

White Rock *Wind Farm*

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Merry Christmas from the Epuron Team

As we draw to the end of a busy year for the White Rock Wind Farm project, the Epuron team would like to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas. There is already much work planned for next year including continuation of the consultation program and completion of the Planning Application for the project. Thank you for your continued support of this exciting project and your positive feedback.

Project Update

In late May, the Environmental Assessment was completed for the project and submitted to the Department of Planning. This was subsequently placed on public exhibition for the period from 27 May – 27 June. As a result of the public exhibition, the Department of Planning received a total of 15 submissions including 4 from individual members of the community, 10 from government agencies & 1 from a private business.

A number of issues have been raised in these submissions, many of which have been addressed in the Environmental Assessment. To supplement this existing work, Epuron has prepared a Submissions Report addressing the additional issues raised and has now submitted this to the Department of Planning. Once formally accepted by the Department, this report will be made available on the Planning website.

In parallel, Epuron has continued the environmental assessment of the site, including most recently commissioning a biodiversity consultant to assess the potential for native vegetation offsets on the site should this be required. Wind monitoring has also continued on the site, and Epuron has commenced the process of identifying investors and electricity off-takers for the project's construction.

We now await the Department of Planning to complete their assessment and make a determination of the proposal.

New Website

We are pleased to advise that Epuron has launched its new website, and a new project website will soon be available to view information about the project. You are also invited to submit any feedback you may have via the new website. The new website is due to be launched shortly so keep an eye out for it. Ongoing details of the project will be available at www.whiterockwindfarm.com.au.



Project Manager



Andrew Wilson is Epuron's Project Manager for the White Rock Wind Farm, and has visited most of the landowners in the region.

Andrew has more than 20 years experience in the construction and energy industries.

Prior to joining Epuron Andrew had roles in developing and constructing renewable energy projects at AGL and Meridian Energy where he was responsible for the construction of the Wattle Point Wind Farm which was the largest wind farm in Australia at the time. Previous positions include 10 years with construction contractor Downer Engineering delivering multi-discipline projects.

Andrew brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to Epuron, and is an extremely highly valued senior member of the team.

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Consultation Plan

Epuron is a leading developer of wind farms in NSW and has a proven track record with four previous wind farm project applications already successfully approved. To date Epuron has achieved approval of the largest wind farm, the largest number of wind farms, and the largest number of wind turbines in NSW, making it one of the most experienced wind developers in Australia. As such Epuron considers community consultation and engagement with key stakeholders a vital part of the approval process and an important first step towards becoming a long term member of the community.

Recently Epuron has updated its corporate Consultation Framework for the development of wind farms. The project specific Consultation Plan for the White Rock Wind Farm is being revised to incorporate the following high level objectives:

- Ensure the community is fully informed about the proposal, its likely impacts and benefits;
- Provide the community with sufficient notice and opportunity regarding upcoming events such as Open House days and exhibition periods;
- Provide multiple opportunities for dialogue and provision of feedback;
- Incorporation of feedback into the design where possible and demonstration where this has been achieved;
- Building positive trust based relationships with community and key stakeholders;

The NSW Wind Farm Planning Guidelines are expected to be issued soon, and our Consultation Plan will be further refined and updated to reflect any additional requirements .

New “Sodar” Technology for Wind Measurement

Epuron has established an extensive network of wind monitoring masts. Data from this network including the onsite masts confirms that wind speeds at White Rock Wind Farm are more than sufficient for a viable wind farm. To get a better understanding of the wind speed variations on the site, Epuron is planning to install additional wind monitoring on site and also use its new “Sodar” technology. Sodar stands for “Sound Detection and Ranging” and is a small ground-mounted unit that can capture all the information available from a conventional wind monitoring mast. The Sodar we are using is designed and made in Australia for Australian conditions.



Figure 1 & 2 – Recent site visits and meeting with landowners



Figure 3. Epuron’s new Sodar technology