

# Hexham Wind Farm

## Capacity Investment Scheme (CIS) Frequently Asked Questions

### About the CIS

#### *What is the Australian Government Capacity Investment Scheme?*

The Capacity Investment Scheme (CIS) is an Australian Government program to accelerate investment in renewable energy projects, via revenue underwriting agreements therefore reducing financial risk for investors. As a result, the CIS encourages private investment, which means more renewable energy projects can be developed more quickly.

For more information, visit:

<https://www.dccceew.gov.au/energy/renewable/capacity-investment-scheme>

#### *What does the CIS mean for Hexham Wind Farm?*

The proposed Hexham Wind Farm was successful in the Australian Government's October 2025 round of the CIS - [Tender Round 4 National Electricity Market - Generation](#).

This is an important milestone for the Hexham Wind Farm as it provides investment certainty for the Project should it receive planning approval.

#### *What commitments have been made under the CIS?*

Projects are assessed against a range of criteria, including First Nations and Social Licence commitments. Projects need to outline an approach and commitments to:

- improving economic and social outcomes, including economic participation for First Nations communities, and
- improving local economic and social outcomes, and regional economic development, including local supply chains and workforce.

Further information about these commitments can be found in the [CIS Tender 4 Tender Guidelines](#).

#### *What assurances are there that the First Nations and Social Licence commitments will be delivered?*

The First Nations and Social Licence commitments are contractually binding in the CIS Agreement and will be subject to monitoring and enforcement conditions.

#### *When will the commitments made under the CIS be delivered?*

A formal CIS Agreement will come into effect once the conditions of agreement have been finalised between AGL and the Australian Government.

#### *What is the relationship between AGL and Hexham Wind Farm?*

Wind Prospect is an early-stage project developer specialising in early planning and approvals for renewable energy projects. We partner with larger companies who will ultimately become responsible for the construction and operation of the projects we develop.

As the development of the Hexham Wind Farm has progressed, Wind Prospect has been working with AGL in their capacity as the potential long-term owner and operator of the Project.

AGL was the proponent under the CIS application as the CIS Agreement is predominantly applicable during the operational phase of the project.

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*Is the Project now approved as a result of the successful CIS application?*

No, the CIS outcome is separate to planning approvals for the Project. Wind Prospect is continuing to finalise the Development Application and Environment Effects Statement (EES). We expect to exhibit the EES for community and stakeholder feedback in early 2026. The Victorian Planning Minister will then assess the Project and determine whether it can proceed.

## About AGL

*Does AGL own the Hexham Wind Farm?*

No, not yet. As the development of the Hexham Wind Farm has progressed, Wind Prospect has been working with AGL in their capacity as the potential long-term owner and operator of the Project, with the intention that AGL would become the owner of the project in future.

Should AGL acquire the Hexham Wind Farm from Wind Prospect, it would progress the Project to final investment decision, construction and operation.

*What will change for the community if AGL acquires the Project?*

A transition period can be expected whereby Wind Prospect continues to support AGL with ongoing, respectful and genuine engagement with the community and other stakeholders while new Project branding and contact information is implemented and the AGL project team become more familiar with the details of the Project. Any commitments made to the community, including funding for future benefits sharing programs will be carried over to AGL, should the Project be approved.

There is no change to the current community and stakeholder engagement program and Project team, which is led by Wind Prospect.

The Wind Prospect Community and Stakeholder engagement team remains in place and available on 1800 934 322 or [info@hexhamwindfarm.com.au](mailto:info@hexhamwindfarm.com.au)

## About Wind Prospect

*What is Wind Prospect's role in the development of renewable energy projects?*

Wind Prospect is an early-stage project developer specialising in planning and approvals for wind, solar and battery storage projects across Australia. We partner with major investors who are responsible for the construction and operation of the projects we develop.

*Has Wind Prospect and AGL worked on other developments previously?*

Yes, Wind Prospect and AGL have a long history of working together. In South Australia, AGL acquired the Hallett Wind Farm from Wind Prospect in 2004. The Project was built in stages between 2008 and 2012 and makes a significant contribution to South Australia's wind energy output.

*When will the Development Application for the proposed Hexham Wind Farm Project be submitted?*

The Development Application and Environment Effects Statement (EES) are expected to be lodged in late 2025 with the EES exhibited for community and stakeholder feedback in early 2026. The Victorian Planning Minister will then assess the Project and determine whether it can proceed.