



Rye Park Wind Farm

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Project update

Work on the Rye Park Wind Farm has progressed significantly this year. Following recent technical studies, detailed design and construction planning, Tilt Renewables is moving forward with an application to modify some aspects of the approved wind farm project.

Work undertaken in the past six months has given us a clearer picture of how the Rye Park Wind Farm could look and operate. This work has also identified some changes that would allow the wind farm to be built and operated more efficiently.

Since the project was approved in 2017 there have been advancements in wind turbine technology. Newer turbines are more efficient and using these more modern turbines at Rye Park Wind Farm would allow the project to generate more electricity from fewer turbines, powering more homes with clean energy.

Proposed modification at a glance

A proposed modification to the Rye Park Wind Farm development consent will result in a more efficient wind farm.

Key changes and benefits include:



More clean energy for Australian homes and businesses

An increase in generation capacity from 327MW to 448MW could power around 240,000 homes - an increase of 70,000 compared to the approved project.



Carbon emission savings

Producing more clean energy means more carbon savings - up from 800,000 to over 1 million tonnes per year. That's equivalent to taking 370,000 cars off the road each year.



A **reduction in turbines** from 92 to 80 and **increase in tip height** from 157 metres to 200 metres.



Refinements to the site layout, access tracks and supporting infrastructure, to provide greater certainty about potential impacts and how the wind farm will look and operate.

Talk with us

We will be in town to discuss the project and proposed modification. See the back page for more details.

- Boorowa • 12 November

- Rye Park • 13 November

- Yass • 14 November

Find us online

You can stay across our latest updates and find more detailed information at

ryeparkwf.com.au

Proposed changes to the approved project

We are proposing the following modifications to the approved Rye Park Wind Farm development consent to increase project benefits and address design challenges.

Project component	Current (approved)	Proposed (modification)	Change
Number of turbines	92	80	-12
Height of turbines (maximum tip height)	157m	200m	+43m
Operations and maintenance buildings	2	1	-1
Collection substations	3	1	-2
Construction truck routes	Multiple options	Preferred option	Removal of options

The modification is expected to result in changes to:

- length of access tracks (internal)
- length of underground cabling (internal)
- length of overhead power lines (internal)
- site disturbance area (internal)
- native vegetation removal (internal and external).

Detailed environmental studies are now underway to understand the extent of changes and any changes in impacts.

The modification will bring the Rye Park Wind Farm in line with other recently approved developments, including Bango Wind Farm which has an approved turbine tip height of 200 metres.

Making changes to an approved project involves submitting a modification application and environmental assessment to the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) for assessment and approval. We will also work with the Commonwealth Government to update our Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Act (EPBC) approval if needed.

Further details will be available on our website from 4 November 2019.



Does the proposed modification raise any new concerns or ideas for you?

We will consider all feedback before finalising and submitting our modification application.



Indicative view of proposed 200m tall turbines from Rye Park village

Modification assessment process

We expect to apply for a modification to the existing Rye Park Wind Farm Development Consent in early 2020.

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Technical studies

Relevant studies are undertaken to assess any potential impacts that may result from the modified project.

Community consultation

We are discussing the proposed modification with relevant government agencies and departments, councils, landowners and local communities to share information and understand any concerns. Feedback will be considered in the modification application and in ongoing detailed design and construction planning.

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Modification application

Following community consultation, we expect to finalise a modification application and submit it to DPIE for assessment in early 2020.

Community information sessions

We will be available to discuss the final modification and environmental assessment with locals during the DPIE assessment and formal submissions process.

Formal assessment and submissions

The modification application will be assessed by DPIE. It will be placed on public exhibition and submissions may be made in response to the modification.

Benefit sharing

We are committed to sharing the benefits of the Rye Park Wind Farm with local communities.

Rye Park Wind Farm is an important project and long-term commitment for us. Our team will become part of the local community for at least 25 years.

We are always looking at ways to contribute meaningfully to the communities where we work. On other projects we have provided sponsorships, education programs and training and employment schemes – but all communities are different, so we don't take a one-size-fits-all approach.

For Rye Park Wind Farms, we have already confirmed community funds and neighbour agreements.

Community Enhancement Fund:

Tilt Renewables has an agreement with local councils to provide \$2500 per constructed turbine per year to a community fund. The proposed modification would reduce the number of turbines at Rye Park Wind Farm but we don't want this to reduce financial support for the community – so we are committing to providing community funding for 92 turbines.

Funding for any unbuilt turbines could be added to the council administered community fund or directed toward other local initiatives.

Neighbour agreements:

We are inviting our closest neighbours to share in the financial benefits of the wind farm through neighbour agreements. These agreements are part of our commitment to being a good long-term neighbour, sharing benefits and contributing to the local community. Eligible neighbours will be contacted directly.



Are there other ways we could work together and contribute positively to your community?

Your feedback will help inform our approach to working with and sharing benefits with the local community.



Construction of the skate park in Snowtown, SA, sponsored and constructed by the Snowtown 2 Wind Farm

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Assessment decision

We expect that it will take around 12 months for the modification to be assessed.



We want to hear from you

We understand that local people have a strong interest in the Rye Park Wind Farm. We will discuss proposed changes with residents before finalising our modification application and environmental assessment.

We would like to hear from you about these important topics:



Does the proposed modification to the Rye Park Wind Farm development consent raise any new concerns or ideas for you?

Do you have suggestions for how Tilt Renewables can contribute positively to your community?

How would you like us to consult with you and keep you informed about the project in future?

Your feedback is important to us. We will listen and use your feedback to inform:

- the modification application;
- the wind farm's detailed design and construction planning;
- the way we work together and share benefits with the local community.



Consultation timeline

4 November 2019

Consultation opens

Read more information about the proposed modification and complete a feedback form online at ryeparkwf.com.au. To receive an information pack and hard copy feedback form in the post, please call 1800 839 661 or email ryeparkwindfarm@tiltrenewables.com.

12-14 November 2019

Drop in and talk with us

We are coming to town and invite you to drop by and talk with us at a time that is convenient for you:

- Tuesday 12 November
Boorowa Ex-Services & Citizens Club
Drop in anytime between 1pm and 7pm
- Wednesday 13 November
Rye Park Memorial Hall
Drop in anytime between 1pm and 7pm
- Thursday 14 November
Yass Memorial Hall
Drop in anytime between 1pm and 7pm

We will have plans to view and preliminary findings from technical studies to discuss. We will do our best to answer your questions and you can provide feedback on the spot or online at ryeparkwf.com.au.

4 December 2019

Consultation closes

Please provide your feedback before Wednesday 4 December. Following this we will review and consider all feedback before finalising and submitting a modification application in early 2020.

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