

Specimen Hill Wind Farm

Project Update

March 2021



Location



EPBC Act decision

The Commonwealth Government has determined the Specimen Hill Wind Farm proposal to be a 'controlled action' under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).

This means it will require controlling provisions for key species and the application must also be assessed and approved under the EPBC Act.

The project's EPBC referral decision is available from the [EPBC Act - Public notices portal](http://epbcnotices.environment.gov.au/publicnoticesreferrals/) (ID 2020/8864):
<http://epbcnotices.environment.gov.au/publicnoticesreferrals/>

Assessment studies underway

Australian-owned renewable energy company Epuron is preparing a development application for the proposed Specimen Hill Wind Farm, north-west of Kroombit Tops National Park and approximately 25km north-east of Biloele in central Queensland. For a map of the proposed layout and an outline of the planning process please see overleaf.

The onsite technical studies required for the application are nearing completion and Epuron is establishing agreements with the site's Traditional Owners, the First Nations Bailai, Gurang, Gooreng Gooreng, Taribelang Bunda People and the Gaangalu Nation People.

The project has also been referred to the Federal Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment for review under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) and determined to be a 'controlled action' (see left).

Prior to lodging the development application and accompanying environmental assessment the project team is hosting community information sessions this month in Biloele and Calliope - details below.

Information sessions

Epuron invites interested members of the community to join the Specimen Hill Wind Farm project team for a drop-in information session to learn more about the proposal and ask questions. Two sessions will be held:

Biloele

4-6pm, Tuesday 30 March
Biloele Civic Centre –
Supper Room
96 Rainbow Street

Calliope

4-6pm, Wednesday 31 March
Calliope Community Centre –
Meeting Room
3 Don Cameron Drive

Please RSVP: to manage Covid-19 requirements and catering please RSVP for your preferred session to Renee at Wall Planning & Environmental Consulting by Friday 26 March: **(07) 4445 5051** or mail@wallplanning.com.au

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Planning process for wind farms - Queensland

- 1 Site selection, initial concept and preliminary investigations
- 2 Pre-lodgement meeting with State Assessment and Referral Agency (SARA)

WE ARE HERE Studies and assessments (prescribed by SARA State Code 23)

- 4 Application and assessments submitted to SARA
- 5 *If required* - further information requested and further assessment
- 6 *If required* - public notification of proposal
- 7 Assessment
- 8 Determination

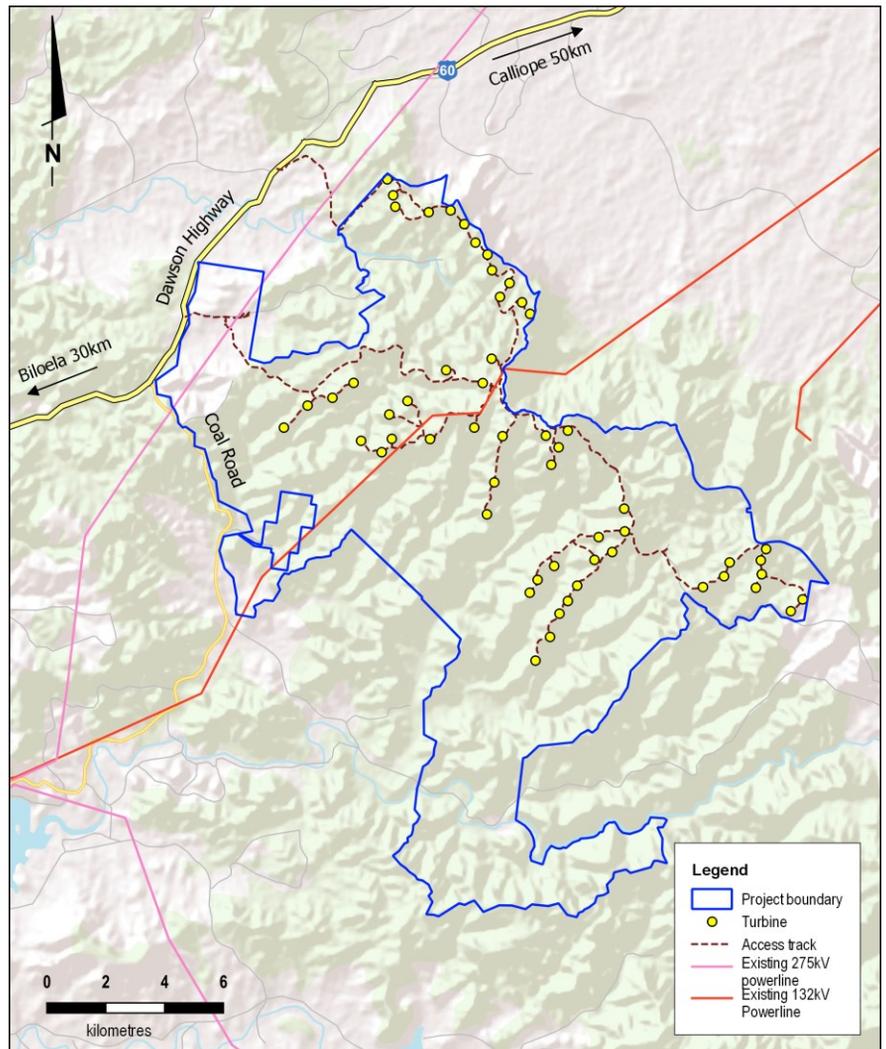
EPBC Act

- 1 Referral to the Federal Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment for review under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act)*
- 2 Referral decision

WE ARE HERE Request for information

- 4 Information provided
- 5 Determination

Specimen Hill Wind Farm proposed layout



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Register for project updates

Epuron is keen to keep interested members of the local community and other stakeholders up to date on this project and provide opportunities for feedback.

Register at epuron.com.au/mailing-list-details to receive newsletters via email. If you would prefer to receive them via mail please advise your preferred postal address to the project team (contact details bottom left). We respect your privacy and your personal details will only be used for this purpose.

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About Epuron

Epuron is a leading Australian-owned renewable energy company specialising in the design and planning of utility-scale wind and solar projects. Founded in 2003, the company has been involved in more than 20 renewable energy projects around Australia. For more information on our experience and Epuron’s current projects please visit epuron.com.au