

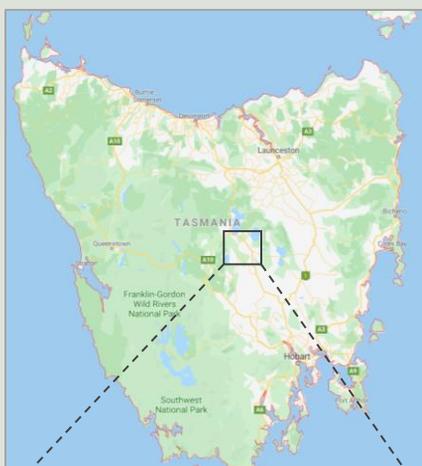
# St Patricks Plains Wind Farm

Project Update

December 2020



## Location



## About Epuron

Epuron is a leading Australian-owned renewable energy developer specialising in wind and utility-scale solar projects. For more information on Epuron's experience and projects please visit [epuron.com.au](http://epuron.com.au)

## New layout near completion

Over the past few months, based on findings from specialist studies and extensive community consultation, we have been working on a revision of the turbine layout for the proposed St Patricks Plains Wind Farm south-east of Miena. The design of wind farm projects is often refined and improved throughout the planning process as information comes to hand.

Work on refining the site design of the St Patricks Plains Wind Farm is now nearing completion and will be shared with the community via an update and information sessions in early 2021.

## Community consultation

Epuron welcomes input from the local community to help identify priorities and shape the project. In addition to meetings with interested individuals and groups, over the past 18 months Epuron has conducted public information sessions at Steppes Hall in the Highlands, had an information stall at Highlands Bushfest 2019 in Bothwell, and hosted an information session in Miena.

In October 2020 independent consultants pitt&sherry also undertook formal consultation for the project's Social and Economic Impact Assessment. Key concerns raised by residents and property owners in the area include visual amenity, potential impacts on the environment and wildlife, noise, bushfire and traffic.

We understand these concerns. Minimising impact to communities and the natural environment is a priority for all Epuron projects. Two years worth of onsite surveys and studies will be completed, and all matters will be addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

Once referred to the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) Tasmania, the EIS will be put on public exhibition and members of the community will have the opportunity to make submissions.

For more information visit [stpatricksplainswindfarm.com.au](http://stpatricksplainswindfarm.com.au)

## State planning process

## Community information sessions 29 & 30 January 2021

- 1 Site selection and preliminary investigations
- 2 Referral for review under the Commonwealth EPBC Act
- 3 EPBC Act referral decision: controlled action
- 4 Notice of Intent (NOI) lodged with the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) Tasmania
- 5 Project Specific Guidelines for the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) issued by the EPA

The project team is looking forward to hosting local information sessions in January 2021. At these sessions interested members of the local community will have the opportunity to review the new site design with the project team, discuss any concerns and ask questions. The revised design will be circulated via a project update prior to the sessions.

### Bothwell - Friday, 29 January

Club Rooms, Bothwell Recreation Ground, 26 Hollow Tree Rd, Bothwell.

### Miena - Saturday, 30 January

Great Lake Community Centre, 55-57 Cider Gum Road, Miena.

All are welcome. If you would like to register early interest for one of these sessions and be notified directly as soon as times are confirmed please contact the project team - details below.

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Studies, assessments,  
finalising site design

- 7 Development application (DA) and EIS submitted to Central Highlands Council
- 8 Preliminary assessment by Council
- 9 DA and EIS referred by Council to the EPA
- 10 DA and EIS on exhibition for public submissions
- 11 Responses to public submissions (if required)
- 12 Assessment by the EPA Board
- 13 Determination by the EPA Board and approval conditions provided to Council and the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment (DAWE)
- 14 Determination by DAWE
- 15 Assessment by Council
- 16 Determination by Council

## Why St Patricks Plains?

A good wind farm site relies on the right local conditions. The St Patricks Plains site is ideally located to capture a strong wind resource and feed the power generated into the state's main electricity network through a connection on site. The proposed wind farm could generate enough electricity to power 130,000 Tasmanian homes.

Growth in Tasmania's renewable energy capacity will deliver cheaper reliable electricity to Tasmanian households and businesses, and support the Tasmanian Government's renewable energy target of 200% by 2040

As energy systems transition and governments race to decarbonise their economies and scale up their ability to meet their energy needs through clean electricity generation, Tasmania's natural resources give the state a competitive edge. The state is uniquely placed to take advantage of the opportunity presented by the transition of the national energy market to renewables.

Renewable sources of energy – wind, solar, hydro – are the cleanest, most efficient and cheapest new sources of utility scale energy generation. By the end of 2020 they are expected to account for 30% of Australia's total energy mix, and the Australian Energy Market Operator's Integrated System Plan foresees 26 -50 Gigawatts (GW) of new grid-scale renewables over the next 20 years.

For more information on the Tasmanian Department of State Growth's Tasmanian Renewable Energy Action Plan 2020 visit: [www.stategrowth.tas.gov.au/energy\\_and\\_resources/energy/renewable\\_energy](http://www.stategrowth.tas.gov.au/energy_and_resources/energy/renewable_energy)

## Register for project news

We are keen to keep members of the local community and other interested parties up to date on project developments and opportunities to provide feedback. If you would like to receive project news via email please register at [epuron.com.au/mailling-list-details](http://epuron.com.au/mailling-list-details). If you would prefer to receive this via mail please contact the project team (left) and advise your preferred mailing address. We respect your privacy and your details will only be used for this purpose.

You can also provide feedback on the project via the online form available at [stpatriksplainswindfarm.com.au](http://stpatriksplainswindfarm.com.au).

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