

HEXHAM

Wind Farm



PROJECT UPDATE

Wind Prospect is pleased to provide an update on the Hexham Wind Farm project.

The Minister for Planning is preparing the draft scoping requirements which will detail the environmental matters to be investigated and documented in the Environment Effects Statement (EES). Once they're available for public exhibition we'll let you know how you can access them. We'll also invite you to attend community drop-in sessions in Hexham, Ellerslie and Caramut to speak to us about the project and the EES process. After considering the feedback received from the public, the Minister for Planning will issue the project's final EES scoping requirements.

In preparation for the EES investigations and planning process we have been exploring the various wind turbine models that could be available in the coming years. One significant change is the maximum blade tip heights for wind turbines which now can exceed 250 metres. To ensure the latest wind turbines are available to the project when it comes time to construct, we have made the decision to increase the maximum tip height proposed for this project from 250 metres to 260 metres.

Making this decision now ensures all potential impacts are adequately assessed in the EES process and considered in the Planning Permit Application.

We have also been evaluating the project's design subject to the EES assessments and process and are now proposing the project consist of up to 109 wind turbines which is one more than communicated previously.

We understand that people will have questions about these changes and the project in general, so we encourage you to come along and speak to our team at the community drop-in sessions.

Fieldwork is continuing to inform the project's potential environmental impacts, including bird and bat surveys. Hydrologists have carried out an assessment of waterways and wetlands in the area and work has commenced on identifying a temporary on-site quarry site that could feasibly supply aggregate for the project's internal access roads during construction.

Recently we engaged Umwelt Australia to undertake a Social Impact Assessment for the Hexham Wind Farm. To inform their assessment, Umwelt is seeking feedback from residents and local community members about the project. They are also keen to hear about people's experiences of living in the local community and the broader region. Information about how you can participate in the survey can be found later in this newsletter.

Regards,

Rory McManus
Hexham Wind Farm
Senior Development Manager

KEY FACTS



WIND TURBINES
Up to 109



TURBINE HEIGHT
Up to 260m



PROPOSAL LOCATION
Between Hexham, Caramut and Ellerslie in south-west Victoria



SITE SIZE
About 16,000 hectares



RATES PAYABLE
Estimated at \$900,000 per year, for 25 years



MUNICIPALITY
Moyne Shire



RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY
Department of Transport and Planning



LAND HOLDERS
14



INSTALLED CAPACITY
About 741 megawatts (MW)



POWER GENERATION
About 2850 gigawatt hours (GWh) per year



HOMES POWERED
About 515,000 per year, or a city the size of Warrnambool more than 35 times over



EMISSION SAVINGS
About 1.88 million tonnes of CO² per year



PROJECT STATUS
Environment and planning approvals stage



CONSTRUCTION PERIOD
Two to three years



PROJECT LIFESPAN
25 years+



EES TECHNICAL REFERENCE GROUP

A Technical Reference Group (TRG) has been appointed to provide technical advice to both the DTP and Wind Prospect on preparing a quality EES. This group consists of government agencies, local government, regional authorities and government-appointed subject matter experts.

The project team meets with the TRG regularly and receives advice from the group throughout the EES process. The TRG members for this project are:

- Victorian Department of Transport and Planning
 - Impact Assessment Unit/TRG Chair
 - Renewables Planning Team
 - VicRoads and Regional Roads Victoria
 - Victorian Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action
 - Victorian Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions (Earth Resources Regulation)
- Commonwealth Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water
 - First Peoples – State Relations
 - Moyne Shire Council
 - Environment Protection Authority
 - Southern Rural Water
 - Heritage Victoria
 - Glenelg Hopkins Catchment Management Authority

SOCIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT SURVEY

Wind Prospect has engaged Umwelt Australia, a social and environmental consultancy, to undertake a social impact assessment for the Hexham Wind Farm project. This assessment will analyse, monitor and manage the intended and unintended social consequences, both positive and negative, of the project.

To help inform Umwelt's Social Impact Assessment, we have shared with them information and feedback collected as part of our previous community engagement activities. Umwelt will also use other methods, such as semi-structured interviews and a survey, to better understand potential social impacts associated with the project.

The survey will enable Umwelt to collect information about the perceived positive and negative social impacts of the project from the broader community. The survey will also ask respondents to consider:

- their experience and interactions with Wind Prospect to date
- the community's needs and values
- their preferences for future engagement.

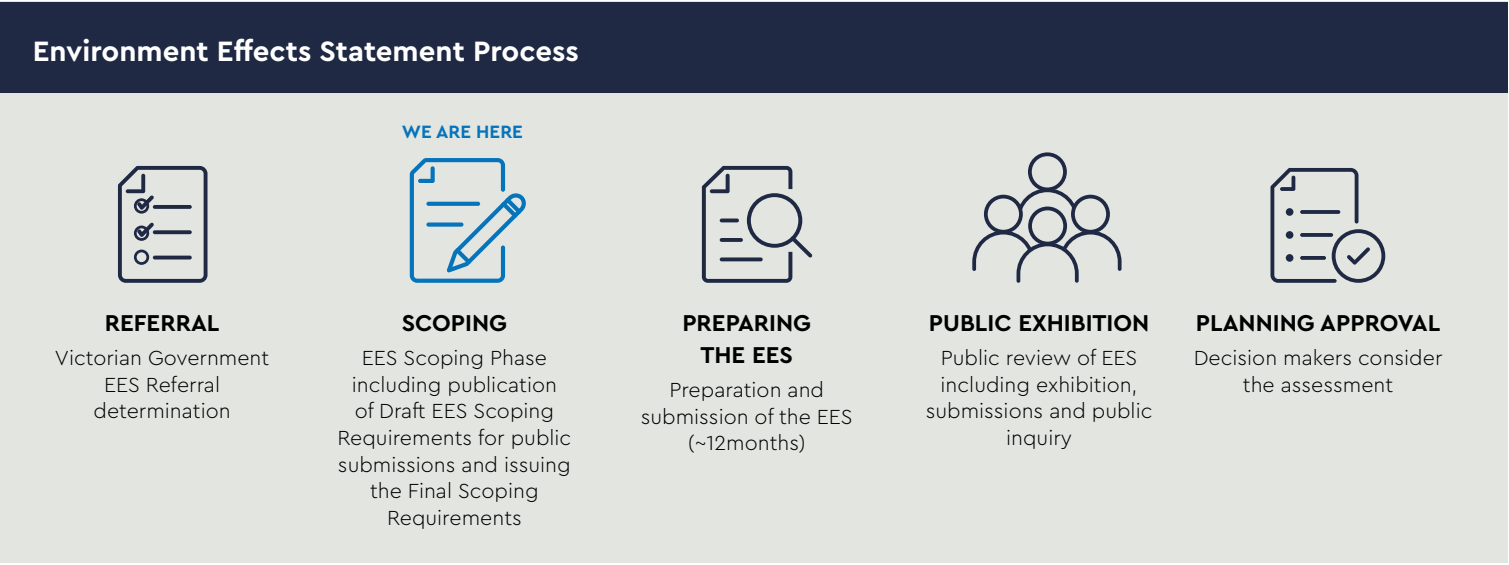
Responses to the survey will be confidential and will only be reported in aggregate form (this means that responses will be compiled by Umwelt and individuals will not be identifiable by Wind Prospect or others).

For more information and to fill out the confidential survey please scan the QR code or visit www.hexhamwindfarm.com.au/community/.



A print-out of the survey and a pre-paid return envelope is included with this newsletter for those who receive a hard copy of the newsletter. Please fill out the survey and send it back in the enclosed envelope by 30 June 2023.

THE EES PROCESS



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

On 12th May 2023 the Moyne Shire's Community Engagement Committee (CEC) met to discuss matters important to the community. The minutes of the CEC are available on the Moyne Shire Council's webpage. www.moyne.vic.gov.au/Our-Services/Energy-Projects/Wind-Farms-in-Moyne/Hexham-Wind-Farm.

The CEC comprises one Moyne Shire councillor, six members of the local community and two members of the Wind Prospect team. We encourage people to reach out to the CEC community members to find out more about the project.

COMMUNITY SPONSORSHIP FUND

The Hexham Wind Farm community sponsorship fund is open year-round with \$20,000 available each year during the development phase. The project has recently awarded \$3,000 of sponsorship funding to the Hexham Recreation Reserve Committee for window shutters on the club rooms.

The fund helps community groups to enhance or improve community services, programs, initiatives and facilities – basically it is designed to improve community life for all residents around the proposed wind farm.

THE FUND IN ACTION

The fund is part of our commitment to the Hexham community and we are delighted to see it making a difference to the Mortlake community.

"The addition of office furniture, shelving and signage make the space better in every way, visually more pleasing and so much easier to stock take and present products. Your assistance is gratefully appreciated by the community."

**Terree Parsons
at Anglicare
Victoria Southwest.**



The fund is active now! Sponsorship application forms and terms and conditions can be found on the project website (www.hexhamwindfarm.com.au/community).



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