

# EPURON | St Patricks Plains Wind Farm

## Newsletter 3 | August 2019

### Thank you for coming to the Community Information Day

The Epuron team would like to thank everyone who took the time to attend the Community Information Day at Steppes Hall on Sunday, 4 August. It was a great opportunity for us to meet so many community members and discuss opportunities as well as concerns about the proposed wind farm project. Many shack owners raised concerns about visual impact and noise. Other issues discussed included impacts to hunting on the properties that will host turbines. Your feedback is much appreciated.

We have put all of the images and maps that were on display onto the download section ([epuron.com.au/wind/st-patricks-plains/downloads/](http://epuron.com.au/wind/st-patricks-plains/downloads/)) of our St Patricks Plains Wind Farm project website so they can be viewed and downloaded by all.

### Referral under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act – Invitation to comment

The Referral under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act for the St Patricks Plains Wind Farm has been published on the *Department of the Environment and Energy* website for public consultation. Comments can be made until the **28 August 2019**.

Please follow the link below and find the Reference No. 2019/8497 for Epuron's EPBC Referral:

<http://epbcnotices.environment.gov.au/invitations/>

At the end of the consultation period, information included in the referral and comments received by the public will be considered and used to help decide whether the proposal will be either:

- a controlled action with a significant impact on matters protected under the EPBC Act, OR
- not a controlled action and may be undertaken but only as described in the referral, OR
- does not require approval under the EPBC Act.

### About the Project

Epuron is proposing the St Patricks Plains Wind Farm with up to 67 wind turbines and associated infrastructure around Steppes in the Central Highlands.

We are in the early stage of the development process and our first Community Information Day was held early to ensure everyone has the opportunity to get to know about the project.



The project website can be accessed at: [epuron.com.au/wind/st-patricks-plains/](http://epuron.com.au/wind/st-patricks-plains/)

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## Next Steps

The Tasmanian Environment Protection Authority is currently drafting the Project Specific Guidelines to detail the requirements for our planning and environmental studies. These Guidelines will be publicly advertised in the next few weeks with the opportunity for everyone to make a submission.

In the upcoming months we will be in the process of gathering data and understanding potential constraints to the proposed wind farm layout. We are expecting to do a minimum of four seasons of bird studies. At the end of four seasons we will be able to identify all flora and fauna, heritage as well as other constraints and concerns. During that year of studies we will keep in touch and make contact with community members to follow up on the issues raised.

We would like to thank the community for their patience while we ensure the constraints of the site are fully understood before we revise the layout and make it available to the community again.

## Your feedback matters to us

Our aim is to be proactive, transparent and to understand, and where possible address, concerns raised by the community.

Your feedback is used to improve our information as well as our understanding of the potential impacts of the proposed project. If you did not have the chance to fill in our feedback form yet, you are still more than welcome to have your say. You can download it from our project website.

Please contact us to register your address, email or phone details so we can keep you updated.

## Impressions from the Community Information Day

