

Devlin's Bridge Wind Farm

Community Information Guide

➤ **EIS PHASE**





Acknowledgement of Country

Stromlo Energy respectfully acknowledges the Wiradjuri people as the traditional custodians of the lands where our project is located. We acknowledge and celebrate their ongoing connection to the land and waters. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging and acknowledge the collaboration and contribution of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to our work.

About us

About Stromlo Energy

Stromlo Energy is a leading large-scale renewable energy developer committed to delivering projects that create lasting value for the communities that host them. We are 100% Australian and employee owned.

We develop utility-scale wind and storage projects that not only support the transition to renewable energy but also deliver meaningful local benefits, economic opportunities, investment in regional infrastructure, and long-term environmental stewardship.

About TagEnergy

TagEnergy is a clean energy enterprise for a new cycle in the renewable energy industry. TagEnergy is operated by a highly experienced team of manager-shareholders. Its operations span the renewables value chain from development, financing, construction and operation of wind, solar and storage projects to commercialization of its competitive energy.

In Australia, TagEnergy has 1.33GW of renewable energy projects under construction and operation, including the largest onshore wind project underway in the Southern Hemisphere, Victoria's Golden Plains Wind Farm.



About the project

Stromlo Energy, in partnership with TagEnergy, is developing the Devlins Bridge Wind Farm, located to the west of Narrandera in New South Wales. The project when operational will generate up to 590 MW of power.

Project development commenced in 2023 with site assessments, including bird and bat and flora and fauna surveys undertaken over several seasons, collection of feedback on the project through community consultation, development of the benefits fund and design activities to determine the size and layout of the project.

The results of these activities have been incorporated into the final project design that will be submitted for environmental assessment. We are finalising the Environmental Impact Statement for submission to the Department of Planning Housing and Infrastructure in mid-2026.



Up to
72
wind turbines



590 MW
of clean energy



Up to
350
jobs during
construction



Roughly
12km
radius for households
covered by our Bill Rebate



\$620,000
in annual
community benefits

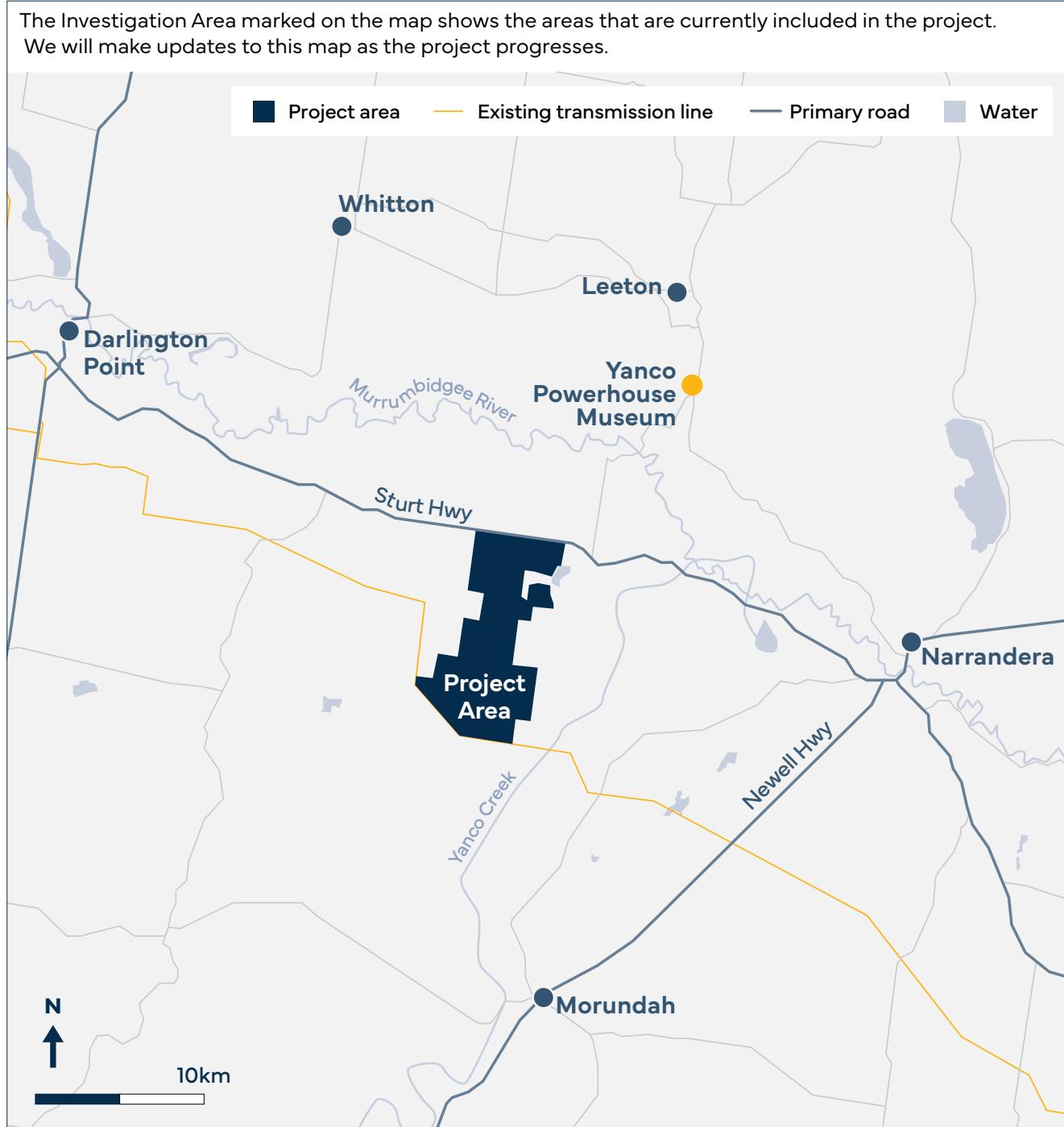


380,000
households supplied
affordable power

Location

The project location was selected for its wind resource, proximity to existing transmission infrastructure and complementary land use.

The project once constructed will operate for 35-years alongside existing farming practices. Construction is anticipated to commence in late 2027.



Community

At Stromlo Energy, we believe that large-scale renewable energy projects should deliver real and lasting value to the communities that host them. Our commitment is built on genuine engagement, responsible development, and long-term partnerships.

We approach every project with a community-first mindset. From early planning through construction and operations, Stromlo Energy prioritises open communication, responsible development practices, and genuine collaboration with landowners, Traditional Custodians, councils, and community organisations. Our goal is to ensure that each project contributes to the long-term prosperity of the region.

The Devlins Bridge Wind Farm Community Benefit Program includes several initiatives outlined below.

Early Sponsorship Program

As part of our commitment to providing local benefits to communities, Stromlo Energy is running an early sponsorship program during the project development phase.

Local groups, schools and clubs are invited to apply for sponsorships or grants as part of the program. There are two sponsorship rounds per year during project development.

Grants of up to \$5000 are available for opportunities which benefit local communities surrounding the project. This includes health and social welfare, safety, environment, education, youth projects, sport and recreation, arts and culture and economic development.

Scholarship Program

In 2026, the Devlins Bridge Wind Farm will launch its first scholarship program in partnership with the Rotary Club of Narrandera.

A total of \$10,000 in funding is available to one or more students studying at Tafe or University in 2026 in any field related to renewable energy. Including engineering, electrical, archaeology, ecology, environmental sciences and project management.

Community Benefit Fund

Devlins Bridge Wind Farm includes a 35-year community benefit fund of approximately \$620,000 per year from the start of construction through to the end of the project life. For the past two years we have been seeking feedback from the community on what you would like to see included in this package, feedback received includes:

- Sponsorships of local community groups
- Electricity bill credit program
- Environmental initiatives
- Programs that bring the community together
- Indigenous benefit programs
- Scholarships for Tafe and University placements

The Community Benefit Fund will be administered by Narrandera Shire Council (NSC) as part of the projects Voluntary Planning Agreement. A community reference group will be established to work with NSC to determine how the funds should be spent each year.

Funds are required to be spent on initiatives that benefit the communities local to the project as well as the broader communities in Narrandera, Leeton and Murrumbidgee Shires.

The fund will be split into three categories of spend:

1. Neighbourhood Benefits: funding for community groups and other not-for-profit organisations within 12km of the project.
2. Indigenous Benefits: funding for local Indigenous groups and indigenous not for profit organisations. Funds to be allocated in consultation with representatives from Local Aboriginal Land Councils.
3. Local Community Benefits: funding for community groups, Indigenous groups, other not for profit organisations and Council led community enhancement projects in the broader community.

Electricity Bill Credit Program

As part of the neighbourhood benefits under the Community Benefit Fund, any household within 12km of the project will be able to join our Electricity Bill Credit Program. From the start of construction households in the 12km radius are eligible for a \$250 electricity bill credit. All you need to do is submit your electricity bill and we will credit your account. The program will run for the life of the project and the amount will increase by CPI each year.

Are there any initiatives you would like to see included in the community benefits program? Submit your ideas on the website: devlinsbridgewindfarm.com.au/community



A community consultation committee will be established for the project. If you would like to be a part of the committee please contact us via the website.

Neighbour benefits

The Devlins Bridge Wind Farm includes a nearby neighbour program aimed at sharing benefits with those living closest to the project. Households within three and a half kilometers of wind turbines who are not hosting turbines, may be eligible for direct annual payments as part of our Nearby Neighbour Program.

Annual payments to households are calculated according to:

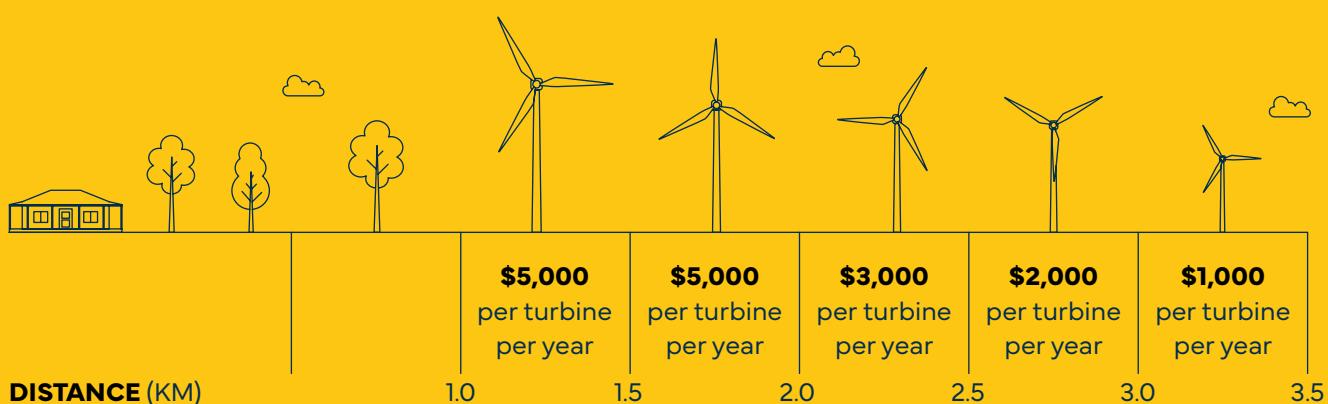
- the number of turbines within 3.5km of the house,
- the proximity of wind turbines to the house, and
- an annual CPI increase.

Example

A Nearby Neighbour lives in a house that has:

- one turbine less than 2km from the house = 1 x \$5000,
- three turbines between 2km and 2.5km from the house = 3 x \$3000,
- two turbines between 2.5km and 3km from the house = 2 x \$2000, and
- four turbines between 3km and 3.5km from the house = 4 x \$1000.

The neighbour would be entitled to annual payments of \$22,000 plus CPI for the life of the project.



Local participation

Stromlo Energy is committed to prioritising the procurement of local goods and services, as well as the engagement, training, and ongoing development of local workers wherever possible. The Devlins Bridge Farm could create up to 350 jobs during construction and up to 35 ongoing jobs through the operations phase.

Local employment

We will actively support training initiatives within the community, particularly those that create direct pathways to employment on our project construction sites. This includes opportunities designed to benefit First Nations community members and to build transferable skills that enhance long-term job prospects.

The types of jobs and skills during construction include:

- Electrical Trades
- Construction Trades, Earthworks and Concrete
- Fencing and Landscaping
- Civil & Electrical Engineering
- Accommodation providers
- Chefs, Caterers and Hospitality roles
- Fitters & Mechanics

Local procurement

To maximise local participation, we will be developing an online portal where businesses can register and respond to available work packages. We will be working with the council and other business networks to look at a local needs analysis.

The portal will also allow local businesses to register their interest in providing goods and services during both construction and operational phases. This creates a comprehensive register of local capabilities and helps ensure local industry benefits from our projects.

The contractors engaged to construct the wind farm will be responsible for contracting local businesses and staff. The contractors are likely to be selected in 2027.

If you have already registered through the website, we will send you the details for the portal when it opens.

Local businesses in the surrounding towns – Narrandera, Leeton, Griffith, Darlington Point etc. will benefit from the increased activity in the region throughout construction.



Project Timeline

The Devlins Bridge Wind Farm is considered a State Significant Development (SSD), development applications for SSD projects are assessed by the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces.

In 2024 we submitted our scoping report for the project and were issued the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements – SEARs. The SEARs are available on our website and set out the technical assessments and other information the Minister requires to assess the project.

We have been undertaking these assessments over the past two years; these have informed the design of the wind farm. We are now preparing the Environmental Impact Assessment in response to the SEARs. We are expecting to submit this to DPHI in 2026 for assessment.

DPHI will review our submission and then place it on public exhibition. During the exhibition period you will be able to view the EIS online or in person at our office in Narrandera.

Early 2023	Project commencement and wind monitoring
Late 2023	First community engagement and commencement of site surveys and studies
2024	Environmental surveys and continued community engagement activities
2025	Project development application with the state of NSW (EIS)
2027	Anticipated financial close, start of construction and launch of community benefits package
2029	Commencement of operations
35 years	Operations
24 months	Repowering (new turbines) or wind farm decommissioning and recycling

Approvals

Aboriginal Heritage

Potential impacts to Aboriginal cultural heritage have been assessed by a team of archaeologists. Changes were made to the project layout to avoid impacts to Aboriginal Heritage sites identified throughout the surveys. An Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report has been prepared and will be submitted with the EIS, this will document protection of heritage throughout construction and an unexpected finds protocol.



Air Quality

The air quality assessment involves both quantitative modelling and qualitative evaluations to determine potential impacts from dust and other emissions. The study has not identified any impacts that cannot be addressed with local mitigation measures (dust suppression on local roads during construction for example).



Aviation

An aviation study has assessed the risks to aircraft flight considering obstacle obstruction, radar interference, and impacts on flight paths and procedures. The assessment has consulted widely with regulators like Airservices Australia, CASA, and Defence. No adverse impacts to existing flight paths or procedures are anticipated.



Biodiversity

Commencing in 2023, ecologists have assessed potential impacts to biodiversity values, such as threatened species, native vegetation, birds, and bats. These studies informed mitigation and risk management measures to minimise the project's impact as best as practicable including changes to the project layout. These studies also informed the offset strategy for the project where impacts are unavoidable. Management plans will be prepared to further minimise and manage impacts throughout construction and operations of the project.



Bushfire

An accredited bushfire practitioner has assessed potential hazards and risks associated with bushfires. The study determined that the site has a low potential for bushfire hazard based on existing land use (dryland cropping and grazing). A Fire Management Plan will be developed in consultation with the NSW RFS before construction begins.



EMI/EMF

An electromagnetic study has been undertaken to determine the impact to radio and communication services. The study has not identified any impacts to television, radio, mobile, and other communication signals. The study has also assessed the electromagnetic field of the wind farm to be very low, often lower than many common household appliances.



Historic Heritage

The site has been surveyed for any historic heritage, this assessment will document any known heritage items that require protection during the construction of the project. There are no known heritage items within the disturbance area for the project.



Noise

Acoustic engineers have assessed potential noise impacts associated with the construction and operation of the project. This noise study outlines management and mitigation measures that will be included in the Management Plans to ensure the project's generated noise is minimised as much as practicable. This will include permitted construction hours and permitted noise levels in line with the project approvals.



Telecommunications

A telecommunications study has been undertaken to determine any potential impacts to existing telecommunications systems. The study has not identified any potential impacts.



Traffic

An assessment of potential impacts across all phases of the project on the operation of the surrounding road network has been undertaken. The traffic study outlines management and mitigation measures to be included in the Traffic Management Plan, ensuring that traffic generated from the project is minimised as much as possible. The transport route study is being finalised for transporting the wind turbine components from the Port of Adelaide and/or the Port of Geelong to the site. This study considers any minor road modifications necessary along the route to facilitate these movements.

In progress

Social and Economic

A Social Impact Assessment is being undertaken, the assessment will consider the positive and negative impacts of the project and will propose strategies to address these. Impacts include accommodation, increased pressure on services as well as increased jobs, increased spending in the region.



Soils and Agriculture

Studies are underway to assess the impact of the project on soils and land use. Initial studies have indicated low impact. Agricultural activities will be maintained within the site throughout the construction, operation, and decommissioning phases of the project. The study will include soil erosion and disturbance management measures that will be incorporated into the Construction and Operational Environmental Management Plan.

In progress

Visual Impact

Landscape architects have assessed the potential visual impacts of the wind farm on local residences and public viewpoints within 8.5km of the project area. Management plans will be prepared to further minimise and manage impacts throughout construction and operations of the project.

In progress

Waste

The EIS will detail the projects waste streams and measures to manage, reuse, recycle and safely dispose of waste will be detailed in a Waste Management Plan. The plan will be developed in consultation with Narrandera Shire Council to ensure alignment to local approaches and expectations.

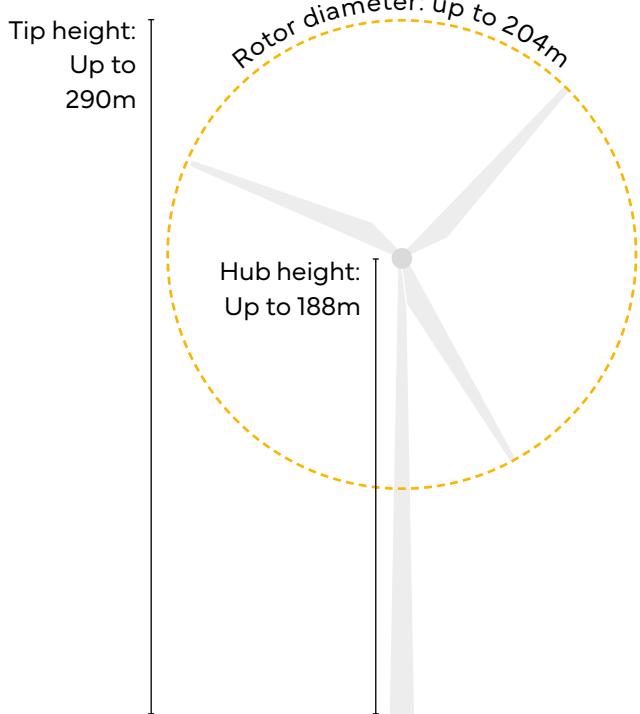
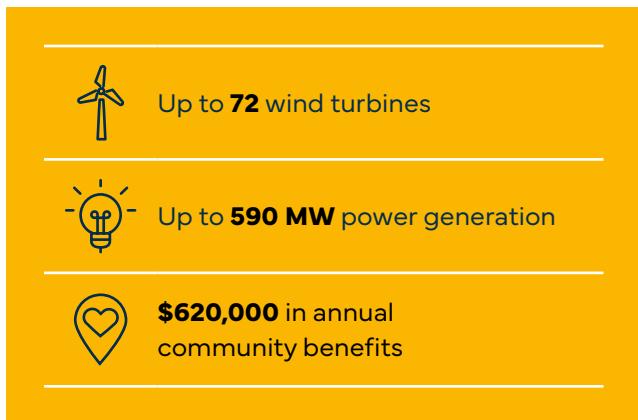


Water

Hydrology modelling for the project area has been used to inform the project's basis of design to ensure adequate civil and electrical treatment, in addition to considering the availability of both groundwater and surface water. The design seeks to improve surface water dissipation during flood events, and to provide all weather road access into the project area for the first time. Water use requirements from the project can be readily met from local sources.



Project overview



Electrical Transmission

A network of underground cables will connect the turbines to a central collector station and an onsite substation that connects the project to the existing transmission network, these stations will be connected by a short overhead transmission line. The new overhead transmission line is wholly within the project boundary.

Onsite Substation

The project will connect to the Transgrid transmission network by a cut-in to the existing 330kV transmission line that borders the southern and western sides of the project. The substation will be located at the southern end of the project area.

Hardstands and Laydown areas

Each wind turbine will be surrounded by a compacted gravel hardstand, the hardstand allows for materials storage, truck movements and crane placement to allow for the turbines to be erected.

Additional hardstands and laydown areas will be established throughout the project area for storage and assembly of materials.

Transport Route

Transport routes from the Port of Geelong and the Port of Adelaide are being considered for the project. Assessments of impacts and any required upgrades are currently being assessed. The transport route will be shared once this assessment is completed in early 2026.

Traffic Impacts

We expect there will be an increase in traffic on local roads during the construction of the project. A traffic impact assessment has been undertaken for the project that considers impacts to local roads and community. From the traffic impact assessment, we will develop a Traffic Management Plan to minimise the impact construction has on the community and local roads.

Access to the Project Area

Access to the project area is planned to be via Mundarra Road and the Sturt Highway. Mundarra Road will be upgraded to an all weather road and maintained for the life of the project. Upgrades to the intersection at the Sturt Highway will be required to establish a safe turning point.

We will work with Transport for New South Wales and Narrandera Shire Council to determine the requirements for the intersection.

Materials

Materials for the project will be sourced locally where possible, for example the use of local quarries for rock and gravel for the project. Other project components will come from interstate or overseas for example the wind turbines will be imported and transported to site via the approved transport route.

Staff Accommodation

It is anticipated that we will require accommodation for up to 300 staff at the peak of construction.

We are investigating options for accommodation in Narrandera, Darlington Point and also on site. It is likely that the main accommodation will be a workers camp established either on site or nearby.

We will publish an accommodation strategy in early 2026 that will be included in the EIS.

Construction Impacts

Construction of the Devlins Bridge Wind Farm is expected to take about two - three years to complete. Construction is expected to commence in late 2027, subject to project approvals.

Construction will involve the use of trucks, light vehicles and machinery moving in and around the project site.

Some local roads will be used for delivery of materials and equipment to site, a comprehensive traffic management plan will be prepared as part of the project approvals to manage impacts to the community including school bus routes and other sensitive uses.

We expect there will be increased noise during construction, this will be managed through the development approval conditions which will set strict requirements that the project must comply with.

A construction management plan will be developed and submitted to the Minister for approval, this plan will consider all construction impacts and provide the plan for managing and minimising these impacts.

Decommissioning

At the end of the wind farm life, it is a legal condition of the development consent that the wind farm is decommissioned. Additionally, it is a requirement of the agreements with host landowners that the wind turbines and other infrastructure are removed at the end of the lease and that funding be put aside for that purpose. When it is time to decommission the project, a Decommissioning Plan is prepared and submitted DPHI for approval. The plan will consider:

- the safest method of decommissioning;
- if materials can be refurbished;
- what materials can be recycled and where;
- what materials will be disposed of and where.

The major wind turbine suppliers have announced targets to have 100% recycling capability for their turbines by 2040. Vestas for example can currently recycle 85% of turbine components¹.

The Devlins Bridge Wind Farm will work closely with the wind turbine supplier to minimise any waste from the project.

¹ www.vestas.com/en/sustainability/environment/zero-waste

Frequently asked questions

The Project

Where is the project? The project is located on privately owned land near Euroley in the Narrandera Shire. It is approximately 25km west of Narrandera, to the south of the Sturt Highway.

How many turbines will be installed? The project is expected to host up to 72 turbines across 6000 hectares.

How big will the wind turbines be? The turbines will be up to 290m tall. The exact height will be determined throughout procurement.

Are you building a transmission line? The wind farm will connect to the existing NSW transmission network via a new terminal station located on the existing 330kV transmission line, within the project boundary. A series of underground cables will connect the wind turbines to an on-site substation and then to the new terminal station via an overhead line, this line is wholly within the project site.

Project Impacts

Will I be able to hear the wind farm? Within 2km of a turbine, it is likely that you will be able to hear some sound. Most people hear a soft woosh-woosh noise. It is difficult to hear a wind farm over the background sound in country Australia from anywhere outside of 2km, unless there are unusual conditions present.
There are some resources available online including a video called "The sound of wind farms" which was created by TasNetworks in Tasmania in partnership with sound engineers Arup. You can find it on YouTube.

Where will project materials be coming from? There are many components required for the wind farm, where possible we try to source materials locally however not all components are available locally and some parts will come from overseas. For example we will use local quarries for rock and gravel but the wind turbines will be imported from overseas.

How will you manage environmental concerns? We have undertaken over two years of environmental surveys in the project area, in response to the surveys we have made amendments to the project layout, including reducing the number of turbines to minimise the impact to ecology. Where impacts are unavoidable, we will be offsetting the impact. This may be through the establishment of stewardship sites locally or through the purchase of offset credits. Environmental management plans will be prepared to manage impacts through construction and operations of the wind farm.

Community benefit fund

How can I get involved in the community reference group? You can submit an expression of interest to join the community reference group on our website: devlinsbridgewindfarm.com.au/community

How can I apply for funding from the Community Benefit Fund? The fund will be administered by Narrandera Shire Council and the Community Reference Group. From the start of construction, the fund will be active. You will be able to apply for funding via the Narrandera Shire Council Website. Until then, the early sponsorship program will continue to run, you can apply for up to \$5,000 in funding via our website: devlinsbridgewindfarm.com.au/early-sponsorship-program



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