste materials wherever feasible and are committed to responsible decommissioning or, where appropriate, refurbishment or repowering, at the end of a project's life.

While none of our projects are at that phase, we begin planning for this from the outset. This includes making clear contractual commitments to host landowners for infrastructure removal and providing transparent information to the community through resources such as Mint's general FAQs and Dederang BESS FAQs. Whether we continue as the owner or transition the project to another party, we ensure these responsibilities are upheld to support the long term wellbeing of the land and surrounding communities.

We believe leadership is shown through everyday actions, no matter how small. In our own office, we're proud to have taken part in our building's organic waste initiative, and to have achieved the highest improvement in organic waste diversion. It's a small but meaningful reflection of our values in action, every day.