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WIND FARM

The Palmer Wind Farm would help reduce Australia’s carbon footprint by generating up to 288MW of clean energy when constructed.

That’s enough to power up to 142,000 South Australian homes. The project will also bring investment and benefits for the surrounding community.

Tilt Renewables is still waiting for approval for the revised wind farm design with taller turbines and bigger setbacks from existing dwellings. This change would more than halve the number of turbines required and reduce the Project area by over 5,000 hectares.

This newsletter provides updates on:

- Development and environmental approvals
- Community benefit planning
- Procurement for a lead construction contractor
- Visiting a wind farm



Project Snapshot

- # Number of turbines: 40
- 🌀 Blade tip height: up to 220 metres
- ⚡ Maximum capacity: 288 MW
- ✓ Emissions reduced: 212,000 tonnes per year
- 👷 Jobs created: 200+ in construction, 5 ongoing

Hover over the QR code below to visit the Palmer Wind Farm website for more information.





Development and environmental approvals update

The Palmer Wind Farm is still undergoing approvals and is not yet ready to be built. There are several approvals required before we can begin construction, which are explained below.

Variation to the approved Development Plan Consent from the South Australian Government

The Palmer Wind Farm already has planning approval, in the form of a Development Plan Consent. In 2023, we changed our project design so we need to seek a variation to the existing approval. In February 2024, we submitted a variation application to the State Planning Commission.

The assessment process is still underway and will include a public exhibition period. The community will be informed when the public exhibition period opens.

Our original planning approval required development to have substantially commenced by late 2024. However, we have been granted an extension of time allowing development to be completed by late 2031.

Assessment and approval under the Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 from the Federal Government.

The Federal Department of Climate Change, Energy, Environment and Water assess projects that may have an impact on Matters of National Environment Significance including nationally listed threatened species and ecological communities. This assessment only looks at impacts on nationally protected matters.

We submitted an EPBC referral to the Federal Department in early 2024. It included our assessment of the listed threatened species and ecological communities that have been found or may be found in the Palmer Wind Farm project area. It provided detailed information about how impacts to these species or ecological communities have been avoided.

The Department reviewed this information and decided that the Palmer Wind Farm project is a 'not controlled action'. This means the Project requires no further assessment and does not require Federal approval under the EPBC Act.

The Department is confident that impacts to Matters of National Environment Significance have been avoided and minimised and the project demonstrates good site selection and design.

Secondary approvals

If we receive planning approval from the South Australian State Government, we will then need to complete secondary approvals. This usually involves providing plans with more detailed information about the Project, to ensure construction and operation activities are appropriately managed. Some examples of secondary approvals are site rehabilitation, bushfire management, and traffic management.

We will work with the relevant authorities in the development of these plans. For example, we will consult with the Country Fire Services for the Bushfire Management Plan. We have already begun early conversations with the CFS in preparation for this.

A final investment decision and construction timing is dependant on the above approval processes. We will continue to keep the community updated as the approvals progress.

COMMUNITY BENEFIT PLANNING

A crucial part of our renewable energy projects is community benefit planning.

If the project is approved and we build a 288MW wind farm, we will have a broader community benefit budget of approximately \$226,000 per year for the duration of the wind farm. Across construction and 30 years of operation, this will amount to 7 million dollars for the local community. We will provide additional funding for First Nation initiatives.

We are very flexible with the types of projects and programs we fund and want to co-design the benefit sharing plan with community. We will be undertaking engagement activities over the next few months to identify the best ways to use the community benefit funding.

We are keen to understand what the surrounding community would like to see us support, for example mental health, environment, education or emergency services.

To do this we have a short survey available until 3 September – [Community Benefit Survey](#).

The survey should only take two minutes and will provide valuable information for workshops with key stakeholders.

On the right are examples of benefit sharing from our other wind farms around Australia.

Support for the Kids (Mental Health Program)

Rye Park Wind Farm – New South Wales

Tilt Renewables supports a mental health program in the Southern Tablelands region of New South Wales. In 2022, Tilt Renewables partnered with a local business, AWI Consulting. AWI Consulting are a team of clinicians, living locally, that provide counselling, trauma-informed and healing focused therapy and other psychological services. Our funds cover the cost of psychological assessments and wellbeing workshops for local schools.

Salt Creek Scholarship

Salt Creek Wind Farm – Victoria

Salt Creek Wind Farm landholder, Peter Coy, approached Tilt Renewables with the idea of the annual Salt Creek Scholarship. Both Peter Coy and Tilt Renewables annually contribute \$15,000 towards the scholarship. This scholarship supports students living in Southwestern Victoria.

Since 2019, Tilt Renewables has supported five local students to attend university.

Country Fire Association Shed Co-funding

Dundonnell Wind Farm - Victoria

After speaking with the Community Fund Committee and Dundonnell Hall Committee, Tilt Renewables set aside 50% of the Dundonnell Wind Farm community fund (\$25,000 per annum over 10 years) to service a loan for a new CFA shed in Dundonnell, Victoria. The new fire station provides community access to an improved and suitable facility for public use and for fire-fighting operations.



Procurement update

We are still in the process of procuring a lead contractor to construct the wind farm. An important part of our selection criteria is experience working with local communities and creating local employment opportunities.

When we have a lead contractor employed, we will host 'meet the contractor sessions' for local businesses to meet and discuss opportunities.

To register interest in providing goods or services for the Palmer Wind Farm project please click [here](#) or hover over the QR code below, and complete the form.



Wind farm site visit

Tilt Renewables invites community members surrounding the proposed Palmer Wind Farm to visit two wind farms on Saturday 26 October.

The purpose of the visit is to help community members understand how a wind farm looks, sounds and is operated.

The wind farms are:

- Goyder Wind Farm (Neoen Energy): visit several vantage points 2-5kms from 200+ meter high turbines.
- Snowtown Wind Farm (Tilt Renewables): go onsite and see how a wind farm is operated.

Tilt Renewables will organise bus transport and lunch on the day.

You can register via this form: [Site Visit Registration Form](#). Please complete the form by 30th September 2024.

The numbers will be capped to 40 people and people living within 5kms of the site will be prioritised.



Questions?

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