

THE ASSESSMENT

What is a Social Impact Assessment?

A Social Impact Assessment (SIA) considers how a project may affect the everyday lives of the people and communities around it.

A SIA looks into how changes in quality of life, cultural heritage, access to roads and services, and livelihoods may be experienced by the local community as a result of the project. These changes may have positive or negative potential impacts.

ASSESSING SWALLOW TAIL

How the Swallow Tail Battery is assessed

Community feedback played an essential role in identifying regional and local social impacts in the SIA.

The SIA for the Swallow Tail Battery focused on the geographical area around Bannaby, the transport routes to site, and the nearby towns of Taralga, Marulan, Crookwell and Goulburn.



Key SIA findings

Whilst the SIA found there to be low residual social impacts from the project during construction and operations, three themes emerged from community consultation and detailed impact studies.

01 Engagement and Benefit Sharing

Locals wanted to be informed and involved in the process, earlier in project development.

With multiple renewable projects happening in the same area, confusion between developers and consultation fatigue concerns were noted.

Locals specifically expressed the need for community-benefits to prioritise local funding, local infrastructure upgrades and improvements to support tourism.

02 Protection of rural character

Locals deeply value the surrounding landscape, with impacts to the physical and environmental footprint of the Project emerging as a concern.

Potential impacts to visuals, water, air quality, biodiversity and bushfire risk were some of the top concerns raised.

03 Prioritisation of local workforce and services

Locals identified that the Project was both economically beneficial while also posing a risk to cohesion, cost of living, and access to housing.

Prioritisation of local workers and procurement was a key piece of feedback.

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How we addressed these findings

Each response maps directly to a finding from the SIA.

Active, ongoing engagement, backed by a formal CSEP and complaints process.

1,912+ interactions since mid-2024

138 in-person & **102** online meetings

4 community drop-in sessions

30 community responses to focused SEIA Survey

Contact methods: 1,033 emails, 392 calls & 172 SMS

Local employment and procurement, with hard, reportable targets.

80% local employment target

20% local procurement target

Leadership Fund to support local training and education

Goulburn TAFE MOU in place to utilise local skills & capacity

Impacts Managed and Benefits Shared

Neighbourhood benefits that will be locally informed and locally focused

Planning Agreement to ensure that the Project plays a role in the sustainable future of the region

Detailed Assessment of visual, noise and other amenity impacts, with local feedback informing both the assessment findings and the management measures for the Project in operations.

HOW IMPACTS ARE MANAGED

Ongoing management

The SIA identified a range of measures, plans and actions to ensure that the Project remains minimally impactful and maximally beneficial to communities during construction and operations.

Management Plans to be developed:

Aboriginal and Cultural Heritage Management Plan

Community and Stakeholder Engagement Plan

Decommissioning and Rehabilitation Plan

Local Employment Plan

Workforce Accommodation Plan

Measures to adopt:

Neighbourhood Benefits

Voluntary Planning Agreement

Complaints Management Process

Each management measure or management plan includes specific monitoring and evaluation criteria to assess the ongoing effectiveness of how each measure/plan addresses impact or optimises local benefits. Ongoing communication and collaboration between the Project and community is key, for the duration of the Project's lifetime.

