

# Rye Park Wind Farm

August 2017



# Project Snapshot Turbines

92

### **Installed Capacity**

Approximately 320MW

#### **Project investment**

\$600 million

#### **Construction period**

18-24 months

#### **Project Status**

Planning Permit secured

#### **Environmental Benefits**

The proposed project will provide enough clean energy to power 140,000 homes and save 650,000 tonnes of annual greenhouse gas emissions, the equivalent of removing 140,000 cars from our roads.

#### **Economic Benefits**

Directly inject more than \$2m per annum into the community through host landholder leases, staff salary and community fund payments.

Generate about \$49 million in the region during construction and \$3.6

#### **Employment**

250 during construction and 12-15 during the 25 plus years of operation.

million per annum during operation.

# Project update

Planning permit granted

The NSW Planning Assessment Commission has granted planning approval for the Rye Park Wind Farm, allowing 92 of the proposed 109 turbines to be built.

Tilt Renewables Manager Stakeholders and Environment Rontheo van Zyl said this followed the lodgement of a Planning Application and Environmental Assessment for 126 turbines in April 2014.

"Following extensive consultation with stakeholders after lodging the initial application for 126 turbines and acquiring the project from Epuron in 2014, Tilt Renewables subsequently reduced the number to 109 turbines," Mr van Zyl said.

"This now drops to 92. While the potential environmental and community benefits of the project remain substantial, these benefits have decreased due to the reduction in the number of turbines."

Tilt Renewables will now focus on closing out any remaining approvals, and progressing the project through to the point where an investment decision could be taken.

Tilt Renewables has committed to a community benefit fund that will be implemented when the project becomes operational.

## Community

Tilt Renewables has an agreement with the host Councils to provide \$2500 per constructed turbine each year to a community fund, of which at least 20 per cent will be allocated to educational needs.

This means that – under the current planning approval – the Rye Park Wind Farm could directly contribute up to \$230,000 each year to community projects. There are also significant economic benefits associated with construction and ongoing operation of the wind farm.

Tilt Renewables appreciates the valuable input we received from the community into the Rye Park Wind Farm planning application process.



# Community support

About half of the submissions to the Department of Planning and Environment on the Response to Submission document in June 2016 were in support of the project, as well as more than 50 per cent of the public presentations during the Planning Assessment Commission's public meeting earlier this year.



# Local Services/Employment

There has already been substantial local interest in providing goods and services to the proposed Rye Park Wind Farm.

If you would like to submit an expression of interest please place your details on our goods and services register at www.ryeparkwf.com.au

All expressions of interest will be updated as the project progresses and will be provided to the final selected contractors prior to construction.

### Ongoing engagement

Tilt Renewables will continue to keep you informed of the project status through newsletters like this and updates on our website at www.ryeparkwf.com.au.

We will consult directly with the local community and interested parties as the project progresses, including further public information opportunities on the final project design and management measures prior to construction. We will also be holding another Community Consultative Committee meeting in the next few weeks.



