

Doughboy Wind Farm

Project Update

September 2020



Location



Information day

Epuron welcomes input from local residents and other interested parties, to help identify key priorities and shape the project. The next community information day is at:

Sauer Memorial Hall, Wollomombi
Thursday 24 September

Information session times:

10-11.30am, 12-1.30pm, 4-5.30pm.

All are welcome, however due to COVID restrictions session numbers are limited and pre-registration is essential. To register please contact:

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Initial layout proposed

Over the past two years Australian renewable energy developer Epuron has been investigating an area 40km east of Armidale and 5km north of Wollomombi, as a potential site for a wind farm.

A community information session was held in Wollomombi in October 2019, and since that time the project team has reviewed community feedback, met with many local residents and prepared a draft layout design.

The proposed current design includes 52 turbines with an expected energy generation capacity of up to 300 megawatts (MW). For a map showing the design **please see overleaf**.

This month Epuron lodged the Scoping Report for the project with the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE). The DPIE is the consent authority for renewable energy projects in NSW, which are considered State significant development. The DPIE will use the Scoping Report to prescribe the technical studies required, called Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs).

What is a Scoping Report?

A Scoping Report provides preliminary information on a project and its potential impacts, to support a request for Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs). Lodgement of a Scoping Report is the first step in a long assessment process that typically takes a year or longer, in preparation for a development application. The planning status of State significant developments can be tracked on the NSW Planning Portal for Major Projects. Search 'Doughboy Wind Farm' at: www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects

After SEARs have been issued by the DPIE, Epuron will commence work on the various technical reports required. This will likely include comprehensive surveys and studies for visual, noise, transport and biodiversity matters. The team will also continue to revise and improve the layout design based on community feedback and study findings.

For more information visit doughboywindfarm.com.au

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Community feedback

Held on 24 October 2019 at the Sauer Memorial Hall in Wollomombi, the Doughboy Wind Farm project's introductory community information session included visual mapping activities and collected community feedback.

Twenty-seven people attended, 14 participated in the visual mapping activities and seven completed feedback forms.

Attendees were most interested in:

- (i) information about what stage the project was up to and the proposed location;
- (ii) discussing potential visual, noise and traffic impacts; and
- (iii) opportunities to be involved as the project develops.

Feedback from the session and meetings with nearby residents, has been incorporated into the draft layout.

Drought, bushfires and COVID-19

Epuron's Doughboy Wind Farm project team would like to acknowledge that the last nine months have been a particularly challenging time for many, with significant issues to deal with.

If you have not yet had the chance to comment on the wind farm investigation and have any questions or would like to provide some feedback, please register to attend the September information session – contact details below.

Register for project news

We are keen to keep the local community and other interested parties up to date on project developments and opportunities to provide feedback.

If you would like to receive project news via email please register at epuron.com.au/mailling-list-details.

If you would prefer to receive this via mail please contact project manager Grant Alderson (details below) and provide your mailing address.

We respect your privacy and your details will only be used for this purpose.

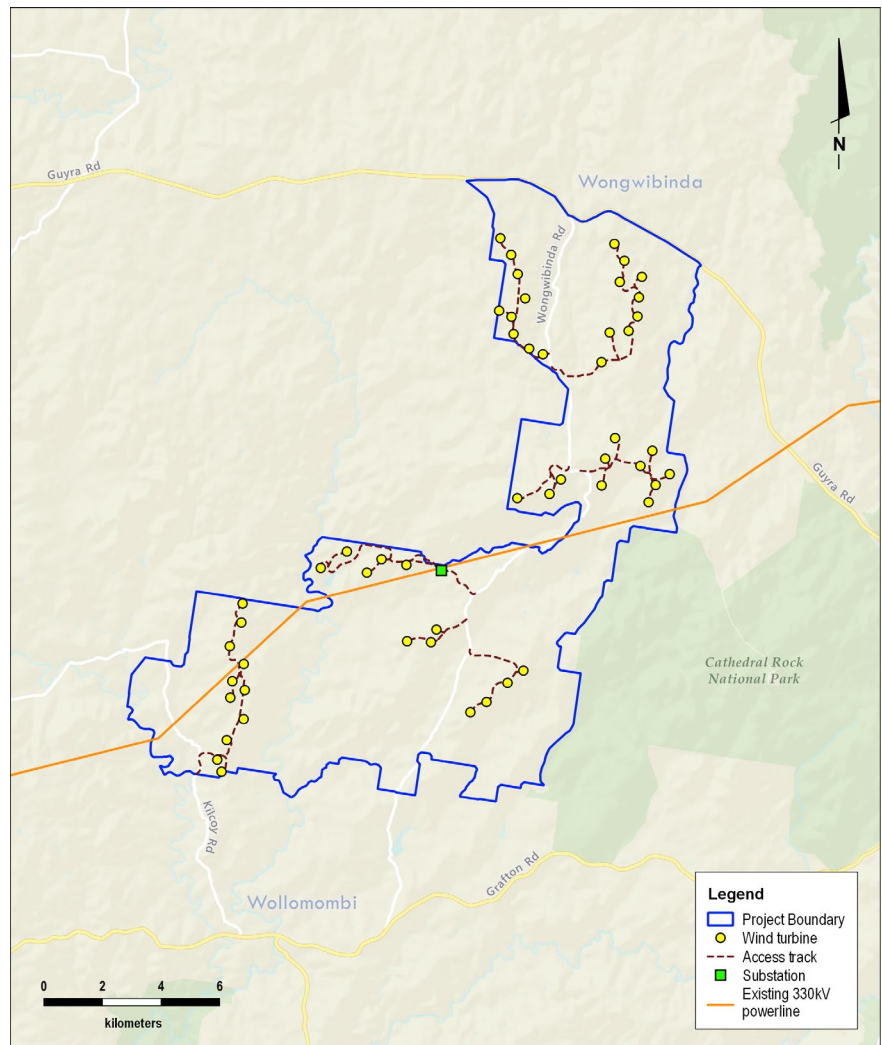
Why a wind farm?

Australia is fortunate to have abundant energy resources including coal, gas, hydro, wind and the sun.

Historically we have used mostly coal and gas for producing electricity. Today, wind generated energy – a renewable source of energy - is one of the cheapest forms of electricity generation.

Wind generated energy complements other electricity generation sources, and by the end of 2020 is expected to account for 9.4% of Australia's total energy mix.

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