



# Rye Park Wind Farm

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## Project update

On 15 April 2021, the delegate of the NSW Minister for Planning and Public Spaces Approved the Modification of the Development Consent of Rye Park Wind Farm.

Please refer to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment's webpage for the Determination of the Modification Application:

[www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/project/26241](http://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/project/26241)

This milestone allows us to start formally submitting final layout and management plans to the Department for approval prior to the commencement of construction.

We continue to progress the Federal Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) approval for the Project with a decision expected in the coming month.

## THANK YOU

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank two long-standing members of the Rye Park Wind Farm Community Consultative Committee for their valuable input over the past 10+ years.

The CCC acts as a forum for constructive discussion and information sharing, and community members contribute their time to be part of it. We will soon advertise to fill the vacancies on the CCC.

## PROJECT SNAPSHOT

**Project Component:**  
Final Approved Project

**Number of Turbines:** Up to 77

**Blade Tip Height:** Up to 200m

**Operations & Maintenance Buildings:** 1

**Collection Substations:** 1

**Connection Substations:** 1

**Concrete Batch Plants:** 3

**Construction Compounds:** 1



Thank you Graeme Privett (left) and Malcolm Day (right).

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## Field Update

We are undertaking the following field activities to continue to progress the Project towards being shovel-ready:

- Road upgrade planning and design considerations are being further refined in consultation with road authorities..
- Geotech drilling and test pit program has commenced with contractors assessing turbine locations and areas of significant civil excavation.
- Ongoing ecological surveys to determine suitable biodiversity stewardship sites (offset areas) – both within and in proximity to the wind farm.
- Ongoing investigations into the source of water and quarry of materials (including consideration of sourcing some materials from within the wind farm boundary from a third party quarry developer).

Ongoing site visits with preferred contractors will continue. Should there be any public enquiries regarding field activities we encourage members of the public to contact Tilt Renewables via 1800 WE TILT or [ryeparkwindfarm@tiltrenewables.com](mailto:ryeparkwindfarm@tiltrenewables.com)

## Consultation

- Consultation with key regulatory agencies and stakeholders on the required management plans (e.g. TMP, BMP), required prior to the commencement of construction.
- Consultation continues with affected landowners and neighbours to develop property management plans.
- We will hold pre-construction community drop-in information sessions once the Project has received all final approvals to proceed.



## PowAR Acquisition

Powering Australian Renewables (PowAR) and Mercury NZ have entered into a Scheme Implementation Agreement to acquire Tilt Renewables.

Under the Scheme, PowAR will effectively acquire Tilt Renewables' Australian business and Mercury (an existing shareholder) will acquire Tilt Renewables' New Zealand business. We consider the acquisition as very positive for the continued growth of our development pipeline and progression of key projects towards construction, including the Rye Park Wind Farm project. Nothing much is expected to change from a day-to-day perspective other than we will have a new owner who is committed to continuing Australia's transition to a renewable energy future.

PowAR is one of Australia's largest renewable energy investors and owners and is a partnership between QIC (Queensland Investment Corporation), Future Fund and AGL:

**40% QIC** = an investment company owned by the QLD Government, with around \$79B invested in a range of asset classes (infrastructure (transport, energy, utilities etc.), real estate, private capital, etc.)

**40% Future Fund** = Australian Government sovereign wealth fund that makes long term strategic investments, around \$160B fund across lots of asset classes

**20% AGL** = large vertically integrated electricity generator/retailer, rapidly acknowledging the urgency of action on climate, the transition to renewables and delivering on expectations for cleaner, reliable and affordable energy

These are exciting times for the business and the proposed acquisition provides further confidence in our development portfolio and growth prospects.

Subject to shareholder and regulatory approvals by the New Zealand and Australian Governments implementation of the Scheme should occur in August 2021.

## PROJECT BENEFITS



### Jobs and local benefits:

- Around 250 jobs during construction
- Around 10 jobs during long-term operations (30 years)
- Supporting local businesses and creating jobs by buying local goods and services
- Upgrades to some local roads
- Creation of additional fire breaks and improved access roads for fire fighting



### Regional Economic benefits:

- A Benefit Sharing Plan delivered during construction
- A VPA of \$230,000 per year for the life of the wind farm, administered by Community Enhancement Fund Committees across the three Local Government Areas (as committed to under the 92-turbine layout)
- Around \$3 million in direct payments to local landowners
- Significant local and regional economic benefits
- Drought-proof and post-retirement income stream for farmers



### Environmental benefits:

- An increase in 26% of energy capacity for the Final Approved Project will generate enough electricity to power 220,000 average Australian homes, resulting in more clean energy for Australian homes and businesses.
- Producing more clean energy means more carbon emissions savings too.
  - Offset more than one million tonnes of carbon emissions per annum – equivalent to removing 330,000 cars from the roads each year; and
  - Offset construction and manufacturing carbon emissions well within the first year of operation.

## Goods and Services Register

Wind farm construction creates hundreds of direct jobs on site and thousands of jobs in businesses that supply the Project. We are committed to employing local people and buying local wherever possible.

The types of jobs created include but are not limited to:

- Domestic scale electricians
- Transport operators
- Competent machine operators
- General labourers
- Quarries
- Concrete businesses

Construction also provides an economic boost for regional communities by increasing demand for local goods and services, such as accommodation, hotels, restaurants and cafes.

We will regularly provide our preferred contractors with the Goods & Services Register for the Project leading up to and during construction.

We will hold project information sessions for suppliers once a final investment decision is made on the Project and our contractors are appointed. The sessions will invite all local suppliers to attend information sessions to enquire about what goods and services opportunities will be available for them to bid for.

To register interest in providing goods or services for the Project, please visit the Rye Park project webpage [www.ryeparkwf.com.au](http://www.ryeparkwf.com.au) and complete the linked form under the Employment section.



### Contact us:

For more information, or to provide any feedback, please visit the project website

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