

Weekly Construction Update - # 41

Dundonnell Wind Farm

Standing of the first tower base section



The Tilt Renewables team is underway with constructing the \$560 million Dundonnell Wind Farm located approximately 23km north-east of Mortlake, in the Western District of Victoria. AusNet Services are constructing 38km of 220kV transmission line and a substation which will connect the wind farm to the electricity network.

Crews took a well-deserved break over the Melbourne Cup weekend with progress picking up again later in the week. Following the arrival of more hubs and tower sections, we can now *Vow and Declare* that the first tower section has been lifted into place. Large pre-erection cranes were used to stand the base tower section, with the remaining tower section lifts to follow. Civil works continued with a total of 35 turbine foundations poured and 10 more excavations complete. 40 hardstands have been constructed and the access track network has now pushed into the northern section of the wind farm. Production of gravel and rock products continue at the quarry.

The transmission line crews have now poured 112 pole foundations and 88 transmission poles have been erected. Poles are continuing to be erected along Mortlake-Ararat Road with traffic management in effect. You may experience delays of up to 15 minutes during this time. As more sections of poles start standing upright, stringing works will follow over the coming months. The timing for this activity is weather dependent.

Drivers may also notice traffic control in place around the site including along Castle Carey Road, Mortlake-Ararat Road and Nine Mile Lane. There are ongoing road works across the area to ensure roads are maintained in good condition. This may cause some additional traffic delays. The project teams will continue to work closely with landowners and other stakeholders to ensure information is shared about the upcoming construction works and to make every effort to schedule works to minimise impacts on cropping and grazing activities where possible.

News piece of the Week: *“Following the erection of the base tower section, four more tower sections, the turbine hub, drivetrain and 3 blades, all form part of the turbine lifting and assembly activities.”*



Transmission poles up along Castle-Carey Rd