

# Collinsville Green Energy Hub



Photograph of the project area

## Information centre in Collinsville

Ark Energy now has a local information centre for its Collinsville Green Energy Hub.

Located in Collinsville, the official opening of the centre last November was a great success and attracted a sizeable crowd including Whitsunday Regional Council Mayor Julie Hall, Councillor for Division 4 Michelle Wright, participating landowners, representatives from local businesses and residents from Collinsville and surrounding areas.

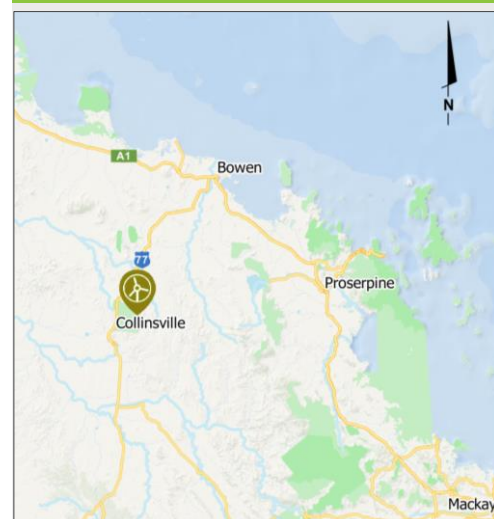
Visitors at the opening heard from Ark Energy's CEO Daniel Kim about plans for the \$7.5 billion project and from the company's General Manager Development for Queensland Anthony Russo about the importance for Ark Energy of being part of the local community.

Mayor Hall said she was pleased to see the establishment of the information centre and Ark Energy demonstrating its commitment to Collinsville and the Whitsunday region.

The centre is located at 47 Railway Road in Collinsville and open weekly on Wednesdays, attended by Collinsville local Holly Watts who has joined the project team.

Visit: Collinsville Green Energy Hub Information Centre, 47 Railway Road.  
Open Wednesdays or by appointment.

## Location



The project area for the Collinsville Green Energy Hub is about 80 km south-west of Bowen. It is within the Northern Queensland Renewable Energy Zone, one of the key regions in Queensland identified as optimal for new renewable energy generation.

- Expected to generate ~\$1 billion in local and regional expenditure.
- Expected to create 350+ jobs during construction and 15-30 full-time jobs for operation.
- A significant economic boost for the Whitsunday, Mackay, Burdekin and Isaac Regional Council areas.
- Start of construction target: 2027
- Target for completion: 2030
- Capacity of up to ~3,000 MW
- Result in a net reduction in greenhouse gas emissions of 3,000,000 t CO<sub>2</sub>-e / yr.



Visitors joined the Ark Energy project team, Whitsunday Regional Council's Mayor Julie Hall and Division 4 Councillor Michelle Wright for the November 2022 official opening of the project's local information centre.

## Planning & assessment

### Queensland Government

- 1 Site selection, initial concept and preliminary investigations **WE ARE HERE**
- 2 Pre-lodgment meeting with the State Assessment and Referral Agency (SARA)
- 3 Studies and technical assessments (prescribed by SARA State code 23)
- 4 Development application and assessments lodged with SARA
- 5 Request from SARA for further information (if required) and response
- 6 Assessment
- 7 Determination



### Australian Government

- 1 Referral to the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) for review under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) **Due Q4 2023**
- 2 Determination and advice on assessment pathway
- 3 Preparation of assessment
- 4 Draft assessment submitted for adequacy review
- 5 Request from DCCEEW for further information (if required) and response
- 6 Assessment accepted by DCCEEW and placed on public exhibition
- 7 Response to submissions (if required) and lodgment of updated assessment
- 8 Final assessment submitted
- 9 Determination

## Collinsville colour chaos!

Ark Energy's Collinsville Green Energy Hub project team enjoyed exercising their paint throwing skills at Collinsville State School's 2023 Colour Run on Saturday, 25 March.

The team, which included Collinsville Green Energy Hub project manager Trina Jensen and local project team member Holly Watts, had great fun being part of this fantastic community event for the first time, and worked their way through three buckets of Ark Energy green paint powder at the Ark Energy station.

Congratulations to Collinsville State School community on hosting such a successful event and thank you for the opportunity to participate - we look forward to returning next year!



Ark Energy's Collinsville Green Energy Hub project team enjoyed the opportunity to put their green paint throwing game to the test as a sponsor of Collinsville State School's 2023 Colour Run.

## Project update

Wind monitoring in the project area is continuing, further proving the excellent wind resource. There are currently three mobile wind monitoring units (Sodars) installed on the site and plans are underway to install two 150 m high meteorological masts. Additional mobile wind monitoring units (Sodar and Lidar) and, subject to council approval, four more meteorological masts are due to be installed early next year.

The project team is also engaging with the project area's Traditional Owner groups to ensure best practice management of cultural heritage and progressing work for the various other studies required including preliminary ecology surveys.

The findings from the resource monitoring and preliminary studies will inform the project's initial concept design, which is anticipated to be ready later this year.

## Questions and comments

Questions and feedback are welcome at any time and where possible input from community members and other local stakeholders is incorporated into the project design to improve outcomes and local benefits. Comments can be sent to the project team via the contact details below or the form available under the 'Feedback' tab on the project website.

## More information

**Visit** - Collinsville Green Energy Hub Information Centre, 47 Railway Road, Collinsville. Open Wednesdays and by appointment.

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