

# Hexham Wind Farm

## Newsletter

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### Welcome to the latest edition of the Hexham Wind Farm project newsletter.

We are now preparing to finalise and submit the Environment Effects Statement (EES) and Development Application (DA) for the Project. This is the culmination of several years of work conducting detailed environmental assessments and consulting with the community to properly understand the potential impacts of the Project, as well as proposing approaches to minimise and manage them.

You can have your say on the EES in early 2026 through the Victorian Government's formal EES Exhibition process. This will be an opportunity to learn about the final EES report submitted to the Department of Transport and Planning and to make formal submissions in response. We'll be providing updates shortly on the exhibition dates and locations through this newsletter and our website.

Wind Prospect is also pleased to announce that the proposed Hexham Wind Farm has been successful in the Australian Government's latest Capacity Investment Scheme (CIS), Tender Round 4.

The CIS will provide investment certainty for the Project through a revenue underwriting agreement with the Australian Government. It strengthens the long-term social and economic commitments of the Project for the region, including opportunities for First Nations people, local supply and procurement initiatives and wider community benefits - from construction through to operation and decommissioning of the Project. It is important to note that the CIS outcome is separate to the Victorian government assessment process. The Planning Minister will assess the EES and DA and determine whether it can proceed.

We appreciate the ongoing interest and engagement from the community and look forward exhibiting the EES in full in the coming months. In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to the project team on 1800 934 322 or at [info@hexhamwindfarm.com.au](mailto:info@hexhamwindfarm.com.au).

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### Project at a glance

Located 15 km west of Mortlake and 15 km north-east of Woolsthorpe. Hexham is the nearest community, approximately 3 km north-east of the Project area.



Up to 106 wind turbines, subject to approvals.



Generate enough renewable energy to power up to 515,000 homes each year.



360 jobs during construction and 24 ongoing jobs during operation.



**Community benefit sharing:** A sponsorship fund of \$20,000 per year. If the Project is approved, once operational, a Community Benefit Fund would commence, providing ongoing financial investment for the region for the life of the Project.



**Grid connection:** An onsite terminal would be built next to the existing 500 kV transmission line within the Project site, meaning, new transmission lines are not required.



Project lifespan of 25+ years.



**Development status:** Prepare Environment Effects Statement (EES) and Development Application.



# Environment Effects Statement

The Environment Effects Statement (EES) will soon be submitted for the Hexham Wind Farm Project, marking an important planning and approvals milestone.

The EES assesses the potential environmental, social and economic impacts of the project, ensuring that any impacts on the local community and environment are understood and addressed. The Project team and specialist consultants are finalising detailed environmental investigations in preparation for submission. These investigations and final EES considers all feedback from stakeholders and the communities surrounding the project.

Studies within the EES will include biodiversity, ecology, water resources, cultural heritage, noise, dust, traffic, visual amenity, socio economic impacts, fire risk, and more. For each of these studies, the EES will identify potential issues and propose strategies to mitigate and manage them.

## EES community engagement

Community engagement continues to be an essential part of the EES process and Wind Prospect has been running information sessions, sharing newsletters, and carrying out one-on-one consultations. This has provided the opportunity for local stakeholders to raise concerns, ask questions, and share their views for consideration within the studies.

### Public exhibition

The EES will soon be finalised and we are expecting the Victorian government to place the EES on public exhibition in early 2026. Once the EES is submitted, the Minister for Planning will advise on the exhibition period and dates during which the community can provide feedback through formal submissions. Any issues raised during this stage will be carefully considered, and adjustments to the Project will be made if necessary.

During this time, Wind Prospect will organise in-region engagement opportunities to review the full statement and provide support for submission of formal responses. This will include community information sessions in Hexham, Mortlake, Caramut and Ellerslie. EES exhibition dates and locations for community engagement events will be released shortly.

### Ministerial review

Following the exhibition period, the Minister for Planning will review the EES studies and public submissions. At this point the Minister may then appoint an inquiry to further evaluate the Project effects. This may include a desktop review, a conference of submitters or a formal hearing. Alternatively, the Minister may proceed directly to a final assessment.

The results of the final assessment will be considered in the final approval of the Project under Victorian law. It is expected that a determination of the Project would be made by the Minister for Planning in quarter three, 2026.



The project team has prepared fact sheets on key topics prepared for the EES. To find out more, scan the QR code or visit [www.hexhamwindfarm.com.au/news-and-resources/](http://www.hexhamwindfarm.com.au/news-and-resources/)

## Capacity Investment Scheme

The Hexham Wind Farm Project was recently successful in the Australian Government's Capacity Investment Scheme (CIS).

The CIS is an Australian Government revenue underwriting scheme to accelerate investment in renewable energy projects and will provide investment certainty for the Project, should it receive planning approval.

This is a significant milestone for the Hexham Wind Farm, and recognises the benefits of the Project, such as its proposed contribution to Australia's energy reliability, emissions reductions and lower energy prices.

The CIS Agreement strengthens the long-term social and economic commitments of the Project for the region including opportunities for First Nations people, local supply and procurement initiatives and wider community benefits - from construction through to operation and decommissioning of the Project.

It is important to note that the CIS outcome is separate to planning approvals for the Project. As detailed in this newsletter, we continue to move through the EES process and once this is complete the Victorian Planning Minister will assess the Project and determine whether it can proceed.



## Community engagement

The Wind Prospect project team has recently been visiting near neighbours to share the findings of the visual impact assessment, as well as the noise and vibration impact assessments.

The team also met with local landowners with air strips in the region to share findings of the aviation assessment that was prepared as part of the EES.

### Council engagement committee

The Council Engagement Committee (CEC) meets regularly to share updates and community enquiries with representatives from Moyne Shire Council, the local community and Wind Prospect Project team. The most recent meeting on Thursday 25 September 2025 included a project EES assessments update and community sponsorship fund updates.

The group also held discussions around ongoing community benefit funds, neighbour benefit sharing agreements, potential impacts and changes to existing road infrastructure and traffic, and the engagement sessions held in May 2025.

The CEC will meet again on Thursday 11 December 2025. Representatives of the Project team will share information about the lodgement of the EES and Development Application and opportunities for community feedback.



## Project investor update

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 of the Project.

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

Wind Prospect will continue to develop the Project and will keep the community and other stakeholders updated on AGL's interest in the proposed Hexham Wind Farm. Wind Prospect will remain your point of contact for the Project.

For more information about AGL and its potential acquisition of the Project, please visit the FAQs on the Project website.

# Applications open for Hexham sponsorship fund

The Hexham Wind Farm is proud to continue to support local initiatives through our sponsorship fund.

The fund is open for applications from community groups, schools and clubs who are seeking funding for initiatives that contribute to the well-being and development of the local community.

## Application Guidelines

### Eligibility

Applications are open to local community groups, not-for-profit organisations, schools and clubs in the surrounding areas.

### Project types

We are looking to support initiatives that promote community engagement, education, health and local infrastructure improvements.

### Funding amounts

Grants of up to \$5,000 are available per project.

All applications will be reviewed by the Hexham Wind Farm team, with successful applicants notified within four weeks of submission.

**Apply now for community sponsorship**



Scan the QR code to find out more and apply, or visit: [www.hexhamwindfarm.com.au/community](http://www.hexhamwindfarm.com.au/community)

**FARMER'S NIGHT**  
WHERE COMMUNITY CONNECTS

We're proud to have recently supported more local initiatives through the fund in the second half of 2025, including **\$7,000** towards the **Caramut Farmers Night** – an event for local farmers to get together to unwind and reconnect.



# Proposed Hexham Wind Farm Project Design



## Legend

- Project boundary
- Wind turbine location
- Battery Energy Storage System
- Temporary quarry
- O&M facility and carpark
- Electrical terminal station
- Wind monitoring mast
- Site access
- Access tracks
- Overhead powerlines
- Existing 500kV powerline
- 2km
- 4km
- 6km

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The project would include 106 wind turbines with access tracks and overhead powerlines that will carry electricity to a new onsite terminal station. This terminal station would transmit the electricity generated by the wind farm to the electricity network via the existing 500 kV transmission line which traverses the project site. A Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) to help store energy and support the grid would be located near to the terminal station. A temporary quarry is planned in the northwest of the site to provide materials needed during construction, reducing truck movements and local traffic impacts.



## Find out more

The team has published a range of fact sheets on key topics about the Hexham Wind Farm project and the Environment Effects Statement.



To find out more, scan the QR code to access these resources or visit the project website:

[www.hexhamwindfarm.com.au/news-and-resources](http://www.hexhamwindfarm.com.au/news-and-resources)

## Indicative Project Timeline

The Hexham Wind Farm will require approval under the Victoria Government's planning process for State Significant Developments. Part of the assessment of the Project includes a review of community feedback, and a detailed review of the potential impacts on social and environmental matters, and how these are proposed to be mitigated. The Project is currently completing an EES and is anticipating a public exhibition of the full EES in early 2026.



Ongoing community engagement will be a key focus throughout each stage and the across the life of the project.

*Wind Prospect respectfully acknowledges the Eastern Maar people as the Traditional Custodians of the land on which the Hexham Wind Farm is proposed. We honour their ongoing connection to the land and waters, and we are committed to fostering respectful, collaborative relationships with Indigenous communities across all our projects.*

## Stay informed

To stay informed with the latest updates, you can provide your contact information via the below details. We will continue to provide updates through in-person visits and local events.

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