

St Patricks Plains Wind Farm

Project Update

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Photomontage of the wind farm from Highland Lakes Road near Steppes Hall

Location



The site for St Patricks Plains Wind Farm is about 10 km south-east of Miena and 30 km north of Bothwell in the Central Highlands. It is located within one of Tasmania's candidate renewable energy zones, areas identified by the Australian Energy Market Operator as optimal for new renewable energy generation.

Key project statistics:

- 47 wind turbines
- Up to 300 megawatts
- Up to 200 jobs during construction and up to 20 jobs during operation.
- Construction period of approximately 24 months.

Project to bring local job opportunities

As Tasmania takes advantage of Australia's energy transition it provides a huge opportunity for job growth in the state, with the majority of new jobs being created in regional areas.

Residents in and around the Central Highlands have asked about the types of jobs that might be available in association with the construction and operation of the St Patricks Plains Wind Farm and the experience, skills and training that might be required.

Please see overleaf a table outlining some of the key job opportunities. Typically, the main construction contract for a utility-scale wind project is awarded to a large contractor who then sub-contracts many of the tasks, equipment and workers. Construction and operation of a utility-scale wind farm involves a range of jobs: labourers, machine operators and drivers, trades, professional services and managers.

Do you live locally and are you interested in potential job opportunities associated with the St Patricks Plains Wind Farm?

Epuron is committed to maximising the local benefits of this project and we are especially keen to hear from residents who are interested in work opportunities and live close enough to commute from home.

To register interest to provide work or services on the project please send your details and qualifications to the project team via email to:

suppliers@stpatricksplainswindfarm.com.au

Assessment update

The Environment Protection Authority Tasmania is currently reviewing the project's Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to ensure it adequately addresses the Project Specific Guidelines. Upon receipt of their advice the EIS will be amended or updated as required and then the Development Application (DA) and EIS will be lodged with Central Highlands Council. This is likely to occur after the local council elections.

After review of the documentation by Council the application will be placed on public exhibition and stakeholders and community members will have the opportunity to review it and make a submission. During the exhibition period the project team will also host local information sessions.

Civil works ~12-18 months	Site construction management ~2 years
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Labourers • Machinery operators - trucks, excavators, rollers, grader, dozers. • Crushing plant operators, loader operators • Steel fixers • Concreters • Carpenters • Tree fellers • Agitator truck drivers • Crane operators, riggers, dogmen • Cleaners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project manager • Project supervisors • Project administrators • Electrical engineers • Civil engineers • Lead electricians • Lead mechanical fitters • Health, safety and environmental advisors • Cleaners • Security
Electrical installation ~12-15 months	Wind turbine installation ~1 year
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Labourers - cable installation • Drivers - excavators, dozers, tractors (tow sand carts, cable reels etc) • Electricians • Cable joiners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Escort vehicle drivers – component delivery • Crane operators, riggers, dogmen • Truck drivers • Electricians • Mechanical fitters • Turbine cleaners
Local businesses	Operations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local sub-contractors supplying watercarts, 10-yard trucks, excavators, rollers etc. • Equipment hire suppliers • Shed construction - supply and installation of offices and sheds • Carpenters, builders, plumbers to supply and install permanent offices and maintenance sheds • Local food / drink services / operators • Accommodation providers 	<p>Typically employed ahead of time, during construction period.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electricians • Mechanical fitters • Administrators • Site manager • Bird and bat monitoring • Environmental services • Cleaners

For more information on the job opportunities in the renewable energy sector see the Clean Energy Council's new online **Clean Energy Careers Guide:**

www.cleanenergycouncil.org.au/advocacy-initiatives/workforce-development/careers-guide

Launched as part of National Skills Week 2022, the Clean Energy Careers Guide provides detailed information on career opportunities including what each job involves, qualifications needed and transferable skills. It has four sections: by occupation and demand, by technology, by occupation type and by career pathway.

More information

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