

# Moah Creek

## Wind Farm Project

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As 2023 draws to a close, the CQP team would like to wish the whole Moah Creek Wind Farm Community a very Merry Christmas, relaxing holidays and a Happy New Year.

The CQP offices will be closed from 22<sup>nd</sup> December to 8<sup>th</sup> of January. The team are looking forward to a refreshing break. We hope you all also have a safe holiday, take the chance for a break, catch up with friends and family, and reflect on the year that has been.

In 2024, we look forward to continuing to engage with you to inform the Moah Creek Wind Farm Project.

Before we finish up for the year, lets recap on 2023 and the year that has been, and look forward to what's coming in 2024.

### What we did in 2023:

- In the team
- For development approvals
- With the Darumbal
- With the community
- With suppliers

### Read further to find out.



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## ***In 2023 we welcomed new project team members:***



**Kate Lindsay** joined CQP as the Development Project Manager for Moah Creek Wind Farm. Kate graduated from UNSW in 2018 with a Bachelor of Renewable Energy Engineering (Honours Class 1) and Bachelor of Commerce specializing in Finance. She has a broad range of experience in large scale renewable energy industry in both office and site roles in Australia, including roles involving Wind, Solar, Batteries, Transmission Lines, Synchronous Condensers and Transmission line projects. Kate has experience across design, construction, contract management, operations and maintenance, owners engineer, government advisory and project management roles. Kate has experience in community consultation and landowner relations, and enjoys using public speaking and community engagement events to educate the community about the renewable energy.

**Mary Ryan** also joined the CQP team as the local Rockhampton based Communications & Engagement Manager. Mary's diverse and extensive career experience reflects a profound commitment to excellence in various facets of business and organizational management. With a solid foundation in Governance, ISO 9001 system implementation, and Enterprise Risk Management, Mary's dedication to advancing the economic landscape of the regions is showcased through her role as Economic Development Manager at Advance Rockhampton. Mary also served as a Business Facilitator for the Central Highlands Development Corporation, playing a pivotal role in fostering the sustainability and growth of the region's economy, including building local business capabilities. Mary holds a Master's degree in Strategic Management from University College Dublin (UCD), a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration and Management and is an accredited Economic Development Professional (ACEcD).



## ***In 2023 we also welcomed CleanCo as a partner in the Development of Moah Creek Wind Farm:***

**CleanCo** is a publicly owned energy generator, developer, and retailer, supporting Queensland to transition to clean energy in a sustainable way while driving regional growth and jobs. CleanCo delivers reliable, affordable, low-emission energy to large commercial and industrial businesses seeking decarbonisation pathways.

**CleanCo** has agreements with CQP (JV between RES and Energy Estate) to progress its development of a portfolio of 2.3 GW wind and solar projects in Central Queensland. The agreement is an innovative and market-leading arrangement that allows CleanCo exclusive access to projects currently being matured through to development by CQP.

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Under the agreement, CleanCo and CQP will rigorously assess and shortlist projects which deliver the best outcomes for the environment, communities, industry and Queensland's overall renewable energy transformation. Projects assessed as having the potential for delivering the best outcomes will be progressed to development phase by CleanCo and CQP under a Project Option Agreement (POA). At the end of development, before construction, CleanCo will decide whether to exercise the option and buy the project from CQP.

CleanCo has a Project Option Agreement with CQP for the Moah Creek Wind Farm project. This means CleanCo will be an active partner as CQP continues to develop Moah Creek Wind Farm. After the development phase and before construction commences, CleanCo will decide whether to exercise the option to own the project.



*CQP and CleanCo team at the Advance [Rockhampton Energy Forum](#) on 22 November 2023*

## **In 2023 we progressed the Development Approvals required for the Project:**

The main approvals required for Wind Farm projects in Queensland are 1) Development Approval through SARA (Qld State Assessment and Referral Agency) and 2) EPBC Approval under through DCCEEW (Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water).

In August 2023 SARA Development Approval was achieved for the Moah Creek Wind Farm Project. This is exciting news as it gives us certainty and direction moving forward. The approval is not without conditions, which the project team will work through to meet before construction and adhere to throughout the project.

SARA DA Approval Materials can be found online at

<https://planning.statedevelopment.qld.gov.au/planning-framework/state-assessment-and-referral-agency/sara-application-material> by searching 'Kalapa' .

In August 2023 the EPBC referral was submitted to DCCEEW. A pre referral meeting with DCCEEW was also held where they were pleased with the progress made to the project to reduce environmental impact since our previous meeting in 2022.

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Unfortunately there have been delays in the DCCEE portal, and the referral has not been published for public comment. It is expected that this will occur in the new year – the CQP team will advise the community when this becomes available.

Progress on further approvals will be continued by the project team in 2024 and until the commencement of construction. These further approvals include batch plants permits, road permits, quarry permits, protected plant permits in order to conduct geotechnical investigations, amongst others.

Speaking of geotechnical investigations, the CQP team had a lot of fun investigating the accessibility of getting a Geotech rig to site, as very different accessibility requirements to the flora and fauna surveys done on foot.



*Civil Engineering Site Investigation, Oct 2023*



## ***In 2023 we continued engaging with the Darumbal:***

The team participated in Cultural Awareness Training with the Darumbal in Rockhampton to ensure consideration is made when making decisions on the project.

Further training will be provided to the team working on the project as the development continues.



*The team participating in Cultural Heritage Training, Mt Archer / Nurim, Rockhampton, Sep 2023*

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## Feedback on the training was positive:

### Auke, Commercial Manager

*"I am very grateful Cultural Awareness Training with the Darumbal was organized for the Moah Creek Team. I thought the visit was incredibly interesting.*

*During the morning walk with Uncle Malcolm, we got some great insights into the different clans/mobs in the region, some of the land's history, the Darumbal people's connection to the land, and the broadness of the work that Darumbal Enterprises does in the region and their involvement in the conservation.*

*In the afternoon, in a session with Aunt Nicky, we went deeper into the Darumbal and broader native people's culture with, their history (which was still quite an eye opener for me) and the work that is being done.*

*What most stuck with me was their warmth and positivity, especially of Nicky, and the focus on reconciliation, despite the horrible things they've been through."*



*The team participating in Cultural Heritage Training, Mt Archer / Nurim, Rockhampton, Sep 2023*

### Adrian, Assistant Land Acquisition Manager

*"The Mt. Archer boardwalk area was just divine. Really great spot to get some fresh air and soak in the sounds. It was a great location to discuss the Darumbal's history in the area while being able to point out significant landmarks as well as some of the useful plants nearby. Great to see their influence on the development of that tourist area as well, with educational signs and artistic influence. The meeting spot which was landscaped in a way to resemble a traditional meeting area for Aboriginals, an amphitheatre of sorts. The stories shared with us were deeply personal and I was impressed with their breadth of knowledge and passion.*

*It was also very informative to hear about the realities of the Native Title claiming process from the perspective of a claimant. Very helpful for me.*

*One unexpected learning was a plant I was told about, I forget the name now, but the guide told me when he was growing up they would throw their leaves in the water and it change the chemistry or oxygen levels so drastically in pools of water that the fish would float to the top. Easy fishing!*

*Another not so unexpected learning due to our countries past, but something that was new to me, was learning about the tragic massacre at Gai-i.*

*The Darumbal Corp vividly portrayed a universal struggle that all Aboriginals face by telling very localized stories. This will help me keep Traditional Owner perspectives front of mind when navigating the development of the projects I am working on.*

*By learning what matters most to the Darumbal people, we will be able to best assist them as we give back to the community. These learnings will carry on to all projects. Specifically, we can investigate Totem protection as part of our biodiversity procedures".*



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The CQP team also attended FNCCI summit in May in Gladstone. This event brought First Nations businesses, Traditional Owners, Industry and Government together to explore best practices in engagement between all sectors of the economy and Traditional Owners to encourage, facilitate and build the capacity of Traditional Owners and to ensure their active participation in the renewables industry and broader economy.

Discussions with the Darumbal on the Cultural Heritage Investigation and Management Agreement (CHIMA) and the Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) were also continued throughout the year of 2023 as part of our ongoing relationship with the Darumbal.

The CHIMA was successfully finalised and signed with the Darumbal on 2 August 2023. Establishment of this CHIMA will allow a Cultural Heritage Survey to be conducted in 2024, as well as ongoing works, in a culturally appropriate way. The CHIMA has been registered as a voluntary CHMP with the QLD Department of Treaty, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Communities and the Arts under Part 7 of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003 (Qld).

In 2023 ILUA negotiations have been held with the Darumbal and will continue into early 2024. Our Partnership and Benefit Agreement will provide long term support to the Darumbal people.



*Signing the CHIMA, Darumbal Offices Rockhampton, Aug 2023*



## In 2023 we also continued engaging with the Community:

We reached out to many people individually and as groups through a variety of events and meetings including:

- Community Drop in Sessions in Dalma, Stanwell and Kalapa in April
- Calls and home visits to the near neighbours of the project following the launch of the Neighbour Shared Benefits Scheme (SBS) SBS website (which was accompanied by a letter)
- Sponsorship to the Stanwell School for their new sports facility
- The Rockhampton Fire Management Group 6 month look ahead planning meeting
- The CQP Capricorn Mega Careers event in May
- One-on-one meetings with project neighbours and those generally interested



*Community Drop-In session set up, Stanwell, April 2023*



*Capricorn Mega Careers, CQU Rockhampton, May 2023*

- Ongoing meetings with Rockhampton Regional Council, RRC including by CQP leadership team.
- Participated and supported the work of the QEJP Windfarm Transportation investigation following feedback from RRC
- Met with elected members responsible for the project area
- Attended the Bush Summit to understand the issues pertinent to rural Australia and QLD
- Participated in the Stanwell Progress Committee
- Sponsorship of the insurance for the Kalapa Hall Horse Sports Day on 2/9/23, as well as attendance by the team to provide assistance with set up, and handing out prizes
- Preliminary Project meeting with Queensland Conservation Council, and subsequent calls and meetings
- Attended the Kalapa Hall Christmas Party on 1/12/23

CQP will continue welcoming engagement with the community throughout 2024 and beyond. Please get in contact with us through the project website: <https://www.moahcreek.com/contact-registration>

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We are establishing a **COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (CCC)** who will be involved with the project team in decision making processes throughout project planning and construction.

The CCC will ideally include up to 6 members of the local community, 1 representative of local Council, up to 2 representatives of the Project and an independently appointed Chairperson.

To find out more about this committee, or register interest please visit this link:

<https://www.moahcreek.com/community>



*CQP Directors talking to Senator Matt Canavan at Bush Summit, Rockhampton, Aug 2023*



*Kalapa Horse Sports Day, Kalapa, Sep 2023*

Check out the updated FAQs now on the project website here:

<https://www.moahcreek.com/community>

Updates were made based on community feedback received in 2023.

## ***In 2023 we commenced formal procurement activities and continued engaging with local contractors:***

Wind farms as large scale construction projects are typically delivered by major contractors supported by a variety of specialised and local contractors.

In 2023 the CQP team has prepared our Request For Tender (RFT) packages and reached out to industry for the following packages:

- 2 Primary Construction Contractor parties, OEM (Original Equipment Manufacturer) performing a S&I (Supply and Install Contract) and BoP (Balance of Plant) Contractor to be managed by the Principal
- 1 O&M (Operations and Maintenance) Contract, likely to be performed by the OEM, and managed by the Principal



*CQP Procurement and Engineering Team deep in thought developing the Request For Tender (RFT) packages, May 2023*

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Site Visits were also facilitated by the CQP team for the contractors bidding on the packages, to ensure they have an understanding of the site.

Responses have been received from reputable potential partners, and evaluation has been underway during Q4 2023, and is being undertaken by CQP and CleanCo, based on a qualitative and quantitative assessment criteria, in accordance with all relevant legislation (e.g. Qld Jobs and Energy Plan, Qld Procurement Policy, Modern Slavery Act Clth 2018, and others).

Selection of the main contractors is likely to be completed in Q1 2024, further updates on website.

The selected contractors will commence Early Works with CQP in Q1 2024 with the aim being to conduct site investigations, continue refining the design within the DA conditions, and obtain relevant secondary permits in order to be ready for construction to start in Q3 2025.



*BoP  
Contractor  
Site visit,  
Kalapa,  
July 2023*

The CQP team has also continued to engage with **local contractors** to make them aware of the project, and the kind of opportunities that will be available to them during construction and operations.

This engagement conducted by CQP will be shared with the chosen main contractors in Q1 2024.

### **CQP has participated in the following local contractor awareness events throughout 2023:**

- Advance Rockhampton REZ Ready Event in Rockhampton on 7<sup>th</sup> of June
- Connecting Industry event in Gladstone on 12<sup>th</sup> of July
- Clean Energy Summit in Sydney on 18<sup>th</sup> of July
- The Rockhampton Renewable Energy Meet the Buyer Networking event hosted by DSDILGP in Rockhampton on 16<sup>th</sup> of August
- Tour of the Rockhampton Advanced Manufacturing Industry Showcase hosted by Advance Rockhampton on 16<sup>th</sup> of August
- CQP Team attended and presented at the Capricorn Enterprise Major Projects and Industry Forum for the Capricorn Region on 19<sup>th</sup> of October
- CQP team attended the Queensland New-Industry Development Strategy Forum hosted by Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning on 24 October 2023 in Rockhampton
- Attend and present at the Connecting Industry QLD online conference on 16<sup>th</sup> of November
- Participate in the Rockhampton Energy Forum hosted by Advance Rockhampton on 22<sup>nd</sup> of November

**CQP** will continue to engage with local economic industry groups and local contractors throughout 2024.



*Presenting at Advance Rockhampton Event, June 23*



*Advance Rockhampton Event, November 2023*

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*Presenting at Connecting Industry Event, Gladstone, July 2023*



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*Presenting at Capricorn Enterprise Major Projects and Industry Forum for Rocky Region, Rockhampton, October 2023*



*Tour of SMW, Rockhampton, August 2023*



*Clean Energy Summit, Sydney, July 2023*



**And that's a wrap of 2023 from us!  
See you in 2024!**

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