Rye Park Wind Farm

Project Fact Sheet and FAQs

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Project overview

The approved Rye Park Wind Farm (the Project) is located to the east of Rye Park, to the north-west of Yass and south-east of Boorowa, in New South Wales. Positioned on a long ridgeline running north-south at right angles to the prevailing wind direction, it spans the Hilltops, Upper Lachlan and Yass Valley local government areas and provides a reliable source of wind.

The Project is being developed by Tilt Renewables – part of leading Australian-owned renewable energy consortium, Powering Australian Renewables (PowAR) – an owner, operator and developer of renewable energy and storage projects in Australia and now the largest owner of wind and solar generation in Australia – and the largest renewable energy generator after Snowy Hydro.

We strive to be the leading investor in, and owner of, large-scale renewable generation in Australia and, in doing so, to support Australia's transition to a clean energy economy. We bring decades of experience with a demonstrated commitment to the communities where we operate, to ensure we continue to support regional Australia's prosperity through the energy transition.

Project status

A modified Development Consent for the Project was approved on 15 April 2021 by the NSW Minister for Planning. The Project was also granted an EPBC Approval on 1 June 2021. The Project is anticipated to commence construction towards the end of 2021, with operations to commence in early 2024.

Contract	Contractor
Turbine Supply and Install	Vestas
Electrical and Civil Balance of Plant	Zenviron
Grid Connection	Lumea

PROJECT SNAPSHOT

Number of Turbines: 66

Blade Tip Height: 200m

Operations & Maintenance Buildings: 1

Collection Substations: 1

Connection Substations: 1

Concrete Batch Plants: 3

Construction Compounds: 3

Key benefits of the Rye Park Wind Farm to the region:

Jobs & 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 local roads, in addition to those required in the Development Consent
- Creation of additional fire breaks and improved access roads for fire fighting

Regional Economic Benefits

- A VPA of $230,000 per year (adjusted for CPI) in community funding, for the life of the wind farm
- Around $3 million in direct payments to local landowners during operations
- Significant local and regional economic benefits
- Drought-proof and post-retirement income stream for farmers

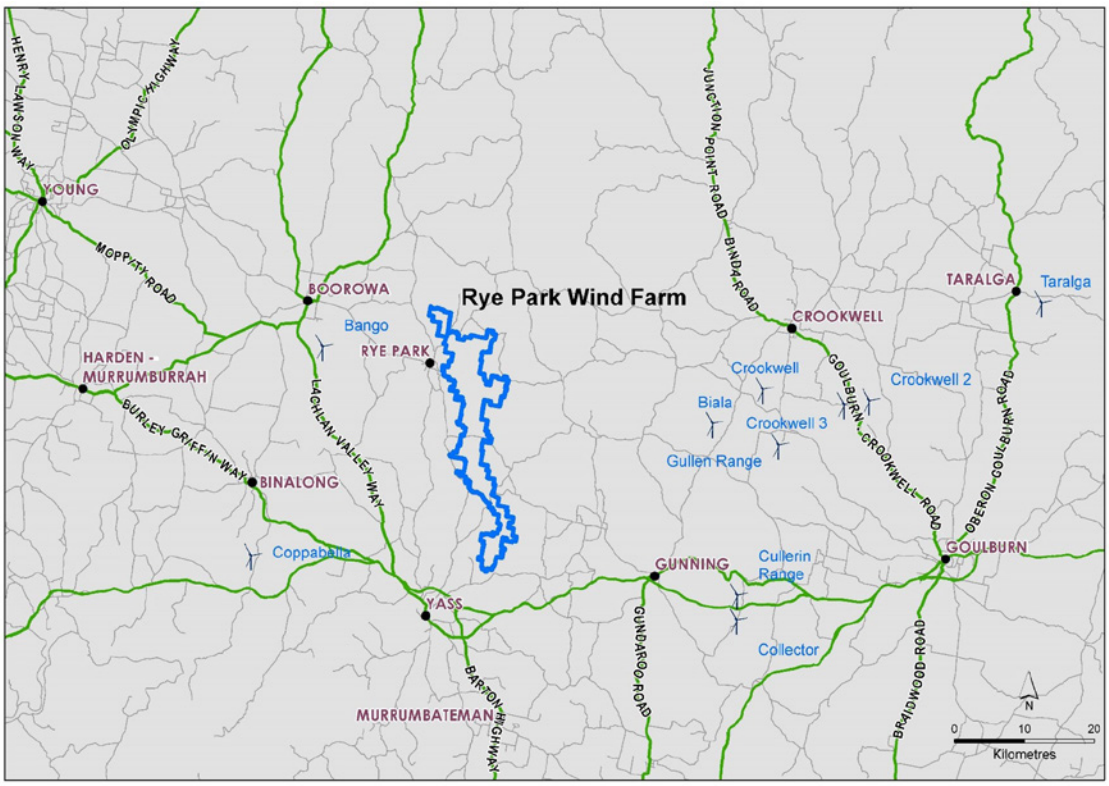
Environmental Benefits

- Clean and renewable source of energy
- The Project will generate enough electricity to power 215,000 average Australian homes annually
- Offsets the emission of more than 960,000 tonnes of CO2 per annum – the equivalent to removing approximately 300,000 cars from the roads each year
- Construction carbon emissions offset within first year of operation
- Zero carbon emissions during operation of the wind farm

Project Details

The Final Project includes:

- 66 wind turbines (Vestas V162-6.0 EnVentus) with a 200 m tip height each with a capacity of up to 6 MW.
- A new 330/33 kV wind farm collection substation in the northern section of the Project site.
- A new 330/33 kV wind farm connection substation located adjacent to the existing TransGrid 330 kV transmission line in the southern section of the Project site.
- A temporary construction compound at the northern section of the Project site.
- A temporary construction compound to facilitate the upgrades on the TransGrid owned existing 330kV Transmission Line at the southern section of the Project site.
- A new overhead powerline approximately 30 km in length, rated at up to 330 kV (nominal) capacity, running north-south along the length of the wind farm between the two substations. The powerline would be mounted on a single pole type structures and will either be single-circuit or double-circuit as required.
- Underground and overhead 33 kV electrical cabling linking the wind turbines to the on-site collector substations and connection substation.
- Operation and maintenance facility incorporating a control room and equipment storage at the northern section of the Project site.
- Temporary concrete batching plants and construction facilities.
- Access tracks required for each wind turbine and the related ancillary facilities above.
- Upgrades to local roads, as required for the delivery of the wind turbines and ancillary equipment.
- Three temporary meteorological masts and two permanent monitoring masts for wind speed verification, weather and general monitoring purposes. The permanent monitoring masts may be either static guyed or un-guyed structures and will be to a minimum height of the wind turbine hubs (119 m).



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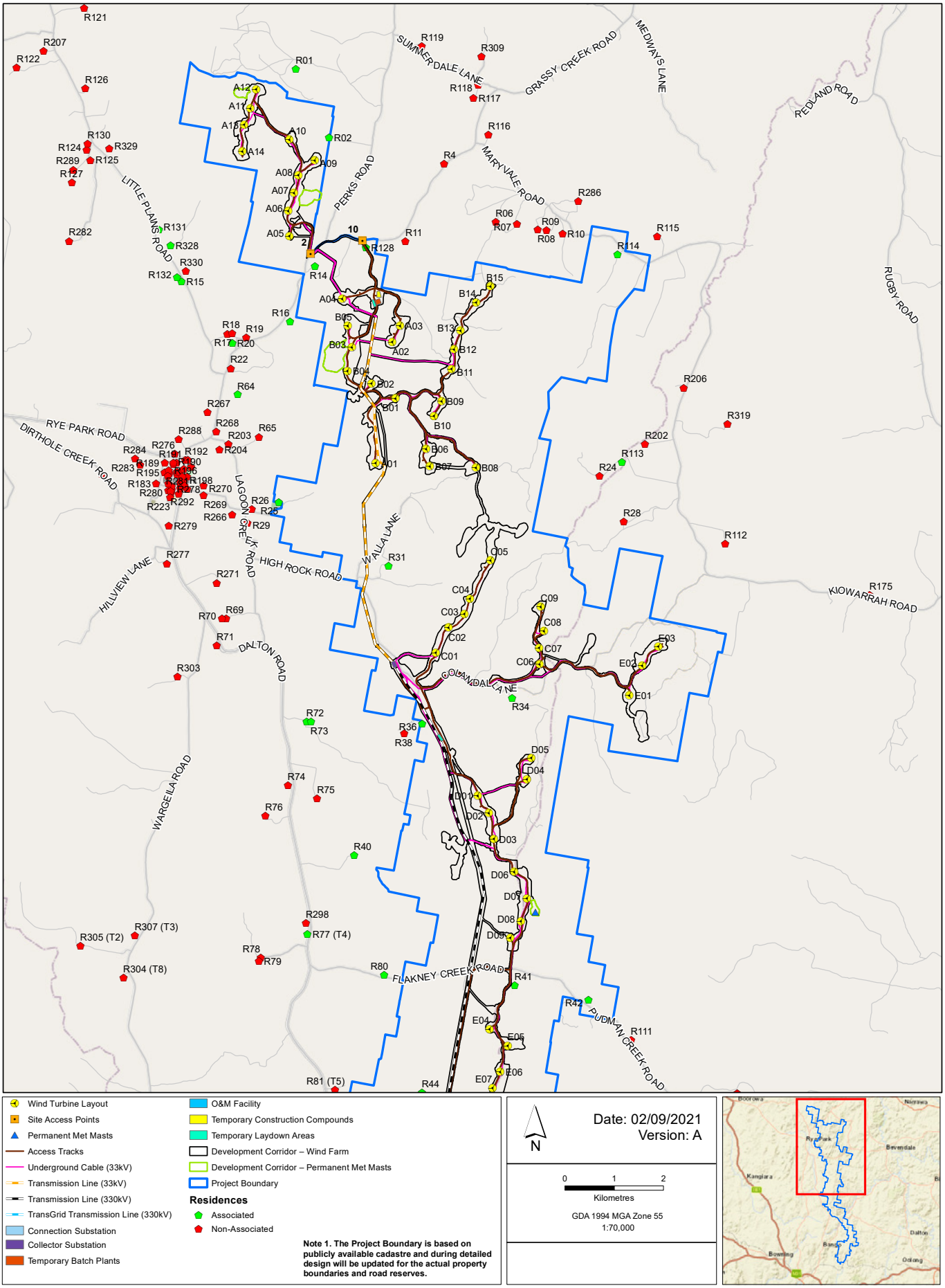

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Permanent Met Masts
Access Tracks
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Transmission Line (33kV)
Transmission Line (330kV)
TransGrid Transmission Line (330kV)
Connection Substation
Collector Substation
Temporary Batch Plants

O&M Facility
Temporary Construction Compounds
Temporary Laydown Areas
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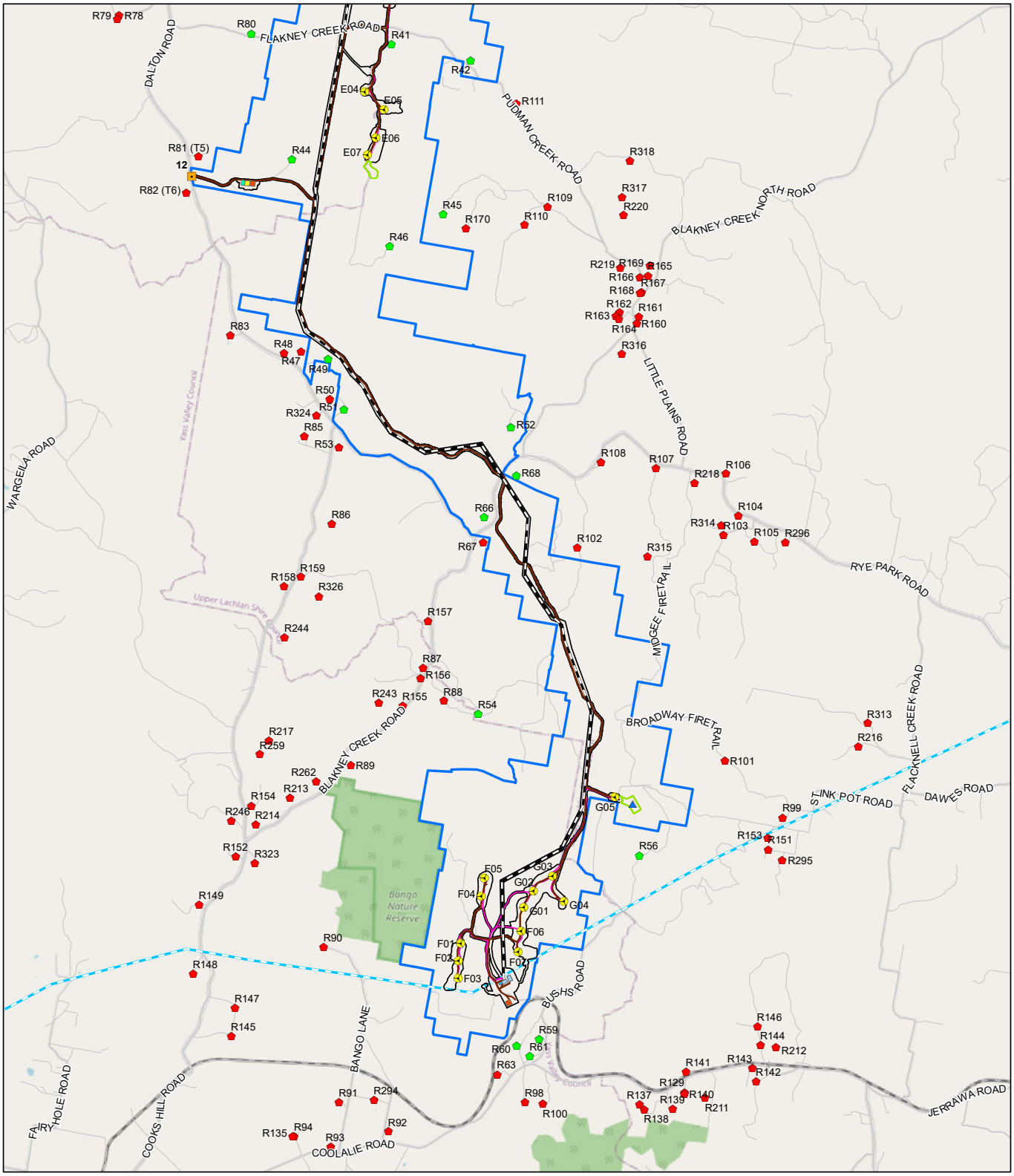

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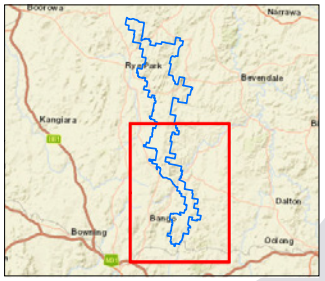


Construction

Construction will include road upgrades, wind farm construction and commissioning.
The commencement of construction activities on the wind farm site will be sequenced in phases, triggered by the completion of road upgrades. Further details will be available in the Project Staging Report available on the Project website, prior to the commencement of construction.

Indicative Construction Program
Final Investment Decision – August 2021
Construction Commencement – November 2021
Commissioning – From Late 2022
Operations – Early 2024

Transport Route & Road Upgrades

Access to the wind farm site will be via three access points off the public road network (named: access Site Access Point No. 2, Site Access Point No. 10 and Site Access Point No. 12) shown on the map to right.

Transportation of materials, components and equipment will be along the major road network surrounding the Project site, namely the Hume Highway and Lachlan Valley Way. This will include all over size and over mass loads (e.g., the turbine components).

Components of the turbines (including nacelles, drive-trains, hubs, blades and tower sections) that are to be imported to Australia will arrive at the Port of Newcastle.

Transport of other construction materials such as gravel, concrete, steel, cement, water, plant and miscellaneous equipment will be transported via the approved transport routes.

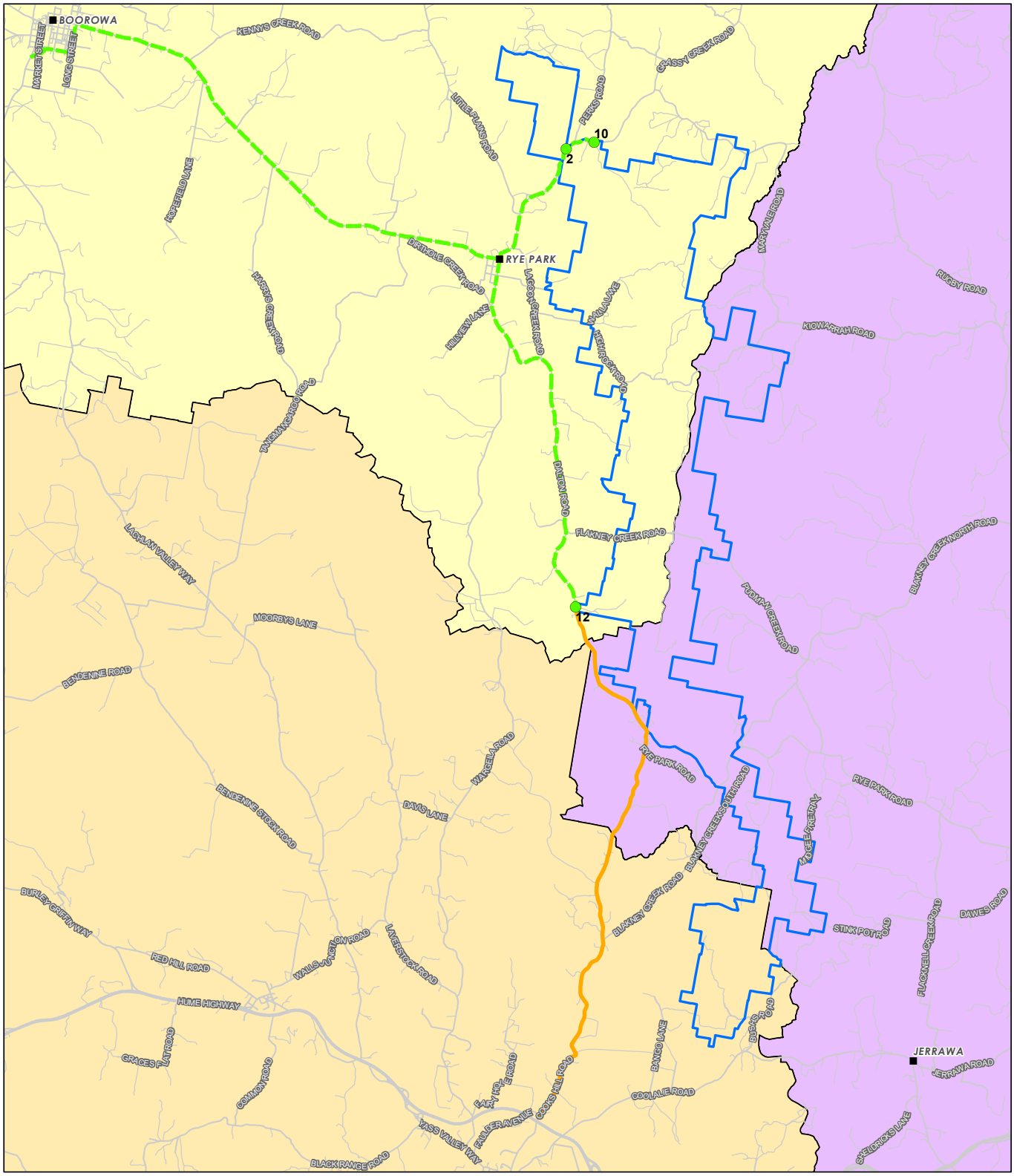
Light vehicles travelling from Yass will use Cooks Hill Rd and Rye Park-Dalton Rd to access the site.

Road upgrades are required as part of the Project (shown on the map to right).

A significant amount of investigation and scoping has been undertaken to assess the transport route and determine the detailed upgrade specification to be designed and constructed, in consultation with the road authorities (e.g., the Councils and Transport for NSW).

In response to concerns received from the community we are planning augmentation of the bus stop and integration of pedestrian usage of the road reserve between the bus stop and the Rye Park Primary School. The area at the entrance of Rye Park Community Hall will also be graded and sealed.

HEAVY VEHICLE TRANSPORT ROUTE



Environmental Management

An environmental framework has been developed for the Project, including an Environmental Management Strategy (EMS), and associated management plans. These plans will be implemented to ensure appropriate environmental management throughout construction, operational and decommissioning phases of the Project.

The plans prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Development Consent and EPBC Approval are available on the Project website (once approved by the relevant authorities).

The Project also will implement a framework for stakeholder engagement, including the establishment and operation of the Community Consultative Committee (CCC), complaints management, and dispute resolution.

Visual Mitigation Program

Non-associated residences within 4km of a wind turbine may be eligible for participation in the Visual Mitigation Program for the Project. As part of the program eligible residences may ask the Project to implement visual impact mitigation measures on their land to minimise the visual impacts of the Project on their residence.

We have sent out letters to properties within 4km of a turbine, if you have received a letter and are interested (or have not received a letter and think we have missed) please get in contact to discuss.

COMMUNITY Benefit Sharing

We are committed to sharing the benefits of the Rye Park Wind Farm with the local communities. As with all our projects, we collaborate with the community on developing a Benefit Sharing Plan that covers local, regional and educational initiatives. Details of the programs included as part of our benefit sharing plan will be shared on the Project webpage, and continue through the construction phase of the Project.

Community Enhancement Fund

In accordance with the Development Consent, a Community Enhancement Fund will be established that will commence when the Project starts operating. The Project will contribute the following funding each year (adjusted annually to increase in CPI):

- Hilltops Council: $162,500
- Upper Lachlan Shire Council: $40,000
- Yass Valley Council: $27,500

Independent community groups overseen by the Yass Valley, Hilltops and Upper Lachlan councils will administer the funds. At least 20% of the funds will be allocated to educational needs.

Neighbour Agreements

We are inviting our closest neighbours to share in the financial benefits of the wind farm through neighbour agreements. These agreements are part of our commitment to being a good long-term neighbour, sharing benefits and contributing to the local community. If you'd like to find out more about Neighbour Agreements, please contact us at: ryeparkwindfarm@tiltrenewables.com or on 1800 WE TILT (938 458).

Community Engagement

Tilt Renewables is strongly committed to the communities where we operate. We are committed to open and honest dialogue with all stakeholders, with an aim to build and enhance community acceptance and trust in all projects and in the renewable energy industry as a whole.

We welcome your feedback if you have any concerns or questions, we encourage you to get in touch. We will use feedback to inform the way we work together and share benefits with the local community, and the ways we consult and keep you informed about the Project.

Should you have any questions regarding the Rye Park Wind Farm project, please contact us at: ryeparkwindfarm@tiltrenewables.com or on 1800 WE TILT (938 458).

To sign up to the Newsletter, please visit the Project webpage: www.ryeparkwf.com.au or hover over the below QR code.

How you can stay up to date as the Project progresses?

As we head into the construction phase of the Project, we will be ramping up the frequency of our communications with the community. There are a number of ways you can be kept informed and you can sign up to all of the below options on the Project webpage: www.ryeparkwf.com.au

- **Sign up to the bi-monthly newsletter** (please let us know if you would like to receive this by email or post)
- If you sign up to the newsletter, we will automatically sign you up to receive fortnightly **construction updates** (weekly in peak periods), however if you would only like to receive the newsletter, please let us know
- **Sign up to receive text message updates regarding traffic impacts:** In order to keep the community informed and prepared, we are implementing text message updates during construction to notify the community of any traffic impacts and significant works. We hope this will provide the community with some certainty and preparedness while construction is underway without having to actively seek out relevant information on the Project. **Opt-in by hovering over the QR code at right or via the webpage and complete the form.**
- **Ads in local papers** (to promote the release of newsletters and as required)
- **Quarterly CCC meetings** – please contact the Chair of the CCC if you would like to attend a meeting as an Observer
- **Shopfront operations** (regular times each week will be available).

Community Consultative Committee

A Community Consultative Committee (CCC) was established in 2012. The CCC meets regularly (quarterly) and provides a forum for discussion between Tilt Renewables and representatives of the community, council and stakeholders with an interest in the Rye Park Wind Farm. Copies of the previous CCC meeting minutes can be found on the Project webpage.

You can contact the Chair of the Rye Park CCC via email, should you wish to be connected with any of the Committee Members. A contact email is also on the Project webpage.

Where there is a vacancy on the CCC, we will advertise for expressions of interest (EOI), which will be sent to the Chair for review. From there, the EOIs will be shared with the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE), who will make a decision on the new Committee member/s. Read more about the role and function of a CCC on the NSW DPIE website.

Project Shopfront

We will open a Project Shopfront during construction at the Rye Park Community Hall. We are proposing that the operating hours be by appointment, and open for a regular day/time each week (which can be reviewed and communicated as we progress through construction).

Our 1800 WE TILT number remains always open to receive any questions about the Project and construction activities.

Complaints Management

If you have a complaint regarding one of our current development projects, please contact us at complaints@tiltrenewables.com or on 1800 306 118. We will respond to you within 24-hours of receiving your complaint to acknowledge it with next steps.

You can view our Complaints Management Procedure on the Contact page of our website.

Employment

Construction in the renewable energy sector creates hundreds of jobs on site and thousands of jobs in businesses that supply the project, directly or indirectly. We are committed to employing local people and buying local wherever possible. We're always on the look out to build new working relationships in the industry and encourage you to register your services / business on our Goods & Services Register on our website.

We have prepared a list of employment opportunities for Rye Park Wind Farm with our delivery partners, who we continue to provide with the Goods & Services Register for the Project. Contracts to be awarded locally include:

- Accommodation
- Catering
- Cleaning
- Competent machine operators
- Concreters
- Domestic scale electricians
- Fencing
- Fuel supplies
- Labourers
- Laundry services
- Local hardware store
- Local mechanic and diesel mechanic (servicing of vehicles)
- Office supplies
- Plumbers
- Road upgrades – transport contracts
- Skip bins
- Temp power (generators)
- Transport operators
- Vehicle tyre fit-out specialists
- Vehicle wash

GOODS & SERVICES REGISTER

To register interest in providing goods or services for the Project, please hover over the QR code or visit the Rye Park project webpage www.ryeparkwf.com.au and complete the linked form under the Employment section.

Connecting subcontractors and suppliers

To augment opportunities for local businesses, the Rye Park Wind Farm has been listed on the Industry Capability Network (ICN) Gateway.

ICN is an independent business network providing an online tool to connect subcontractors and suppliers with projects. Work packages currently available to submit an EOI for are listed in the 'Work Packages' tab on our Project page.

Project Team

Some of the key members of the Tilt Renewables Rye Park Wind Farm project delivery team consists of the following staff:

Matthew Glass – Project Manager

Rene Kuypers – Site Manager

Mark Selvaratnam – Assistant Project Manager

Andrew Galland – Site HSEC Manager

Cara Layton – Stakeholder and Environment Manager

Martine Holberton – Community and Stakeholder Engagement Advisor

Malcolm McCaskill – Land Development Manager

FAQS

The below includes project specific FAQs (not covered in the earlier sections of this document), whilst more general wind farm FAQs are located in our General Wind Farm FAQs document, available to download on our website.

FINAL PROJECT AND CONSTRUCTION

What turbines model will the Project use?

The V162-6.0 EnVentus turbine will stand at a 200 m tip height. With a swept area of over 20,000 m^2, the V162 has the largest rotor in the Vestas portfolio to achieve industry-leading energy production paired with a high-capacity factor. Due to the large operational envelope, the V162 is relevant for low to medium wind speeds and has extensive applicability in high average wind speeds.

The V162 is fitted with a planetary gearbox, which has 2 stages. The blades are 81 m long creating a rotor diameter of 162 m, with a hub height of 119m.

Where will the turbines be built?

The pre-construction final layout is shown on the Final Layout Plans prepared in accordance with the Development Consent and EPBC Approval.

The final layout has been submitted to the relevant departments and will be available on the Project website.

The developed layout will continue to be refined through detailed design / construction. Whilst significant changes are not expected, it is noted that micro-siting of the wind turbines and related infrastructure is permitted under the approvals for the Project.

The micro-siting undertaken through construction must consider a range of requirements, including that it will not result in any non-compliance with the conditions of consent/approval (e.g., that it does not exceed the limits on biodiversity impacts), further detail on this process is contained in the Biodiversity Management Plan.

Will the turbines be installed with aviation hazard lighting?

We are currently consulting with DPIE and CASA regarding the requirements for aviation lighting at the Rye Park Wind Farm. A decision on the lighting requirements (if any) is anticipated to be determined early in the new year.

Which roads will be used by light vehicles such as workers utes and 4WD?

Access to the wind farm site (for all vehicles) will be via three access points off the public road network (named: access Site Access to the wind farm Access Point No. 2, Site Access Point No. 10 and Site Access Point No. 12) shown on the Heavy Vehicle Transport Route on page 7.

Light vehicles travelling from Yass will use Cooks Hill Rd and Rye Park-Dalton Rd to access the site, however no heavy vehicles are permitted to use this route to access the site entry points.

The Project has no constraints on light vehicles using local roads, which is necessary to be able to build the Project. Our contractors will be encouraged to use the designated heavy vehicle routes where possible, however whilst it will not be completely avoidable, the minimisation of light vehicle traffic on local roads is in everyone's best interest.

Which port will OSOM vehicles be coming from?

Over-dimensional over-mass (OSOM) vehicles will be transported from the Port of Newcastle.

Transportation of materials, components and equipment will be along the major road network surrounding the Project site, namely the Hume Highway and Lachlan Valley Way.

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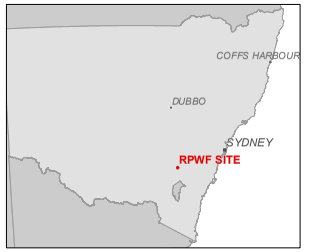

Legend

- Over-dimensional Route - Newcastle to Rye Park Wind Farm (via Gunning)
- Project Boundary

OSOM TRANSPORT ROUTE

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Approved roads run through the towns Boorowa and Rye Park – are we going to have lots of truck traffic and how will this be managed?

Construction of a wind farm does generate a lot of truck traffic so there would be a noticeable increase at times.

A Traffic Management Plan (TMP) has been prepared to ensure all construction traffic (including measures to be applied to heavy vehicles, over-size over-mass (OSOM) and light vehicles) is well managed. The TMP will be available on the Project website (once approved by the relevant authorities).

How wide will the on-site access tracks be?

The temporary disturbance for access tracks is at an average of approx. 20 metres temporary disturbance. Permanent disturbance will be approximately 5.5 metres.

Where will you source water for construction?

Our contractor has been in discussions with local landowners regarding surface water in dams which given the recent rain presents an opportunity to obtain water without impacting others. The fall back, and in case surface water dries up during summer/the construction period, is licenced bores. We have undertaken investigation at several locations and are progressing the relevant licence applications. At this stage the importation of water will be limited to potable water and water for concrete production which requires high quality water to ensure concrete quality assurance standards are satisfied.

Where will you source your materials for the Project?

The largest contributor to the volume of heavy vehicles required is the supply of quarry related materials. A sourcing strategy has been developed for the project and centres around utilising quarries as close as possible to the Project. This strategy seeks to minimise the distance that quarry materials are required to be transported, reducing impacts:

- to community members and road users by reducing the number of interactions with Development related heavy vehicles,
- on the wear and tear of the road network,
- of fatigue of drivers/workers as less distance will be travelled, and
- to carbon emissions as result of reduced transport distances.

Several quarries have recently been developed by an independent quarry developer (ARDG) that are near or within the Project area.

Concerted effort will be made by the Project, it's contractors and quarry operators to utilise these quarries (noting that not all materials can be sourced from these quarries) in a fashion that reduces the traffic impact of the Project.

Where will the Project connect into the grid?

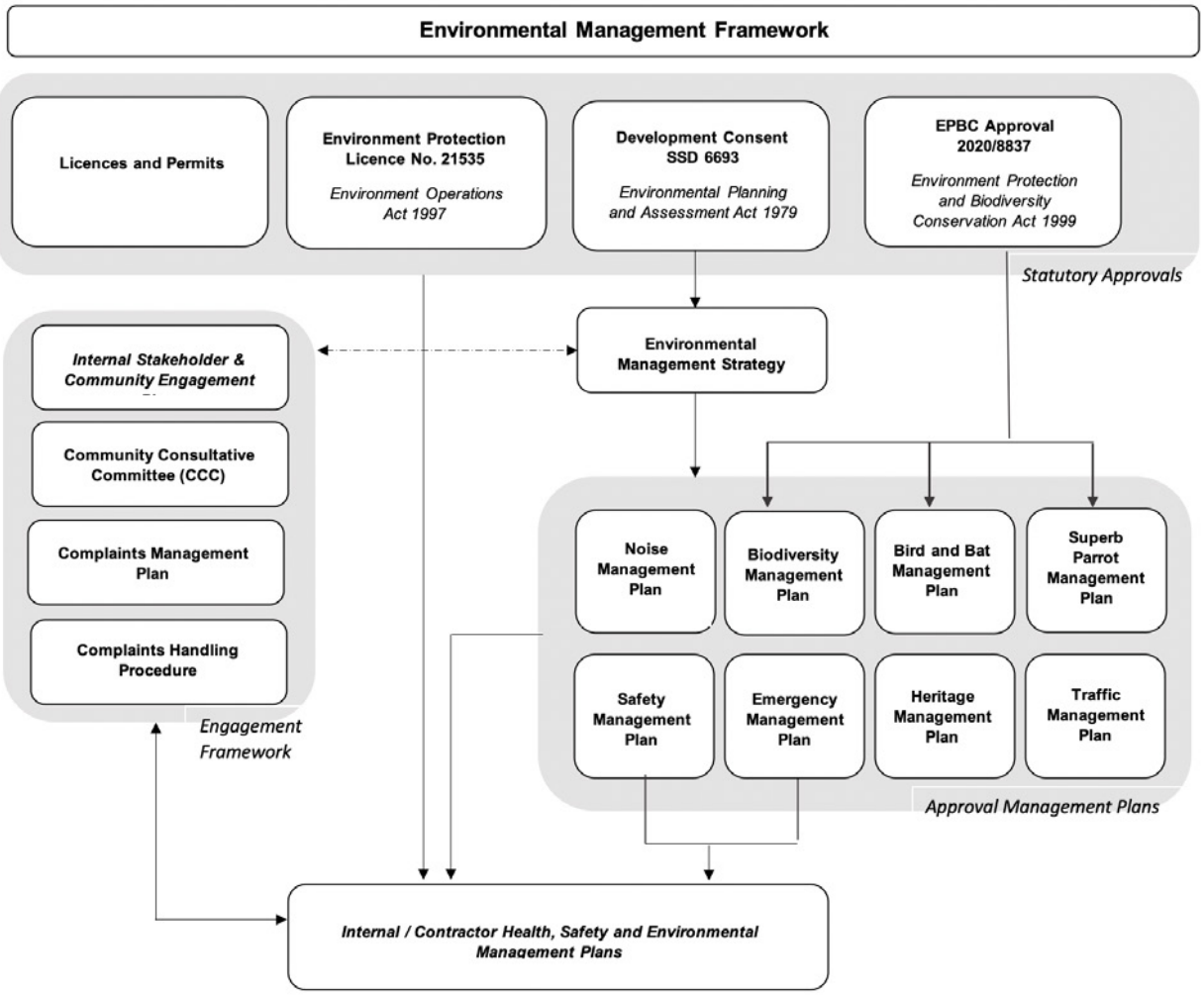
The wind farm will connect to the National Electricity Market via TransGrid's 330KV Yass to Gullen Range Line via a new 330kV connection switchyard.

ENVIRONMENT

How will environmental impacts / risks be managed for the Project?

An environmental framework has been developed for the Project (as illustrated by the below flowchart).

The Environmental Management Strategy (EMS) provides the environmental management framework for the Development which ensures appropriate environmental management throughout construction, operational and decommissioning phases of the Project. The EMS and associated management plans are an integral part of this framework which ensures appropriate environmental management throughout construction, operational and decommissioning phases of the Project.



The Project (including its Contractors) will incorporate the requirements of all consent/approval conditions, management plans, licences and permits into their internal Construction/Operational Environmental Management Plans and Health and Safety Management Plans prior to the commencement of each relevant stage of works.

The Project also will implement a framework for stakeholder engagement, including the establishment and operation of the Community Consultative Committee (CCC), complaints management, and dispute resolution.

The plans prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Development Consent and EPBC Approval are available on the Project website (once approved by the relevant authorities).

The purpose of these management plans is summarised in the table on the following pages.

Key Management Plans

Management Plans Required Prior to the Commencement of Construction

Biodiversity Management Plan (BMP)	The BMP describes the management measures that will be implemented to avoid, minimise, and mitigate unavoidable biodiversity impacts and to ensure that the project complies with the requirements of the Development Consent and EPBC Approval, including: • Minimising native vegetation clearance and loss of key fauna habitat and potential impact through micro-sting, vegetation disturbance process, pre-clearance and tree felling procedure and protocols associated with inadvertent record of threaten species during construction • Minimisiation of indirect and species-specific impact on targeted threaten flora and fauna species within the disturbance footprint, through fire prevention and control and waste management and disposal. • Protecting Native Vegetation and Key Fauna Habitat Outside the Disturbance Area, through erosion and sediment control, hazardous chemical management and measures around waterway crossings. • Rehabilitation and revegetating disturbance areas (including rehabilitation completion criteria), maximizing salvage of biological resources and commits to an artificial hollow installation program. • Protocol for post clearance inspections and summarises the requirements for pre-construction and final biodiversity calculations to be completed (and resulting biodiversity offsets to be secured). • The BMP also includes specific performance targets, monitoring, reporting and auditing requirements and regular reviews.
Heritage Management Plan (HMP)	The HMP describes the management measures that will be implemented to avoid, minimise, and mitigate impacts to heritage and to ensure that the project complies with the requirements of the Development Consent and EPBC Approval. The HMP sets out: • The legislation and other environmental management requirements, including setting out where the Project must avoid, minimise and/or undertake salvage. • Heritage control measures relating to test excavation and salvage excavation, temporary/short term storage of artifacts, and long erm manage and relocation of salvaged artifacts. • The HMP also includes specific monitoring, reporting, and auditing requirements, regular reviews and training. • The HMP has been prepared in consultation with Registered Aboriginal Parties and Heritage NSW.
Traffic Management Plan (TMP)	The TMP sets out the traffic management measures that will be deployed to minimise disruption to and ensure the safety of a range of stakeholders (including other motorists, pedestrians, cyclists, public transport uses, local residents and property owners and businesses) potentially affected by the Project. The TMP details the measures to mitigate and/or manage potential transport impacts including: • Defining the site access points and transport routes (including restrictions on heavy and over-sized/over-mass vehicles on other local roads). • Sets out a code of conduct, specific fleet management requirements and working hours and out of hours work protocols. • Measures to reduce impacts on other road uses / community including those to manage the interaction between pedestrians and cyclists, schools, public transport, agricultural industry, emergency and police vehicles and special events. • Measures associated with maintain commercial and residential property access (particularly in relation to the road upgrade activities). • Summarises the road upgrade requirements, traffic control and road dilapidation surveys to be undertaken (pre-construction/delivery of turbine components and post construction) The TMP sets out key communication that will be undertaken to dissemination of information to the community including affected residents, Councils, road users, businesses and the general public, as well as making reference to the complaints management process. The TMP also includes specific monitoring, inspection, reporting/notification and auditing requirements, regular reviews and training. The TMP has been prepared in consultation with the Councils (Yass Valley, Upper Lachlan Shire and Hilltops) and Transport for NSW.

Key Management Plans

Emergency Plan	The Emergency Plan identifies the fire risks and preventative controls of the Project and all procedures that would be implemented if a fire were to occur on site, or in the vicinity of the site. The Emergency Plan details: • Risks and controls, including the existing environment, identification of fire risks, site familiarisation and controlling fire risks e.g., protocols associated with - hot work activities - operating plant on land containing combustible material - smoking - building fire risk controls, maintenance and materials - network shut down procedure - asset protection zones (fuel hazard management) - access - water supply (including the installation of static 20,000L water tanks) - flammable and hazardous materials • Implementation and operation, including structure and responsibility, training awareness and competence, emergency communication, site access, and a bushfire action plan. The Emergency Plan also includes specific monitoring, reporting and auditing requirements, regular reviews and training. The Emergency Plan has been prepared and approved by the RFS and FRNSW.
Management Plans Required Prior to the Commissioning of the Wind Turbines	
Noise Management Plan	The Noise Management Plan is currently being prepared for the Project to provide the proposed procedure for determination of compliance with the operational noise criteria for the Project. It is anticipated that the Noise Management Plan will: • Include details of the predicted noise levels and noise management modes for the project, residential logging locations and the criteria for noise-associated residences. • Set out the testing requirements including near field and intermediate testing and residential logging, as well as the testing schedule. • Provide for an assessment of testing results to determine compliance or if any modification to the noise management modes (or other modifications) should be made.
Bird and Bat Management Plan (BBAMP)	The BBAMP presents a strategy to monitor and mitigate impacts to birds and bats of the Project. The plan is currently being prepared in consultation with DPIE (including BCS) and DAWE. It is anticipated that the BBAMP will include: • A bird and bat risk assessment (based on the pre-construction surveys undertaken as part of the assessment process for the Project). • Bird and bat monitoring program (including bird utilization surveys and mortality monitoring). • Impact triggers and response procedure (for both threatened species and non-threatened species). • Mitigation measures (e.g., pest animal control, carrion removal, and other potential measures should any (unexpected) significant impacts be confirmed). The BBAMP will also include monitoring, reporting/notification and auditing requirements, regular reviews and training.
Superb Parrot Population Monitoring Program (SPPMP)	The SPPMP is currently being prepared for the Project with the objective to increase contemporary knowledge of the Superb Parrot habitat use and breeding ecology within the South-west Slopes of NSW Important Bird Area. The SPPMP will include: • Specific conservation research and monitoring objectives and proposed activities, additional to any required under the BBAMP, to achieve the objectives. • Proposed timing, effort and expertise required for each activity. • Nominate suitable qualified persons or organisations responsible for carrying out the activities. • Commitment for the provision of timing of funding. • Mechanisms to ensure that the knowledge and information gained from the SPPMP is easily accessible and can be used by DAWE, the general public and the scientific community.
Safety Management System (SMS)	The SMS is currently being prepared for the Project in accordance with DPIEs Hazardous Industry Planning Advisory Paper No. 9 'Safety Management'. The plan will be prepared prior to the commissioning of any turbines and implemented (and if necessary updated) over the remaining life of the Project.

What impact will the Project have on native vegetation and wildlife?

Extensive environmental, heritage and social impact assessments (including heritage) have been undertaken for the Project. Most recently this included the assessments undertaken for the modification application to the Development Consent and EPBC Approval, of which more detail can be found on the Project website.

Furthermore, updated biodiversity calculations have been prepared for the pre-construction final layout. These calculations have been prepared in consultation with the Biodiversity Conservation Division of the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment, and the Department of Agriculture Water and Environment. Once approved, this will be available on the Project website.

The Biodiversity Management Plan for the Project has been prepared and will be implemented to ensure that the that Project avoids, minimise, and mitigate impacts to EPBC protected matters and BC Act listed species associated with the Project.

Who gives the final authorisation of which trees should be cleared?

The NSW State Government – Department of Planning, Industry and Environment, in consultation with the Biodiversity Conservation Division, and the Commonwealth Department of Agriculture, Water and Environment. Tilt Renewables must maintain compliance with any approved limits on vegetation removal.

How will you deal with erosion?

We acknowledge that the community has strong local knowledge of the land, and we recognise that there will be challenges regarding the management of land through the construction of the wind farm. For example, erosion will be managed through improvements in the detailed design of the site and through the implementation of mitigation measures tailored to the landscape and in accordance with industry guidelines.

The Biodiversity Management Plan includes specific sediment and erosion controls measures.

In addition, we hope to employ skilled and knowledgeable locals to support site preparation and construction efforts of the project. We encourage businesses to register their interest in working on the project via the project website, under our Goods and Services Register.

COMMUNITY AND SAFETY

What it the difference between associated and non-associated residences?

Associated Residences are residences where there is a 'host' agreement with the landowner (where they have a lease or infrastructure agreement in relation to their property) or a participating 'neighbour' agreement where the residence is within proximity of the Project and there is an agreement in relation to potential impacts from the wind farm (e.g., noise, visual or shadow flicker).

How will you manage fire risk?

The summer of 2019-2020 was unprecedented in Australia for bushfires, particularly in NSW. Fire safety is a high priority for us from site development right through to construction and operation.

A wind farm should not be considered a hindrance to firefighting as the constructed access track network will allow for greatly improved access to the vegetated ridgelines. Accordingly, a variety of preventative and reactive controls will be in place.

An Emergency Plan, prepared in consultation with and to the satisfaction of the RFS and FRNSW, has been prepared for the Project which identifies fire risks and preventative controls of the Project and all procedures that would be implemented if a fire occurs on or in the vicinity of the site. The Emergency Plan applies to the construction, operational and decommissioning phases of the Project.

We will continue to consult with key fire authorities through all phase of the Project, including site visits with the key authorities when we commence construction.

PowAR acquisition complete

On Tuesday 3 August, Tilt Renewables Limited (Tilt Renewables), confirmed that its New Zealand incorporated subsidiaries were acquired by Mercury Wind Limited and 100% of the shares in Tilt Renewables were acquired by Powering Australian Renewables (PowAR) group.

While this change in ownership sees us part ways with the New Zealand side of our business, PowAR, which is 100% Australian owned and operated, won't be changing how we operate, and we will remain as Tilt Renewables.

The incoming management are very supportive of the current developments and direction of the business, and it is business as usual with a continued focus on our wind developments.

PowAR Chief Executive Officer Geoff Dutaillis said achieving financial close on Rye Park represented a significant milestone for the company and its ambition to drive Australia's transition to a clean energy future.

"The RPWF will be coming online very soon after the foreshadowed closure of the Liddell Power Station in NSW, supporting the transition to a cost-effective, clean energy system and helping the State reach its important energy and environmental ambitions."

Powering Australian Renewables

About PowAR

PowAR is a partnership between QIC, the Future Fund and AGL Energy Ltd. PowAR is the largest owner of wind and solar generation in Australia – and the largest renewable energy generator after Snowy Hydro – and has now developed, owns and operates more than 1,313 MW of renewable generation capacity, with seven operating wind and solar farms, two others in the final stages of commissioning and one wind farm (Rye Park) due to commence construction in 2021.

PowAR's objective is to be a leading investor in, and owner of, large-scale renewable generation in Australia and, in doing so, to support Australia's transition to a clean energy economy. PowAR's operating assets include the 199MW Silverton Wind Farm, the 102MW Nyngan Solar Plant and the 53MW Broken Hill Solar Plant in NSW; the 336MW Dundonnell Wind Farm and 54MW Salt Creek Wind Farm in Victoria; the 453MW Coopers Gap Wind Farm in Queensland; and the 101MW Snowtown Wind Farm in South Australia.

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