

# White Rock *Wind Farm*

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Epuron is investigating the feasibility of a wind farm on the elevated ridges approximately 20 km west of Glen Innes. The White Rock wind farm will consist of around 100 wind turbines on the ridges shown on the map below. The site is in the vicinity of a number of other proposed wind farms, including the Glen Innes, Sapphire and Ben Lomond wind farms and lies in both the Glen Innes Severn and Inverell Shire council areas.



## What is the process?

Epuron has lodged a project application with the NSW Department of Planning. This application triggers government agencies and other stakeholders to identify what needs to be investigated and assessed in an Environmental Assessment (EA) and results in the issuing of Director General's Requirements (DGRs) which guide the contents of the EA.

A copy of the project application and preliminary EA will be available to view on the department's website shortly: [www.planning.nsw.gov.au](http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au)

Epuron has begun consultation within the local community and will aim to make contact with all landowners within 5 kms of the proposed site.

Further work on the design of the project and detailed impact assessments will be carried out shortly. This information will be presented to the community in an Open House event, where suggestions and comments on the project will be invited.

When the EA is submitted to the Department of Planning, it will be checked against the DGRs. Upon acceptance it will go on public exhibition providing the community with the opportunity to comment.

## Community Involvement

The project is in the early stages of planning. Epuron is keen to engage with the local community to ensure:


- all relevant issues are considered by Epuron in the design and assessment of the project; and
- the community is fully informed about the development.


The aim of consultation is to determine how to develop the best wind farm possible on this site. Epuron will provide information and consult with the local community, Councils and other stakeholders about the project. This will include newsletters and personal meetings, and an open house information day.


We hope to ensure strong local support for the wind farm, however, we recognise that opinions in relation to wind farms are a personal matter.

The date for the open house will be advertised in the Glen Innes Examiner and registered parties will be advised by email or post. Whether you support the development or have concerns about it, if you live in the vicinity of the proposed wind farm we would ask that you register with us so we can keep you informed. We will only use your details to send you information about the White Rock Wind Farm.

### Register your interest by:

 **Write to us:** White Rock Wind Farm  
C/- Epuron Pty Ltd  
Level 11, 75 Miller Street  
North Sydney NSW 2060

 **Email us:** [info@epuron.com.au](mailto:info@epuron.com.au)

 **Phone us:** 02 8456 7400

## Who is Epuron?

Epuron Pty Ltd is a NSW based renewable energy company active in the development of wind and solar projects. Epuron has received development consent for five wind energy projects in NSW at Snowy Plains, Cullerin Range, Conroy's Gap, Silverton near Broken Hill and Gullen Range. We are the most experienced wind energy developer in NSW and one of the largest in Australia.

Epuron operates out of offices in North Sydney where it has a professional team with considerable project development expertise. We undertake our own wind monitoring, site layout and design, and use appropriate specialists for detailed site investigations such as biodiversity, noise and visual impact assessments.

## Project Status

Field studies which are part of the biodiversity and archaeology assessment of the wind farm site have commenced and background noise measurements are underway at selected locations around the wind farm to enable a detailed noise assessment to be completed.

Epuron has confirmed the feasibility of connecting the wind farm to TransGrid's upgraded 132kV transmission line which will run adjacent to the Gwydir Highway.

A new site wind monitoring mast was installed in September to allow the site wind data to be verified.



View of the site to the south from the Gwydir Highway



Installation of new site wind monitoring mast



# White Rock *Wind Farm*

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The proposed White Rock wind farm will consist of up to 119 wind turbines on the ridges approximately 20km west of Glen Innes.



Contact us with your feedback



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## Next Steps

EPURON is busy preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the project which will be lodged with the NSW Department of Planning in December.

Following an adequacy check, the EA will be placed on public exhibition to allow feedback and comments to be provided to EPURON and the Department of Planning.

The EA will provide details of the proposed wind farm and assessment of the following key impacts:

- Visual impacts
- Noise impacts
- Flora and Fauna
- Indigenous Heritage
- Traffic and Transport
- Hazards and Risks
- Water supply, quality and waterways
- General Environmental Risks

The project application, preliminary EA and the Director General's Requirements can be found on the NSW Department of

Planning website at :  
<http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au>

# Open House Information Day

EPURON was pleased with the positive response and feedback received during the information day held on 3 November in Glen Innes.

An estimated 40 people attended the event where details of the proposed wind farm project were on display. The information included maps showing the planned locations of wind turbines and other associated infrastructure including substations, power lines and access tracks. Photomontages showing the likely view of the completed wind farm from a number of locations around the site were on display.

EPURON's specialist consultants were on hand to explain the process for the biodiversity, archaeology and noise impact assessments currently being carried out across the site. Photographs of a number of other wind farms around NSW and Australia were shown to provide an indication of the activities during the construction and operation of a wind farm.

EPURON would like to thank the community for their input and positive attitude to the proposed project. The feedback has been used as part of refining the design of the wind farm in preparation for submission of the Environmental Assessment.



Noise data logger used to record background noise measurements at house locations around the wind farm site

## Project Status

EPURON is currently refining the project design based on feedback received at the Information Day as well as on the results of the biodiversity, archaeology, noise and visual impact assessments.

The locations of wind turbines and other infrastructure such as access tracks and power lines have been modified to take into account specific constraints identified through the field studies and to minimise environmental impacts.



Epuron's Executive Director Andrew Durran inspecting the site layout map at the Open House Information Day

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## Photomontage for White Rock Wind Farm



Artists representation of the view from Gwydir Highway.

PHOTOMONTAGE BY ANDREW DURRAN



## Community feed back form.

You can help us understand the impact of the proposed White Rock wind farm on the local area by taking a few minutes to fill out this form. The results will be collated and used in the environmental assessment of the proposed wind farm.

Your feedback is particularly useful to us in three ways:

1. To make sure we have thoroughly identified community concerns,
2. To make sure we haven't missed any important local information,
3. To feed this information back into the project and thereby allow for the best possible wind farm proposal to be submitted.

Please be as specific as possible with your feedback; attach another sheet if you need more space.

1. What do you value the most about the local area:

- Views
- Community / family ties
- Historic values
- Recreation opportunities
- Work opportunities
- Other .....

2. What is your interest in the local area (please provide details)

- Industry (Agriculture or Mining).....
- Recreation / tourism: .....
- Live nearby:.....
- Work nearby.....
- Other.....

3. Which statements describe you (tick all those that apply)

- I may see the wind farm from my house
- I may see the wind farm from my property or from my place of work
- I am a resident of the area in which the wind farm may be located
- I am a landowner involved with the proposal
- I may see the wind farm from a place of recreation. Where from?.....

4. What do you like about wind farms, in general?

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5. What do you dislike about wind farms, in general?

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## Community feed back form.

6. If you have concerns about this proposal, please state them under any headings that are relevant below.

**a.** Environmental issues (plants, animals, soils, water, air):

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**b.** Visual issues:

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**c.** Aboriginal or non-indigenous heritage issues:

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**d.** Noise issues:

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**e.** Recreation issues:

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**f.** Health issues:

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**g.** Community issues:

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**h.** Other issues:

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Please attach further comments on a separate sheet or send further correspondence to:  
Andrew Wilson, Epuron, Level 11, 75 Miller Street North Sydney, NSW

## WHITE ROCK WIND FARM

### INFORMATION DAY

EPURON is developing a wind farm on the elevated ridges approximately 20km west of Glen Innes.

We're holding an information day in Glen Innes for the local community. It will allow you learn more about the proposed wind farm, provide your input and ask questions of the Epuron development team and our specialist consultants.

**Date:** Wednesday 3rd November 2010

**Time:** 2pm-7pm (drop in anytime)

**Place:** Conference Room, Glen Innes  
Severn Learning Centre,  
71 Grey Street Glen Innes

For further details, please contact:  
Andrew Wilson on 8456 7400

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