

## Media Release

### Liverpool Range Wind Farm achieves planning consent

Sydney, 3 April 2018

The NSW Minister for Planning has today announced approval for the Liverpool Range Wind Farm, Australia's largest wind farm at over 1,000 megawatts (MW).

Liverpool Range wind farm will be a major part of the electricity transition in NSW as older coal-fired power stations are retired. It will materially reduce the State's greenhouse gas emissions as well as save millions of litres of water currently used in coal-fired power stations.

This will help keep NSW energy costs low and the lights on.

The Liverpool Range Wind Farm, located between Coolah and Cassilis around 100km north east of Mudgee, will consist of up to 267 wind turbines. The wind farm will make use of an excellent wind resource and has a strong grid connection into the Wellington Wollar 330kV power network 30km south of the site.

The wind farm will provide direct benefits to the communities of Coolah and Cassilis through increased employment, investment, economic benefits and a significant Community Enhancement Fund.

Martin Poole, Executive Director, said "Epuron thanks the community for coming on board with this wind farm. We particularly thank the Community Consultative Committee, involved landowners, neighbours, local businesses and other community members, and both Warrumbungle and Upper Hunter Shire Councils, with whom we have worked over the years to progress the project to this point".

After almost 15 years working on wind and solar projects around Australia, Epuron continues to be committed to the clean, new energy system that Australians, and importantly our children, expect and demand" said Mr Poole.

The Liverpool Range Wind Farm could power around 380,000 homes, generating clean electricity, and will

- bring jobs and opportunity with the injection of up to \$250 million into the local economy;
- provide local community benefits via a Community Enhancement Fund of up to \$800,000 per annum (based on \$3,000 per wind turbine built);
- save the equivalent of over 6,000 Olympic sized swimming pools of water per annum which would otherwise be used by coal generation;
- save up to 2.4 million tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions each year and over 47 million tonnes over the life of the project.

Epuron looks forward to the Liverpool Range Wind Farm progressing to construction to capture the full benefits it will bring to the Coolah-Cassilis region.

#### About Epuron:

Founded in 2003, Epuron is Australia's leading renewable energy company with a focus on developing wind farms and solar power stations.

Epuron is one of Australia's most successful renewable energy developers. It has a leading track record in wind projects in NSW where it has developed the highest yielding wind farm, largest wind farm, the largest number of wind farms, and the largest number of wind turbines. Epuron is now applying its experience around Australia, with wind projects under development in Tasmania, Queensland and South Australia.

Operational wind farms developed by Epuron include Cullerin Range (built by Origin Energy, owned by Energy Developments); Gullen Range Wind Farm (built by Goldwind Australia and owned by New Gullen Range Wind Farm Pty Ltd); White Rock Wind Farm near Glen Innes built by Goldwind Australia and jointly owned by CECWPC and Goldwind; and Silverton Wind Farm, under construction by AGL Energy / Powering Australia Renewables Fund.

Epuron has also completed development of a number of other construction-ready wind farm projects including Rye Park Wind Farm, in pre-construction phase and owned by Tilt Renewables and Yass Valley Wind Farm, in pre-construction phase and owned by Goldwind Australia, along with several other projects in other states.

In solar energy, Epuron's focus is megawatt-scale power generation in both grid-connected and off-grid markets. Epuron developed, built, owns and operates the TKLN Solar project - three high penetration solar power stations in remote communities in the NT which displace diesel power generation. Epuron also owns and operates the 4.1MW Uterne Solar Power Plant near Alice Springs and built owns and operates the 1.8MW solar power station at Yulara – Ayer's Rock Resort.

Epuron has also co-developed the Clermont Solar Farm, 93MW in QLD, which was acquired by Wirsol Energy in December 2017 and is now under construction; and the Nevertire Solar Farm, 130MW in NSW, Walgett Solar Farm, 32MW in NSW, and Katherine Solar Farm, 32MW in the Northern Territory, all of which are approved and preparing for construction.

For more information contact:

Executive Director, Martin Poole 0411 159 114

Executive Director, Andrew Durran 0407 206 199

Senior Project Manager, Donna Bolton 0405 535 325

Project Manager, Julian Kasby 0411 638 651

For more information about the Liverpool Range Wind Farm visit:

[http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au/index.pl?action=view\\_job&job\\_id=6696](http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au/index.pl?action=view_job&job_id=6696)

<http://epuron.com.au/wind/liverpool-range/>

