

Capacity Investment Scheme Agreement commitments

Valley of the Winds has been selected to participate in the Australian Government's Capacity Investment Scheme (CIS).

About the Capacity Investment Scheme

The Capacity Investment Scheme is a Federal Government program that provides a predictable minimum revenue range for new clean energy and storage projects, based on a contracted 'floor' and 'ceiling' price for the energy that project delivers in the National Electricity Market.

The CIS does not subsidise or offset the cost of development or construction of renewable energy projects.

How it works

CIS participant projects are selected based on clear merit criteria, including project viability, cost effectiveness, capacity to contribute to long-term energy reliability, project impacts and sustainability.

If, once a project is fully operational, wholesale energy prices drop below the contracted 'floor', the government tops up 90% of the difference. If wholesale energy prices go above the contracted 'ceiling' price, the project pays some of the revenues earned back to the government. The project is fully exposed to the wholesale market between the contracted floor and ceiling prices.

Our CIS commitments

If Valley of the Winds receives Development Approval, the project will deliver a range of initiatives under our CIS Agreement to support long-term social value creation that makes a difference in the lives of local people, for the life of the project.

Social Licence Aspect	ACEN Australia Commitment
Shared community benefits commitments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - During the development and construction phase, \$100,000 per annum (\$200,000 in total) via our Social Investment Program (SIP) to supporting key community initiatives focused on Community enhancement and resilience, Education and work, Reconciliation and Environment - Through our Planning Agreement with Wurrumbungle Shire Council, a commitment of \$877,500 per annum (\$24,570,000 in total) will be provided over the life of the project (28 years) to invest in community initiatives and infrastructure - Neighbour agreements of \$600,000 per annum (\$15,000,000 in total) to eligible properties within close proximity to the project

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Access fee payments of \$3,800,000 per annum (\$95,000,000 in total) over 25 years to be allocated by EnergyCo under its Community and Employment benefit program for activities that benefit local and First Nations communities by providing specific financial support to small scale projects, initiatives, community services, employment and training opportunities across the Central West Orana region.
First Nations people commitments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - During the development and construction phase \$200,000 over two years for First Nations supply chain and workforce development. This includes \$100,000 dedicated to initiatives that support job readiness including pre-employment training, apprenticeships, and other mentoring initiatives. - 1.5% of Total project value (\$69,198,460 in total) is committed to First Nations supply chain participation - 6 Full-time Equivalent roles (or 1.5% of Total Workforce) are created for First Nations Workers on our project.
Commitments to local employment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - During the development and construction phase, we have committed \$100,000 towards initiatives that support local business development. - The project is committed to having 80 Full-time Equivalent roles (or 20% of Total Workforce) created for apprenticeships, traineeships, and other learning workers on our project. - 20% of Total trade positions are apprenticeship roles (or 16 Full-time Equivalent roles) - As part of our commitment to supporting underrepresented groups, the project is targeting 80 Full-time Equivalent (FTE) roles (or 20% of Total Workforce) for women in construction, people with disabilities, and young job seekers.
Commitments related to use of local content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 30% of the total construction expenditure (\$755,953,800) will be committed to local content, ensuring local businesses benefit from procurement opportunities during the development and construction phase. - During the operations phase, we have committed to allocating 51% of our total operational expenditure (\$1,071,000,000) within local supply chains, supporting long-term economic growth for the region - We have further committed to use at least 8% steel from Australian suppliers as part of the project construction activities (\$104,000,000).

Note: Expected project construction start to be in Early 2027 with expected Operation to commence in 2030.