

## **Gullen Range Wind Farm**

# Sydney, 20th August 2013

# **Project Update**

Gullen Range Wind Farm received planning approval under Part 3a of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act from the Land & Environment Court in 2009. The project consists of 73 wind turbines which are located on 2 sites known as 'Bannister' and 'Pomeroy'.

The wind farm is currently under construction by Goldwind Australia who is acting as the EPC contractor.

Twelve wind turbines have been fully erected and major civil works on the Bannister site will be completed in the next week.

Works are underway in the southern most section of the wind farm. In total 56 foundations have now been poured and on site roads for the entire site are approximately 80% complete.

The project construction is due to be completed in early 2014 and upon completion will generate 165.5MW of renewable energy to the NSW electricity network.

## **GRWF** development and approval process

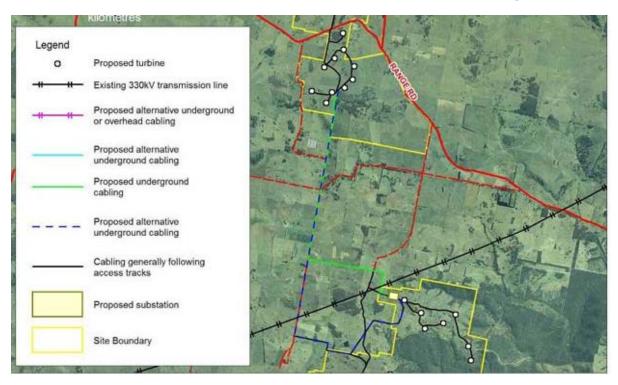
The planning and approval process for the wind farm culminated in a planning application supported by an Environmental Impact Assessment (EA) which is produced to identify the infrastructure required including cabling, and makes assessment of environmental impacts associated with the wind farm during construction, operation and decommissioning.

This independent assessment included the identification of the cable connection between to two parcels of land (please refer to image extracted from Page 34 of the EA below). The EA was displayed publicly prior to the submission to the Department of Planning in locations across Upper Lachlan Shire and neighbouring Goulburn Mulwarree. The identification in the EA of the infrastructure collectively forms the project description and forms the basis for the application to NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure to be approved.

Following the public display of the EA, the Project Approval application was reviewed by ULSC and the NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure and at the conclusion of the entire process the project was approved.

The project approval relates to the aspects of the wind farm identified within the project description and wider EA. The cable route described within the EA forms part of that approval.





(Fig 3-14: Electricity reticulation extracted from Page 34 of the EA)

The location and works involved relating to the connection cable are consistent with the approval.

The project team will continue to work closely with relevant parties to reach agreement on the process of installation of the approved connection cabling.

#### **Local economic benefits**

During the construction phase of the project there have been numerous economic and social benefits to the local community including employment, infrastructure upgrades and sourcing of local materials. The project construction workforce is approximately 70% local, infrastructure upgrades including more than \$4 million of local roads and direct economic benefits such as of over \$12million of locally supplied resources and materials.

The project will continue to impart social and economic benefits throughout the construction and operation of the wind farm and we will continue to work with local stakeholders in the implementation of other identified local infrastructure upgrades where necessary.

During the operation of the wind farm there is a community enhancement program which is to be administered locally and will inject over \$120,000 in to the community every year. This program has been developed following consultation with the community and includes community feedback.

## **Keeping the community informed:**

Stakeholder consultation is a key objective for the Goldwind.

Goldwind regularly undertakes stakeholder engagement through a variety of methods which are regularly updated to ensure the stakeholders are aware of progress and have avenues to contact the project team on.





The project website (<a href="www.gullenrangewindfarm.com">www.gullenrangewindfarm.com</a>) contains full details of the planning and assessment process and also contains updates on progress, delivery schedules and other documents relating to the project.

The Project team is committed to working closely with the community and stakeholders. For further information on the Project or planned works please contact the project team on:

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### **Goldwind Australia**

Gullen Range Wind Farm is being constructed under an EPC contract by Goldwind Australia and is owned within the Goldwind group of companies.

Goldwind Australia was established in 2009 to serve the Australian and regional wind power markets.

The 165.5MW Gullen Range Wind Farm is Goldwind's second wind farm in Australia following the successful 19.5MW Mortons Lane Wind Farm which was completed at the end of 2012.