

Western Plains Wind Farm



Photomontage showing what Western Plains Wind Farm would look like from The Nut.

New project owner

In May 2022 Ark Energy completed its friendly acquisition of Epuron, the proponent for the Western Plains Wind Farm, and in October 2022 the Epuron name was retired.

Ark Energy is a subsidiary of Korea Zinc, the first major refiner to join RE100 and commit to powering its global operations from 100% clean energy by 2050.

The Ark Energy team will continue the work of delivering renewable energy projects in Tasmania and across Australia as the country focuses on decarbonising the electricity sector and the creation of new jobs in the industries of the future.

There are no changes to the plans for the Western Plains Wind Farm as a result of the project's change in ownership.

Project update

The Western Plains Wind Farm project team continues to progress the work required for the development application under the new planning scheme and the requirements of both the Environment Protection Authority Tasmania and under the Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*.

The opportunity to provide local green power to the community is also under consideration given the advantages of a new, underground powerline as proposed, from the project via Stanley to Port Latta substation.

Work opportunities outlined in new guide

As Tasmania takes advantage of Australia's energy transition it provides a significant opportunity for job growth, mostly in regional areas and for civil works including machine operators and drivers, trades and technicians.

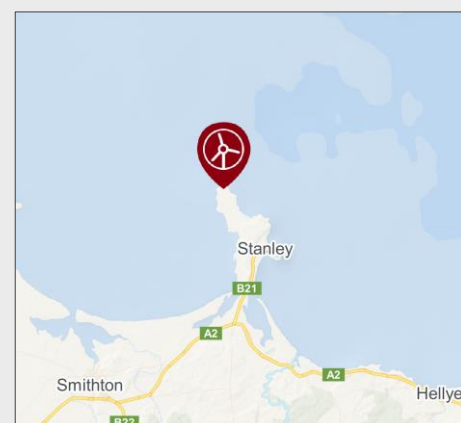
Australia's Clean Energy Council has published an online careers guide with job descriptions, required qualifications and transferable skills, opportunities by technology and occupation, and career pathways.

The guide is available online at: cleanenergycouncil.org.au/advocacy-initiatives/workforce-development/careers-guide

Season's greetings

Thank you to everyone who has engaged with us and provided input for this project to date. We wish the Stanley and wider community a safe and enjoyable festive season, and look forward to updating you again in 2023.

Location



The site for the Western Plains Wind Farm is at the tip of the Stanley peninsula, about 4.5km from the town of Stanley in the north west of Tasmania.

It is located within one of Tasmania's candidate renewable energy zones, areas identified by the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) as optimal for new renewable energy generation.

Tasmania's north west has some of the best wind resources in Australia. AEMO's 2022 Integrated System Plan forecasts that approximately 1,300 megawatts of new wind energy capacity could be installed in Tasmania's north west by 2050.

The Western Plains Wind Farm proposal involves 12 wind turbines with a total estimated capacity of 50.4 megawatts.

Planning & assessment

The Development Application (DA) will be determined by Circular Head Council and the Development Proposal and Environmental Management Plan (DPEMP) will be assessed by the Environment Protection Authority Tasmania (EPA).

- 1 Site selection and preliminary investigations ✓
- 2 Notice of Intent lodged with the EPA ✓
- 3 Project Specific Guidelines for the DPEMP issued by the EPA ✓
- 4 Studies, assessments, site design **WE ARE HERE**
- 5 Design completed, preparing DPEMP for lodgment
- 6 DA and DPEMP submitted to Circular Head Council
- 7 DPEMP referred by Council to the EPA
- 8 DA and DPEMP on public exhibition for public comment
- 9 Responses to submissions and requests for additional information - *if required*
- 10 Assessment by the EPA
- 11 Determination by the EPA and approval conditions provided to Council
- 12 Assessment by Council
- 13 Determination by Council



Australian Government

Referral to the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) for review under the Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).

* Determined a controlled action with assessment by preliminary documentation (PD) (Ref 2010/5712).

- 1 **WE ARE HERE**
- 2 Request for further information (RFI) **WE ARE HERE**
- 3 Response to RFI submitted
- 4 PD on public exhibition for comment
- 5 Revisions - *if required*
- 6 Determination by DCCEEW

Western Plains Wind Farm site map - 12 wind turbines



Questions and feedback

Questions and feedback are welcome at any time and can be sent to the project team via info@westernplainswindfarm.com.au or the form under the 'Feedback' tab on the project website.

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