

Edition 7 – February 2025

# Palmer Wind Farm

### Tilting towards the future.

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.

As well as providing much needed clean energy, the local community will see new jobs, investment and a \$7+ million community benefit fund.

Recent advances in turbine technology mean we can significantly reduce the Project Area with fewer, taller turbines and bigger setbacks from existing dwellings. This change will more than halve the number of turbines required and reduces the Project area by over 5,000 hectares.

## This newsletter includes information on the following:

- Project Update
- Capacity Investment Scheme Awarded
- Procurement
- Community Benefit Sharing

### **PROJECT SNAPSHOT**

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

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### Project update

#### Our Variation Application has now been approved by the State Commission Assessment Panel.

Before we can start constructing the wind farm, the project needs approval from the State Government. In 2023, we changed our project design, so we sought a variation to our existing Development Plan Consent.

In February 2024, we submitted a variation to our approved development plan consent. The State Planning Commission assesses the application and provides a recommendation to the State Commission Assessment Panel (SCAP) who then make the final decision.

Our Variation Application has now been approved by SCAP, and the varied planning consent was granted on 26 February 2025. The varied planning consent is available on the Plan SA Development Application Register.

The key changes to the Project are:					
Reduction in <b>wind turbines</b> from	103 to up to 40	Ļ	(60% decrease)		
Increase in <b>tip height</b> from	165 m to up to 220 m	1	(33% increase)		
Increase in <b>turbine power</b> from	3.6 MWs to 7.2 MWs	1	(100% increase)		
Indicative <b>Project capacity</b> from	300 MWs to 288 MW	Ļ	(4% decrease)		
Reduction in <b>Project Area</b> by over	5,000 hectares	Ļ	(40% decrease)		

The Variation Application was placed on public notification for 15 business days from 10 October 2024 until 30 October 2024. The public could submit a representation (submission) about the Variation Application.

A summary of the representations received, and Tilt Renewables' response can be found on the Palmer Wind Farm project webpage.

#### Secondary Approvals

Following approval of the Variation Application, secondary approvals now need to be obtained. These will include site rehabilitation, bushfire management, noise management and traffic management plans for construction and operations.

We will work with the relevant authorities to develop 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.



### Capacity Investment Scheme Update

# We are pleased to share that our bid for the Capacity Investment Scheme for the Palmer Wind Farm was successful.

The Capacity Investment Scheme is an Australian Government scheme that provides long term revenue security and decreases financial risk for renewable energy projects.

The competitive tender process required Tilt Renewables to demonstrate how we will provide best practice social and economic benefits for local communities, First Nations people, and Australian industries.

Being awarded the Capacity Investment Scheme shows that the Palmer Wind Farm is a great project that will create benefits for the environment and community.

The Palmer Wind Farm achieved this by committing:

### \$627.5 million

to local content\* and employment, including First Nations economic participation and training.

## \$10.4 million

in community and First Nations benefits\*\*.

\* Local content includes goods, services and labour procured from Australia and New Zealand. \*\*These funds will be spent over the life of the project (30 years).

#### Procurement

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 head to <u>www.tilt.au/goodsandservices</u> or hover over the QR code below and complete the form:



#### Tilting towards the future.

We are invested in making that happen - for our investors, communities and everyone who works with us. Like our values say: we are people powered; we get things done; and, above all, we lead. Join us as we drive the transition to renewables.



### **Community Benefit Sharing**

# While we have been waiting for our variation application to be assessed, Tilt Renewables has undertaken engagement on our Benefit Sharing Plan.

If the project is constructed, 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 over 7 million dollars for the local community. We will provide additional funding for First Nation initiatives.

How community benefit funding is spent is guided by the community and over the last eight months we have been engaging with community members and representatives to get your input. Engagement activities were:

- A survey for all community members mailed out to all ratepayer addresses within 5km of the Project.
- Two workshops with community representatives including Councillors, Members of Parliament, and local progress/community associations.

# Engagement identified the following priorities for how to spend the community benefit funding:



Providing energy subsidies to those closest to the project.

Improving access to mental and physical health services and activities.

A community fund that will distribute money to community projects each year.



Supporting adult learners with further education opportunities.

We will prepare more details on how these benefits will be delivered and the amounts. This will be shared with everyone when we do face-to-face engagement about our construction plans later in the year.

We support the local community while the project is being developed. This financial year the benefits we are providing include:

- Sponsoring the Palmer Cricket Club, Cambrai Cricket Club and Sedan Cambrai Football Netball Club.
- Sponsoring the Palmer Sculpture Biennial.
- Providing funding to the Palmer Collier Park Community Association and Tungkillo Progress Club to improve their public spaces including new exercise equipment.

Email us if you have a great idea for how we can support the community surrounding the Palmer Wind Farm **<u>palmerwindfarm@tiltrenewables.com</u>** 



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### What's next?



It will take Tilt Renewables six or more months to prepare secondary approvals and finalise contracts. When these are complete construction will be able to begin.

Tilt Renewables will continue to consult with our neighbours and the broader community. In 2025, our focus will be preparing for construction, particularly creating opportunities for local employment and services. There will be more face-to-face sessions with the community when we have detailed construction plans that we can share.

You may see more cars and people visiting the area who are preparing secondary approvals for Tilt Renewables. Get in contact if you have any concerns about their behaviour.

Tilt Renewables will establish a Community Consultative Committee during the construction period, we will provide more information about how to participate on the Committee later in 2025.

The Palmer Wind Farm will produce enough clean energy to power about 142,000 homes per year.





#### Questions?

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