



A message from our Managing Director

Hello and welcome to another edition of our Dundonnell newsletter.

In this edition we have two matters of importance to report.

Earlier this year NewEn signed an option agreement with TrustPower, a New Zealand company, to acquire the Dundonnell Wind Farm from NewEn.

This means NewEn and TrustPower will develop the wind farm jointly until the commencement of construction, when TrustPower will assume full ownership. Under this new arrangement landholders have the security of

knowing that all commitments and obligations made by NewEn will be fully endorsed by TrustPower.

Recently we lodged our "referrals" to the Federal and State Governments. These referrals provide very detailed information about the proposed wind farm, including the many flora and fauna findings and reports.

This referrals process means that all information supplied by NewEn to the Government Departments is available to the general public. This may provoke commentary from non-supporters of wind farms.

We shall keep you informed of further developments.

Warm regards,



Where to from here? with Project Manager Chris Righetti

While we wait on outcomes of the referral process, we continue working on other areas of the project to maximise productivity and minimise the chance of hold ups at a later date. We are currently engaging with various contractors and expect to commission a number of works in the near future. These include:

- **External road reserve assessments**
Detailed research and analysis is required to understand any flora and fauna impact which may occur.
- **Noise assessments**
Background noise measurements will be assessed at various houses in the wind farm area. These assessments will be undertaken to fully determine any noise impact prior to confirming the final wind turbine positions.
- **Rock and Quarry Assessments**
These assessments will be undertaken



within the wind farm area, to evaluate the possibility of sourcing rock material onsite. Sourcing materials onsite will reduce external road usage when carting materials.

We shall provide ongoing updates on our website www.newen.com.au.

However, please feel free to call at any time on 1800 122 823.

The referral process

The referral system is the first step in the assessment and approval process and involves completion of materials for government authorities, including an Environmental Effects Statement to the Department of Planning and Community Development (DPCD) at a State level and at a Federal level, the submission of an Environment, Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) form to the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (DSEWPaC).

More background information

With General Manager Klaus Wiegel

We are pleased that TrustPower has become part of the Dundonnell Wind Farm. TrustPower is a publicly listed company in New Zealand, which ranks among the top five companies listed on the stock exchange. It is predominantly engaged in the ownership and operation of renewable energies, such as hydro and wind projects in New Zealand. TrustPower also owns and operates the Snowtown 100MW wind farm in South Australia, which is currently being expanded by a further 270MWs.

TrustPower's corporate strategy required an expansion into other states of Australia and we are pleased to report that the

Dundonnell Wind Farm was chosen in Victoria. TrustPower has a management team based in Adelaide, including Kenneth McNiff who is responsible for the Dundonnell Wind Farm.

The lodgment of the referrals has been an important milestone for the Dundonnell Wind Farm. The purpose of the referral process is for the government authorities to decide whether we can advance directly to the preparation and lodgment of a Planning Permit Application or if we have to prepare and submit additional information prior to doing so.



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The Dundonnell Wind Farm will include:

- up to 89 wind turbines
- total height of up to 165 meters each
- total electricity generation potential of 270MW
- landholder land area approx. 3,500 HA
- area used by the wind farm approx. 70 HA or 2% of the land



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The facts about wind energy:

- Wind farms do not produce wasted heat, which makes them very efficient in comparison to other generators
- Wind energy is Australia's most cost effective source of new renewable energy

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