



Tip height extension sought

Tilt Renewables is awaiting an outcome of its application to extend the turbine tip height at the Dundonnell Wind Farm.

General Manager of Renewable Development Clayton Delmarter said turbine technology had changed substantially since the scope of the project was defined in 2013 and a tip height extension would allow for technology improvements and a lower cost of energy.

“Other projects with older planning approvals have successfully increased their tip heights over recent months for the same reason and we are also applying to do this,” Clayton said.

“The proposed increase in tip height from 165 to 189 metres has been thoroughly assessed by various experts and is considered a minor change.

“Any change to visual or noise impact would be negligible, as would any impact to birds and bats. Our permit allows for minor variations to the project to be varied by the written consent of the responsible authority, so we have applied to the Planning Minister to vary the tip height accordingly.”

Prior to the lodgement of this request to the Minister Tilt Renewables engaged with Council, local residents and other key stakeholders. Feedback was largely positive throughout this process.

“The total number of turbines that could be constructed will also be reduced from the 96 turbines approved under the current permit to no more than 88 turbines.

“We expect a decision from the Minister in the near future.”

The company is also in the process of securing key contractors including a wind turbine supplier for the project and expects to have nominated a shortlisted supplier before the end of the year.

Proposed timeline

Please note this an estimated timeline only and subject to change

2017

- Shortlist wind turbine suppliers
- Review Victorian Government Renewable Energy Auction Scheme (VREAS) tender documentation

Early 2018

- Hear outcome from tip height extension request
- Consider participation in VREAS tender
- Finalise wind turbine supplier

Mid 2018

- Financial close, with Board approval to construct wind farm
- Appoint key construction companies

Late 2018

- Begin construction



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Goods and services register

Businesses and individuals interested in providing goods, services and seeking employment on the proposed Dundonnell Wind Farm are invited to submit applications through our Goods & Services Register.

Tilt Renewables Project Developer Chris Righetti said there had been substantial interest in supplying goods and services since planning approval was announced late last year.

"There has been a great deal of interest in the wind farm from individuals and companies alike," Chris said.

"We encourage anyone with interest to register their details through the project's website at dundonnellwindfarm.com.au.

"Obviously the project is just a proposal at this stage, but if we are able to adhere to our estimated timeline we and our construction partners would expect to need employees and other service providers late next year."



Planning Minister Richard Wynne, Premier of Victoria Daniel Andrews, Tilt Renewables Project Developer Chris Righetti and General Manager of Generation and Trading Deion Campbell at the announcement of the wind farm's planning approval.

Facts and figures

- The Dundonnell Wind Farm will produce enough clean energy each year to power about 140,000 homes – or a city 1.5 times the size of Geelong.
- It will save the emission of roughly 670,000 tonnes of carbon. This is the equivalent of removing about 140,000 cars from our roads.
- The project will utilize up to 88 turbines.
- The project is driven and supported by a group of local landholders who decided to source a wind farm for their windy part of the world.
- There are 12 host landholders.

For more information please visit the project website

www.dundonnellwindfarm.com.au

or contact the Project Team on 1800 122 823

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Victorian Renewable Energy Target

Victoria now has a renewable energy target, with legislation passing through State Parliament in October.

The Renewable Energy (Jobs and Investment) Bill 2017 creates laws to reach renewable energy targets of 25 per cent by 2020 and 40 per cent by 2025 in Victoria.

As part of this scheme the Victorian Renewable Energy Auction Scheme (VREAS) will involve an auction to support up to 650 megawatts of renewable energy capacity (across wind, solar and potentially other renewable sources), which will provide enough electricity to power 389,000 households or enough energy to power Geelong, Ballarat, Bendigo and Latrobe Valley combined.

We are currently reviewing our decision as to whether Dundonnell Wind Farm will be participating in VREAS. Further information will be provided soon on this process.

What is a community fund?

Tilt Renewables has a strong philosophy of engagement and partnership with the communities where our projects are based.

This has come from our former company Trustpower's focused relationship with the New Zealand communities where they operate. In New Zealand there is a Lend a Hand Foundation, which provides support to local charities, organisations, schools and individuals. Since demerging to become Tilt Renewables we are developing the community support model we are offering in Australia. Our projects have and will have Community Funds, which will provide local organisations and potentially individuals with financial support for specific projects or matters. At Salt Creek we will have a community fund and a scholarship fund. At Dundonnell we have proposed a community fund that will be administered by community members. There will be further information provided on this as the project progresses.



The team at Tilt Renewables wishes you a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy festive season. We look forward to working with you again in 2018.

