

St Patricks Plains Wind Farm

Project Update

March 2021



Location



Presentation available from project website

A copy of the presentation given at the February 2021 community information days can be downloaded from the 'News' section of the project website:

stpatricksplainswindfarm.com.au

For anyone who was unable to attend and would like to discuss the layout revision we are happy to schedule a call or online meeting. We are also always available to answer your questions about the project via email or phone (contact details overleaf).

Community information days

The community information days held in Bothwell on 12 February and in Miena on 13 February were well attended, with 19 at Bothwell and approximately 80 at Miena.

Displays included maps of the revised layout, photomontages from key viewpoints and noise modelling maps. Epuron's Martin Poole and Donna Bolton gave a detailed presentation explaining the layout revision and answered questions.

Concerns raised included visual impact, noise, eagles, impacts to fly fishing areas and property values. We will continue to avoid and minimise impacts where possible and to document how we have addressed the concerns raised. Positive feedback included generation of clean power and emissions reduction, benefits to the local economy and jobs.

We thank everyone who took the time to join us at these information days. We appreciate your input and hope the sessions were informative. We also thank those who assisted at the venues and with catering.

Thank you to all those who are engaging with us on this proposal. We will continue to work to minimise impacts and maximise the benefits for the local community.



Project manager Donna Bolton explains the layout changes to members of the community at the Great Lake Community Centre, Miena on 13 February.

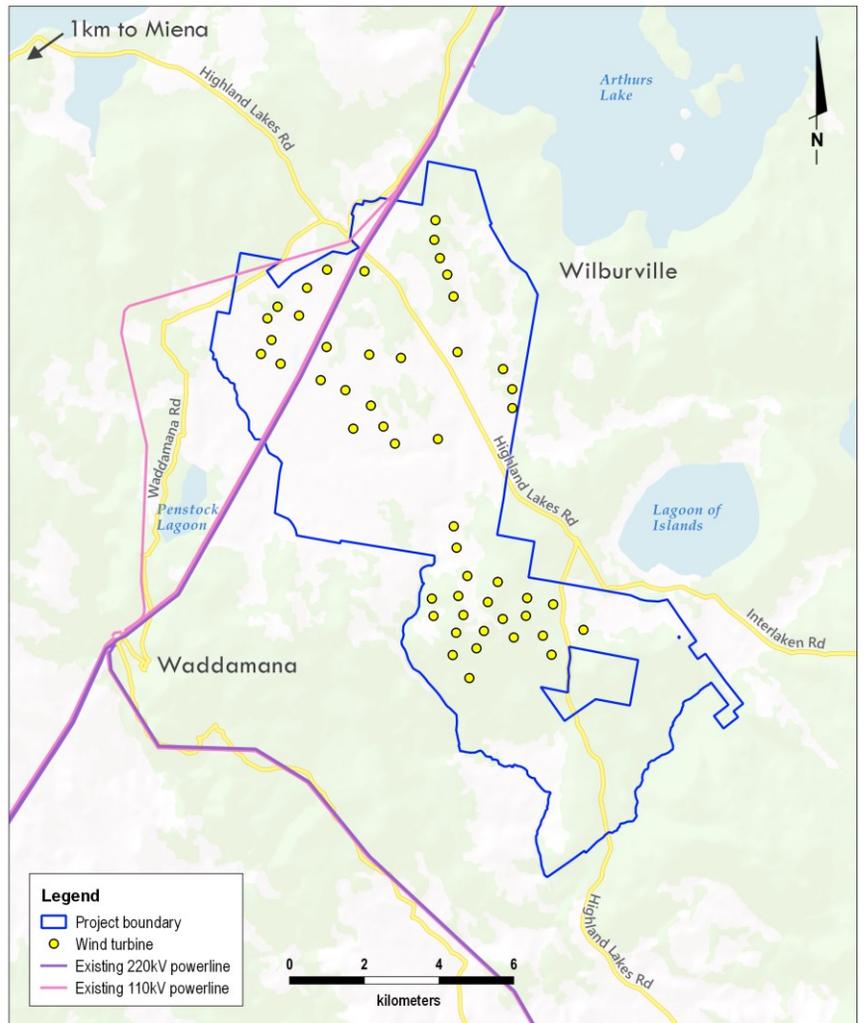
State planning process

- 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

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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



St Patricks Plains Wind Farm proposed layout of 50 wind turbines

Next steps

In the coming months we will host some smaller briefings with our consultant from Marshall Day Acoustics who was unfortunately unable to join us at the Miena information session as planned due to the short-notice Covid-19 border closure in Victoria. These briefings will provide interested community members with an opportunity to gain a better understanding of noise modelling and assessment. We will send out further information about this in due course.

Our eighth and final survey of eagle utilisation across the site will be completed shortly. Once this has been done we will collate all the data from both survey years and do a final review of the layout.

We intend to lodge the development application and accompanying Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) towards the end of the year. After the EIS has been reviewed and accepted it will go on exhibition for public submissions. Epuron will hold community information sessions when the proposal is on exhibition to provide an opportunity to discuss the EIS with the project team and ask any questions out about the proposal.

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