

EPURON to host community information day for local wind energy projects

Sydney, December 3, 2008: EPURON is pleased to invite the local community to an information day on Wednesday 10th December to learn more about their proposal to build a wind farm on ridges in the Coppabella range, Marilba Hills and Carrolls Ridge to the west and south-west of Yass.

The purpose of the information day is to provide an opportunity for the community to see preliminary concepts of the proposal and preliminary results of the environmental studies as well as having the EPURON project team and specialists on hand to answer any questions.

"We are seeking input and comments from the community- which we see as essential to refining our proposal and developing the best possible wind farm on the site," Simon Davey, EPURON Project Director said.

"We hope that anyone who has questions, comments, concerns or just wants to learn more about this exciting project will come along and meet with our team of experts," Mr Davey said.

Date: Wednesday 10th December, 2008
Time: 2pm-7pm (drop in any time)
Place: Motel Royal Tara, Stephens St, Binalong

EPURON has now submitted a Project Application to the Department of Planning seeking its requirements for the Environmental Assessment of the project. The Project Application is the first stage of the project approval process. It outlines the project under consideration sufficiently to allow the Department of Planning to specify its requirements in relation to EPURON's Environmental Assessment.

The Project Application was lodged following a Planning Focus Meeting (PFM) which was held on-site on the 14th and 15th of October. The PFM is a forum that enables relevant government agencies to provide input to the Department of Planning in formulating the environmental assessment requirements for the proposal.

Preliminary environmental investigations at the site have commenced and include background noise measurements, flora and fauna (including bird and bat) investigations, assessment of aboriginal and European heritage values, visual impact studies and traffic and communications studies. The results of these studies, along with community feedback, will enable EPURON to finalise the proposal (including the number and location of turbines, electricity connections and access roads) for submission to the Department of Planning in the coming months.

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