

## Dundonnell Wind Farm on exhibition

**Trustpower is very pleased to announce the Dundonnell Wind Farm is on exhibition as part of the EES & Planning Application process.**

Further to this, under section 97C of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, State Planning Minister Richard Wynne has called in the planning permit applications for the Dundonnell Wind Farm, the transmission line and associated infrastructure.

This means the Environment Effect Statement (EES) and all planning applications will be considered at a combined enquiry and panel hearing. This is a very positive step for the community and Trustpower as it streamlines the public exhibition and submission process and removes the need for separate exhibition processes for the EES and the individual planning applications – which would have otherwise been a time consuming and convoluted process for all stakeholders.

The Dundonnell Wind Farm will now be placed on public exhibition until Friday 21st August in accordance with the requirements of the Dundonnell Wind Farm EES Scoping Guidelines. As part of this process it has been advertised in local, state and federal newspapers and members of the public are able to make submissions on the wind farm.

This will be a very busy time for Trustpower as we must ensure the community are fully aware of the process and understand how to make a submission if they would like to (please see further information on page 2). As part of this process we will hold a community information day on Wednesday, August 12 (please see details on page 2) and provide information to the public through our website, emails, newsletters and other mediums.

As part of the State Government process a panel hearing, which will deliberate the approval of the project, will commence the week beginning September 28th. The panel hearing is likely to last up to two weeks. Any submissions regarding the project will also be provided to Trustpower for review.

If you should have any queries regarding this process please don't hesitate to contact us on our 1800 number.

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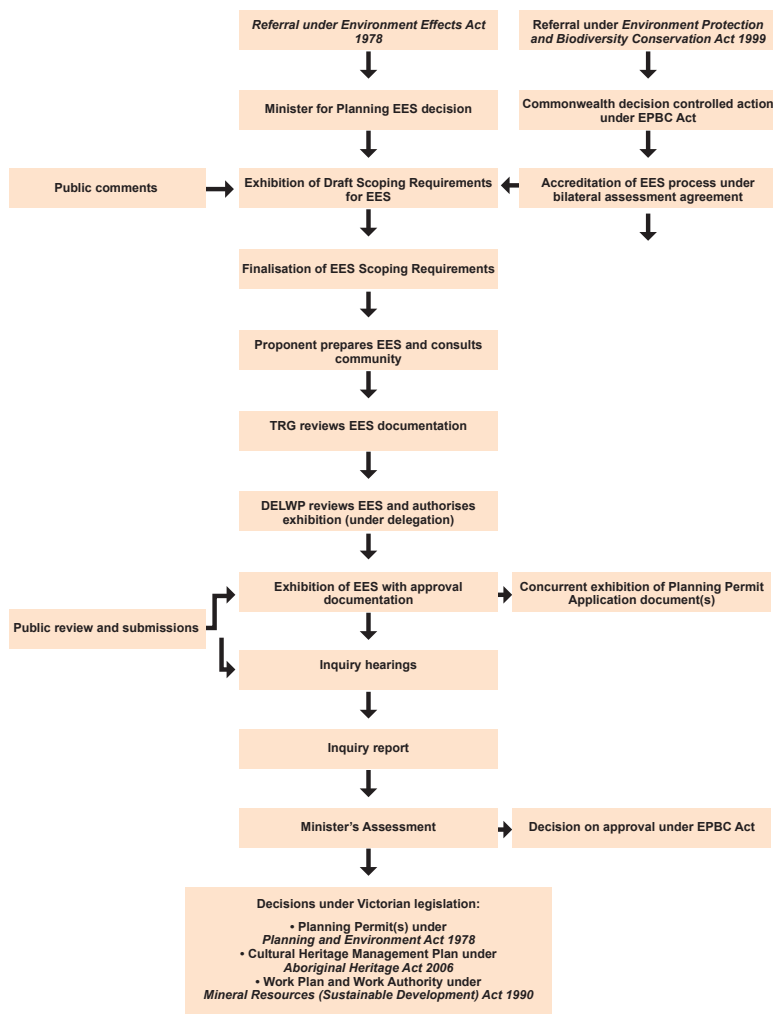
## The EES process

In Victoria, assessment of the potential environmental impacts or effects of a proposed development may be required under the *Environment Effects Act 1978*. An EES usually contains:

- A description of the proposed development;
- An outline of public and stakeholder consultation undertaken during investigations and the issues raised;
- A description of the existing environment that may be affected;
- Predictions of significant environmental effects of the proposal and relevant alternatives;
- Proposed measures to avoid, minimise or manage adverse environmental effects;
- A proposed program for monitoring and managing environmental effects during project implementation.

(Read more at: <http://www.dtpli.vic.gov.au/planning/environmental-assessment/what-is-the-ees-process-in-victoria>)

**This EES process has the following steps:**



## Making a submission

Members of the public are able to make a submission to the Minister for Planning on the planning permits and EES for the Dundonnell Wind Farm. Submissions can either be for or against the project and can be submitted via email to [planning.panels@delwp.vic.gov.au](mailto:planning.panels@delwp.vic.gov.au) or by mail to:

Dundonnell Wind Farm Project EES Submissions  
Minister for Planning  
c/o Planning Panels Victoria GPO Box 2392  
MELBOURNE VIC 3001

Submissions close on Friday 21st August at 5pm.

There are several tips for making an effective submission:

- It MUST be in writing;
- It should clearly state the reasons for the submission and how the project would impact you either positively or negatively;
- If you are making a group submission, nominate one contact person;
- Avoid making submissions that are not allowed – for instance, an objection relating solely to commercial competition;
- Lodge your submission by 5pm on Friday 21st August.

You can learn more about making a submission by reading here:

<http://www.dtpli.vic.gov.au/planning/planning-applications/having-your-say/preparing-an-effective-submission>

## Dundonnell Wind Farm Community Information Day

Trustpower will be holding a community information day for the Dundonnell Wind Farm on Wednesday, August 12 at the Dundonnell Hall. The day will run from 12pm to 7pm and will include a variety of posters and fact sheets, as well as having the team from Trustpower on hand to answer any questions.

If you are unable to attend the community information day but have queries or would like further information, please contact us on 1800 122 823 or [dundonnell@trustpower.com.au](mailto:dundonnell@trustpower.com.au)



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## Government decides on federal RET

Trustpower is optimistic about the outcome of the Federal Government's review into the Renewable Energy Target. The Federal Government and Opposition have reached agreement on approximately 33,000 gigawatt hours (GWh).

Despite this being a considerable cut from 41,000 GWh, the 33,000 GWh makes the Dundonnell and Salt Creek Wind Farms viable projects under this short term 2020 target.

At Trustpower we have persisted with our support of the Australian wind industry – despite the uncertainty surrounding the RET – as we believe there is a market for wind in Australia. This faith has led to our development and operation of the Snowtown Wind Farm in South Australia, one of the largest and best performing wind farms in the country.

Wind power is the lowest cost renewable energy technology that can be rolled out on a large scale. The national Renewable Energy Target provides an incentive to build the lowest cost renewable energy projects, meaning that wind power is likely to be the main technology supported by the target this decade.

Australia's wind energy sector has the potential to deliver thousands of jobs and billions of dollars in investment if the RET remains favourable. More than US\$80 billion was invested in wind power across the globe last year, and the future for the local industry is extremely bright if the RET is able to support the Australian industry.

You can read more at: <http://www.cleanenergycouncil.org.au/technologies/wind-energy.html>

You may also have heard the Federal Government has recently announced it will change the mandate for the Clean Energy Finance Corporation (CEFC) to exclude roof top solar and wind farms.

While we are disappointed that just after there was bi-partisan support of a new RET target that the Government has decided to further discourage investment in a specific renewable energy source, Trustpower has not had to rely on CEFC funding for its existing projects and was not contemplating using this form of funding for the Dundonnell Wind Farm. Therefore we do not see the announcement having any impact on the Dundonnell project or our other projects.

## Enquiries?

If you have any queries regarding the Dundonnell Wind Farm, please don't hesitate to be in touch. You can contact us directly on 1800 122 823 or via email, [dundonnell@trustpower.com.au](mailto:dundonnell@trustpower.com.au)

