

What we heard

Preferred worker accommodation site

Suitable accommodation is essential to attracting and supporting the workforce required to construct the Lake Lyell Pumped Hydro project. We have assessed multiple worker accommodation sites to assess their suitability. We look at proximity to the worksite, safety and security, nearby infrastructure and amenities, accommodation quality, cost, sustainability and proximity to neighbours. We have also undertaken engagement with potential neighbours, the community and stakeholders to understand their views, so that we can design and operate a workers accommodation site that minimises impacts to those nearby.

For the preferred worker accommodation site alongside Lake Lyell off Magpie Hollow Road, South Bowenfels this consultation occurred between **July and December 2024**.

- Letterbox drop
- One on one discussions
- Stakeholder briefings
- Social media commentary

Feedback has been grouped into several themes and summarised below:

Central Business District proximity

People considered the site too remote for workers to generate an economic stimulus to businesses and the community.

Managing noise

Nearby neighbours indicated that 500 workers in a relatively quiet location may generate ambient noise.

Managing traffic

Users of the local road network noted that workers would require a shuttle service between the accommodation and the project worksite which could impact safety and congestion.

Contained amenities

Businesses were concerned that the kitchen and meals are contained on-site limiting supply from local cafes, takeaways, bakeries and restaurants.

Visual impact

Stakeholders commented that the preferred accommodation site would be viewable from the Lake Lyell Recreational Park where multiple campers and boating enthusiast gather.

Using existing accommodation

Many community members and businesses wanted to see local motels and accommodation providers utilised.

Next Steps

Following the feedback received, multiple private property owners put forward alternative sites which were assessed for their suitability. The assessment considered proximity to the worksite and to the Central Business District, safety and security, nearby infrastructure and amenities, accommodation quality, cost, sustainability and proximity to neighbours. An alternative worker accommodation site in town on the Pottery Estate off Silcock Street was selected to be fully assessed for inclusion in the Environmental Impact Statement.

EnergyAustralia will now put forward two workers accommodation sites in our Environmental Impact Statement, when the Lake Lyell Pumped Hydro project is considered by the NSW Government.

1. The **preferred** worker accommodation site is alongside Lake Lyell off Magpie Hollow Road, South Bowenfels.
2. An **alternative** worker accommodation site is in town on the former Pottery Estate off Silcock Street.

Thank you for your input.

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