

EPURON | Western Plains Wind Farm

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What is happening with the wind farm project?

Since the last newsletter our ongoing focus has been on the route of the underground powerline which will connect the wind farm to the Port Latta substation.

A number of properties along the proposed corridor have changed ownership and we have been working with landowners, community groups and government agencies to identify a route that minimises impacts and is technically feasible.

We are also adding the final details of our completed surveys to the Development Proposal and Environmental Management Plan (DPEMP) so we can lodge this with the EPA Tasmania and submit the Development Application (DA) to the Circular Head Council.

The Epuron team thanks all of those who have engaged with us in discussion to enable us to identify a preferred powerline corridor, it is much appreciated.

Marinus Link, Battery of the Nation, Western Plains Wind Farm... how does it all link?

HydroTas and TasNetworks are just two of the agencies working on the Marinus Link project – a plan to add a new undersea electrical interconnector between North West Tasmania and Victoria. The new Marinus Link and the North West Transmission Upgrade project could add 1,500 MW of electrical capacity between Tasmania and the mainland. This connection capacity would be in addition to the existing 500 MW Basslink.

While Tasmania is close to being self sufficient thanks to hydro, solar, wind and gas, supplying generation to the mainland has a number of advantages for Tasmania.

- It would 'sell' Tasmania's natural electricity from water, wind and solar energy to the mainland.
- With more wind and solar installed water storages stay high and can be used for high value generation, pumped storage and irrigation.
- When the grid needs a stabilising boost, hydro will be able to supply it into the high value "frequency control and ancillary services" (FCAS) market.
- Construction of the new generation and Marinus Link will bring new jobs to many areas of the state.

Meanwhile, the Western Plains Wind Farm does not depend on the Marinus Link. At around 50 MW this wind farm would simply add generation to the local network and assist with supply for the local demand.

About the Project

The Western Plains Wind Farm is a development of up to 13 wind turbines on a freehold cattle grazing property at the very tip of the Stanley peninsula. The wind farm will connect to the Port Latta substation.

This 50 MW wind farm is 4.5 km from the township of Stanley in the Circular Head Council area of north west Tasmania.

For more information see: epuron.com.au/wind/stanley-wind-farm/

Images and maps on display at the last Community Information Day can be accessed at: epuron.com.au/wind/stanley-wind-farm/downloads/



Upcoming Community Information Day

Epuron is aiming to hold another Community Information Day in Stanley in February 2020. We will display maps, photomontages and further information about the proposed wind farm. Dates and times for the Information Day will be confirmed early next year.

Epuron looks forward to talking to the community about the proposed project, ideas and any concerns you may have.

What are the benefits to the local community?

Alongside the benefits of local jobs during construction and an increase in demand for services in the region, the wind farm would also benefit the community through the establishment of the **Stanley community wind farm fund**.

Epuron proposes to put \$2,000 per annum per turbine built into this fund. If 13 turbines are built this would result in a fund for distribution to the local community of \$26,000 each year. Epuron wants to work with the local community groups to understand the kinds of projects the community fund should encourage.

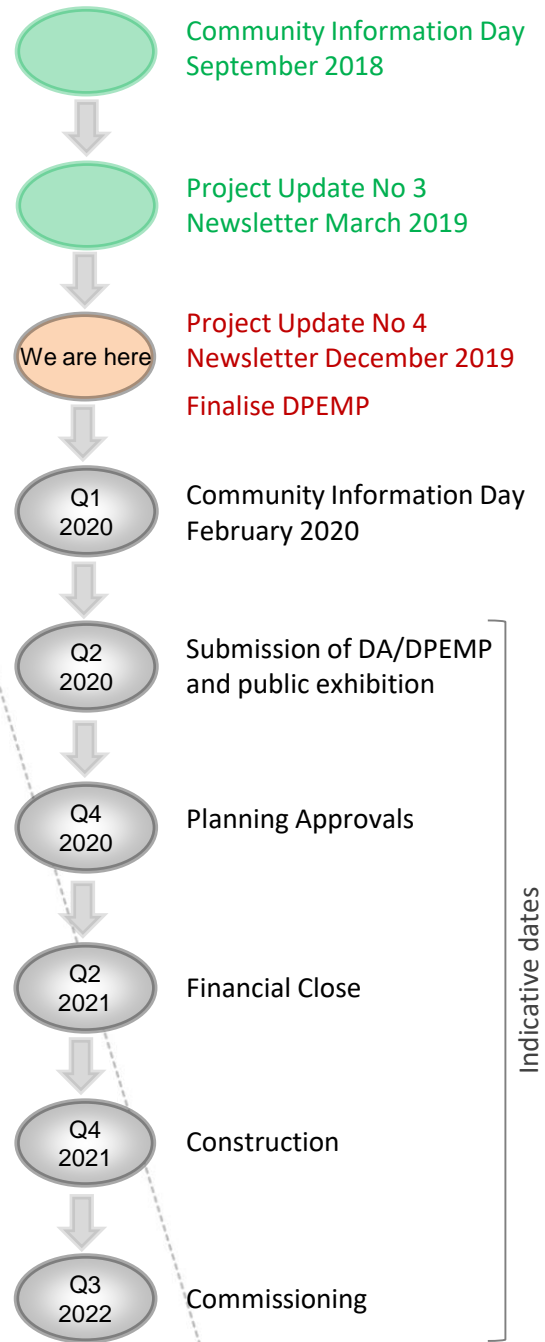
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Planning process stages



Photomontage of the proposed wind farm from the Nut, looking north west

