

Specimen Hill Wind Farm

Project Update

December 2021



Photomontage of the view from 'Rockford' 7005 Dawson Highway, looking south

Location



The site for Specimen Hill Wind Farm, approximately 25 km north-east of Biloela and 60 km south-west of Gladstone in central Queensland, is located in the Central Queensland Renewable Energy Zone (QREZ).

The Central QREZ is one of three key zones in Queensland identified by the Australian Energy Market Operator as optimal for new projects to support Australia's clean energy transition and help Queensland to meet its renewable energy target of 50% renewable energy generation by 2030.

The site has strong winds, good road transport access via the Dawson Highway, is distant from nearby townships and includes a powerline with available capacity, making it ideally located for wind energy generation.

Development application lodged

Australian renewable energy company Epuron has lodged its development application and accompanying assessment reports for the Specimen Hill Wind Farm with the Queensland Government's State Assessment and Referral Agency (SARA). The proposal involves 56 wind turbines and associated infrastructure on a site approximately 25 km north-east of Biloela in central Queensland. A map of the proposed layout is overleaf.

Epuron has also finalised the ecological survey work and submitted its response to a request for further information from the Australian Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment (DAWE) for the proposal's assessment under the Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act). Once this has been accepted by DAWE it will be placed on exhibition.

The project's EPBC Act referral documentation is available on the EPBC Act - Public notices portal (Referral number 2020/8864) at epbcnotices.environment.gov.au/publicnoticesreferrals/

Community information session

Epuron is planning to host an information session in Biloela in February 2022 to give interested members of the community an opportunity to learn more about the final proposal and discuss it with the project team. To be notified directly when the details have been confirmed please notify your interest to the project team – details following – or register for project updates. Register for email updates at epuron.com.au/mailling-list-details or to receive updates via post please email the project team with your name, postal address and a request to be added to the mailing list: info@specimenhillwindfarm.com.au

In the meantime questions and comments are welcome and can also be sent to the project team via email to info@specimenhillwindfarm.com.au or via the online feedback form at specimenhillwindfarm.com.au.

Thank you

Thank you to all those who have engaged with us on this project so far, we look forward to continuing to work with you in 2022. We wish everyone all the best for the festive season and a safe and happy new year.

Planning and assessment

The proposal will be assessed by both the Queensland Government through its State Assessment and Referral Agency and the Commonwealth Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment.

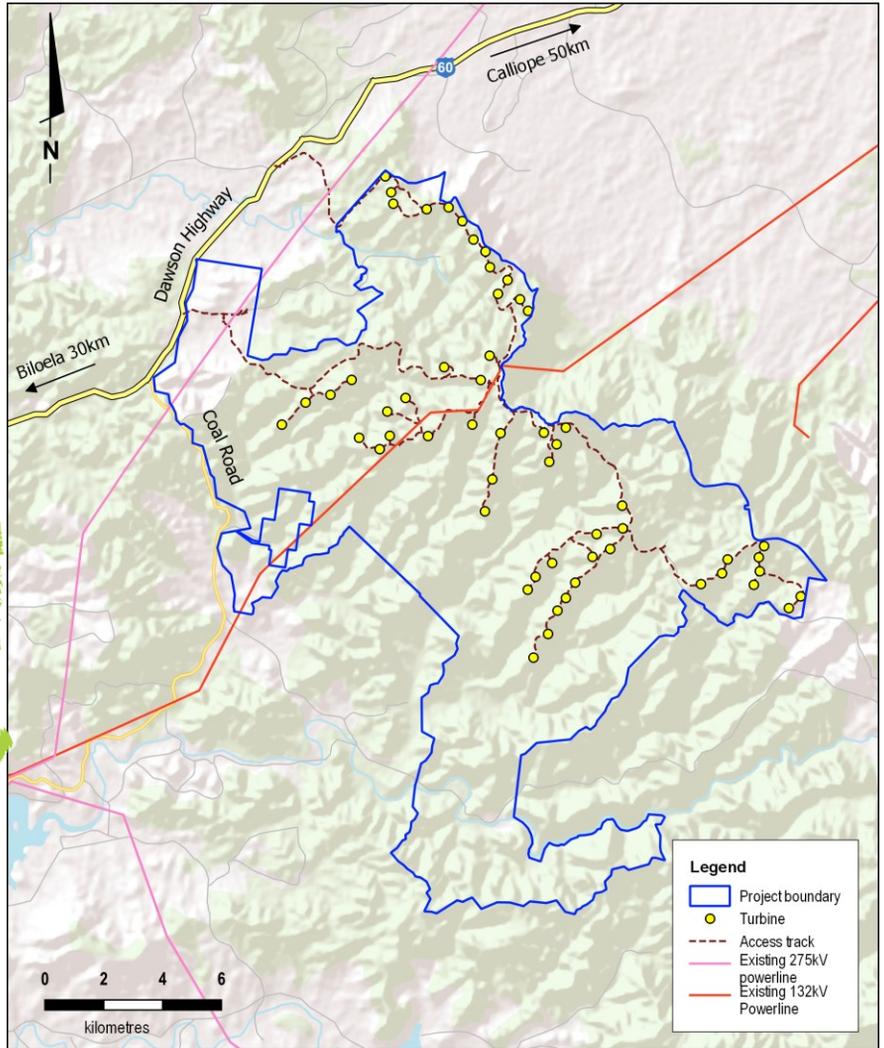
Queensland Government

- 1 Site selection, initial concept and preliminary investigations
- 2 Pre-lodgment meeting with State Assessment and Referral Agency (SARA)
- 3 Studies and assessments (prescribed by SARA State Code 23)
- 4 Application and assessments submitted to SARA

WE ARE HERE Assessment

- 6 Determination

Specimen Hill Wind Farm proposed layout



The proposed layout involves 56 wind turbines connected to existing powerlines.

Project benefits

JOBS - Specimen Hill Wind Farm is expected to provide 250-350 jobs during the construction period and 15-30 ongoing jobs during operation.

ECONOMIC BOOST - Construction would provide work for local and regional-based contractors and a significant boost to the local economy, in particular for surrounding accommodation, retail, service and hospitality businesses. Contractors and businesses can email the project team (see below) to register interest in providing services or facilities.

CLEAN ENERGY - Growth in Queensland's renewable energy capacity will deliver affordable, clean, reliable electricity to households and businesses and create economic opportunities for local communities. Once operational Specimen Hill Wind Farm would have a generation capacity of approximately 336 megawatts and support the Queensland Government's target of 50% renewable energy generation by 2030.

More information

Website: specimenhillwindfarm.com.au or scan the QR code

Newsletter updates: epuron.com.au/mailling-list-details

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Commonwealth

- 1 Referral to the Australian Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment for review under the Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act)
- 2 Decision: controlled action (Referral 2020/8864)
- 3 Request for further information (RFI)

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- 5 Response accepted and put on public exhibition
- 6 Determination