

MOORABOOL WIND PROJECT

Stakeholder Update

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WIND TURBINE LAYOUT

Revised Plan

The original 128 wind turbine layout that accompanied project when it was announced has been revised. The project now proposes 110 wind turbines.

Turbine numbers have been reduced following initial consultation, preparation of noise prediction models and recommendations with regard to the Wedge-tailed Eagle.

The revised plan also shows the location of substations, temporary construction facilities and the permanent wind monitoring masts. See attached.

Project specifics

The specifications of the project have also been amended to reflect the reduction in turbines.

Refer to the updated table below:

Electricity generation	674,520 MWh of electricity each year, equal to the consumption of 126,551 average Victorian homes
Installed capacity	220 megawatts (MW) if 2 MW turbines are used
Greenhouse gas savings	876,876 tonnes of carbon dioxide each year, equivalent to the removal of 202,511 cars from the road
Estimated Shire Rates	\$260,000 each year
Project cost	In excess of \$600m

ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS STATEMENT

In May 2009 the project was referred to the Minister for Planning to determine the requirement for an Environmental Effects Statement (EES) under the Environmental Effects Act 1978.

On 17 September 2009, the Minister for Planning decided that an EES was not required for the project. This **does not** mean the project has been approved.

The proposal must comply with the Policy and Planning Guidelines for Wind Energy Facilities and the Moorabool Planning Scheme.

You will be notified, and have an opportunity to comment on the proposal once a planning permit application has been submitted for assessment.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Next Steps

- A public information session is proposed for Ballan. Material for the information session is currently being prepared and a date will be advertised shortly.
- WestWind Energy's website will continue to be updated as the project develops
- Stakeholders will be advised when a planning permit application is submitted
- Stakeholders will have an opportunity to input into the planning assessment process.

SORTING FACT FROM FICTION

The attached document *Wind Energy – The Myths and the Facts* prepared by Sustainability Victoria addresses some of the common myths associated with wind energy in Victoria.

An additional sheet is included addressing some of falsehoods circulating in relation to the Moorabool Wind Project since it was announced in May.

REVISED TIMELINE

October / November 2009:

- Conduct community information session.

November / December 2009:

- Finalise planning permit application for the proposal.
- Formal consultation process and exhibition of the project.

Early 2010:

- Planning assessment.
- Planning panel hearing and recommendation.

Mid to late 2010

- Decision on permit application.

(If approved) 2010 / 2011:

- detailed engineering design work including follow up from planning permit conditions, negotiations with network operators.

(Indicative) 2012:

- Commence construction.

(Indicative) 2014:

- Completion of construction and commissioning and generation of electricity.

For further information on the project please visit www.w-wind.com.au or call (03) 5330 0200.

- Attached:
- Revised Turbine Layout
 - Sorting Fact from Fiction
 - Wind Energy – The Myths and the Facts