

Rye Park Wind Farm

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The Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Rye Park wind farm has been finalised and was submitted to the NSW Department of Planning & Infrastructure (DPI) for assessment just prior to Christmas. This milestone was the culmination of a number of development activities including the incorporation of results from our specialist studies into the EA and the inclusion of community consultation feedback into the layout of the wind farm. The EA is in the process of being reviewed for adequacy by DPI and is expected to be publicly exhibited in the near future. Further announcements will be made regarding public exhibition of the EA once details are known.

In the meantime we remain interested to receive any feedback or comments you may have regarding the project and contact details are listed below.

Environmental Assessment Submitted

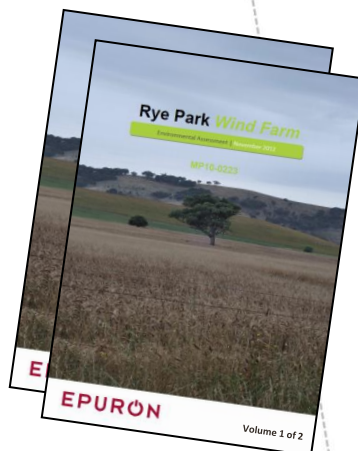
As mentioned above, the EA has been submitted and will be publicly exhibited in the near future following adequacy review by the DPI.

The EA was prepared to assess the potential environmental impacts and highlight the key benefits associated with the development of the wind farm. The EA will be assessed by the DPI as a Major Project under Part 3A of the NSW Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

We believe the Rye Park Wind Farm project is supported by a majority of people living in the local community and trust that the public exhibition of the EA will allow the community to continue to make informed decisions about the merits of the project.

The EA comprises a main report which sets out in detail the environmental assessment for the project (volume 1) and additional project information (such as maps and consultant reports) in the form of attachments and appendices (volume 2). The main report covers both the turbines and powerline routes.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the many stakeholders and community members who have contributed to the EA by providing their suggestions and feedback on the project all of which have been very helpful in producing, what we believe, is a thorough and well developed wind farm.



Community Consultation Committee

The Community Consultation Committee (CCC) established for the project held its fourth meeting in Yass on 17 December 2012.

The latest project information was presented and discussed at the meeting. Details of CCC meetings and minutes can be found at www.epuron.com.au/project/rye-park/downloads/. The next CCC meeting will be held during public exhibition of the EA - date TBC.

Wind Farm Sound & Health

A recent report released by the Victorian Department of Health has found that the inaudible sound caused by wind farms, known as infrasound, is no worse than that from other rural and urban environments and does not affect human health.

The Health Department review, assessed the evidence and found it does not support claims that inaudible sounds can have direct physiological effects.

The report says infrasound is generated by many sources, such as trains, breaking waves and airconditioners. The department found the evidence showed wind farms produced no more infrasound than the background level in other environments.

A copy of the report can be found on the departments website at www.health.vic.gov.au/.

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Wind Farm Layout

The following wind farm layout forms part of the EA submitted to DPI and incorporates results from our specialist studies and community consultation feedback.

