

White Rock Wind Farm

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Planning Approval Granted

Epuron has received planning approval from the NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure for the proposed White Rock Wind Farm. This is an important milestone for the project, which is located about 20km west of Glen Innes.

The next steps in the project development are to complete the grid connection studies which are currently underway and to secure an agreement with a major electricity retailer to buy the electricity produced by the wind farm.

Community Consultation Committee

While the project consultation process has been underway for some time, Epuron is now seeking to establish the Community Consultation Committee (CCC) in preparation for a first meeting in the coming months.

The purpose and objectives of the CCC are:

- To enable Epuron to formally provide the local community with information about the proposal;
- To enable the community to express and for Epuron to understand any concerns regarding the potential impacts of the proposal;
- To enable Epuron to consider whether and how to incorporate any suggestions and feedback into the final design of the proposal;
- To demonstrate how and where feedback has been incorporated and resulted in amendments to the final proposal; and,
- To formally advise of potential community benefits that can be integrated into the proposal.

Membership of the CCC is targeted to include the following;

- An independent chairperson;
- A representative of the involved wind farm landowners;
- A representative of the non involved neighbouring landowners;
- Representation from key local stakeholder groups or associations;
- A representative from each of the local councils (Glen Innes Severn and Inverell Shire Councils); and
- Representatives from Epuron including the Project Manager.

If you are interested in joining the CCC, please complete the Nomination Form enclosed and return to us.

For further information on Epuron's Consultation Framework, please refer to our website at <http://www.epuron.com.au/downloads/>

The Project

The White Rock wind farm comprises up to 119 turbines together with associated access tracks, underground and overhead powerlines and a substation to connect to the TransGrid 132 kV transmission line at the northern end of the site.

At full output the wind farm will generate more than 830,000 MWh of clean renewable energy per year, enough for 130,000 homes and will save 754,000 tonnes of CO₂e emissions per annum.



The demand for projects like White Rock is driven by the Australian Government's Renewable Energy Target (RET) and the NSW governments policy of targeting 20% renewable energy by 2020.

Project benefits include:

- Job creation and investment in New England Tableland region
- Reduced water consumption compared to coal fired generation
- Reduced pollution and health impacts compared to coal fired generation
- Lower exposure to carbon pricing and associated increases in electricity prices



Installation of one of the new wind monitoring masts

The next steps

The following activities are underway to complete the development of the wind farm to prepare for financial close and enable construction of the project to commence:

Wind monitoring

Epuron now has three wind monitoring masts installed to verify the wind resource across all parts of the site and enable the energy output of the wind farm to be modelled with a higher degree of certainty.

Grid connection

TransGrid has been engaged to carry out a feasibility study to identify the technical details of the planned substation and connection arrangement for the wind farm. This is the first step in negotiating a Connection Agreement for the wind farm.

Wind farm offtake

Epuron have commenced negotiating with a major electricity retailer to buy the electricity produced by the wind farm.

About Epuron

Epuron is a leading Australian renewable energy company with a focus on development of utility-scale wind and solar energy projects. We are the most experienced wind energy developer in NSW and one of the largest in Australia. Epuron is Australian owned and operates out of offices in North Sydney where it has a professional team with considerable project development expertise.

For more information please refer to our website www.epuron.com.au

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Community Consultation Committee

Nomination Form

We are seeking nominations for members from the local community to join the Community Consultation Committee (CCC) for the White Rock Wind Farm.

It is planned that the CCC will meet quarterly (or as otherwise required) at a local venue to be advised.

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- To demonstrate how and where feedback has been incorporated and may result in amendments to the final project; and,
- To formally advise of potential community benefits that can be integrated into the proposal.

Nominees Role

Yes, I would like to nominate myself to join the CCC for the White Rock wind farm in one of the following capacities.

Please tick the relevant box below.

- An independent chairperson
- A representative of the involved wind farm landowners
- A representative of the non involved neighbouring landowners
- Representation from key local stakeholder groups or associations (please provide details of group or association below)

Nominees Details

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please provide reasons for your nomination: _____



Thank-You for your nomination

Should you require any further information please call us on **02 8456 700**.

Please return this Nomination Form to:



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