

Western Plains Wind Farm

Project Update

April 2021



Location



Information session

Prior to lodging the final Development Proposal and Environmental Management Plan (DPEMP) Epuron will host an information session in Stanley.

This will give interested members of the local community an opportunity to discuss the proposal and assessments with the project team.

We anticipate hosting this session before the middle of the year. Details will be provided in the next update.

If you are not in the project's contact lists and would like to receive updates please register for email news at epuron.com.au/mailling-list-details/ or provide your preferred contact details to the project team – see contact details overleaf.

Development proposal almost ready

Epuron is preparing its final Development Proposal and Environmental Management Plan (DPEMP) for the Western Plains Wind Farm located at the tip of the Stanley peninsula in north-west Tasmania and is aiming to submit it to Circular Head Council and the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) Tasmania around the middle of the year.

Over the past two years the project team has been working on the route for the proposed powerline to connect the project to the Port Latta substation. Following extensive community consultation it is proposed that the powerline will be underground to minimise impacts to the community and the local environment. Working with landowners and in conjunction with TasNetworks an optimal route has been determined and advanced progress made on arrangements to connect the project to the national grid.

For more details on the proposed design please see the map overleaf.

The project team has also been working on responses to the EPA's feedback on a draft DPEMP that was submitted for review last year and providing further information to the Federal Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment which determined the project to be a controlled action under the Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act). This means the project will also require assessment and approval under the EPBC Act.

Find planning documents online

The project's EPBC Act referral decision is available on the EPBC Act public notices portal: epbcnotices.environment.gov.au/publicnoticesreferrals (ID referral number 2010/5712).

When the DPEMP is on public exhibition later this year it will be available on the EPA's online assessment portal: epa.tas.gov.au/assessment/assessments-in-progress/public-comment-invited

Thank you to all those who have engaged with us on this proposal to date. We will continue to work to minimise impacts and maximise the benefits of the Western Plains Wind Farm for the community.

For more information visit westernplainswindfarm.com.au

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Planning process

- 1 Site selection and preliminary investigations
- 2 Notice of Intent (NoI) lodged with the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) Tasmania
- 3 Project Specific Guidelines for the Development Proposal and Environmental Management Plan (DPEMP) issued by the EPA

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Studies, assessments and finalising site design

- 5 DPEMP submitted to Circular Head Council
- 6 Preliminary assessment by Council
- 7 DPEMP referred by Council to the EPA
- 8 DPEMP on exhibition for public submissions
- 9 Responses to public submissions (if required)
- 10 Assessment by the EPA Board
- 11 Determination by the EPA Board and approval conditions provided to Council
- 12 Assessment by Council
- 13 Determination by Council

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

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Request for information

- 4 Information provided

- 5 Determination by DAWE



Map above shows the proposed layout of 12 wind turbines at the tip of the Stanley peninsula, connected to Port Latta Substation via a new underground powerline.

Why clean energy?

Renewable sources of energy - wind, solar and hydro - are the most efficient and cheapest new sources of bulk energy generation. Growth in Tasmania's renewable energy capacity will deliver cleaner, cheaper and reliable electricity to households and businesses, create new employment and economic opportunities, and support the Tasmanian Government's target of 200% renewable energy generation by 2040.

Western Plains Wind Farm will create new jobs for construction and ongoing operation, provide work for local contractors and boost patronage for nearby retail and hospitality businesses. A Community Fund will also provide up to \$36,000 (\$3,000 per turbine) per annum for local initiatives and programs for the life of the project.

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