

PROJECT NEWSLETTER – Feb 2018

The Berrybank Wind Farm site is located within the Corangamite and Golden Plains Shires, at Berrybank, midway between Cressy and Lismore in western Victoria. It straddles the Hamilton Highway with the majority of the turbines on the north side. Approximately half the wind farm site is in the Corangamite Shire and half in the Golden Plains Shire.

The Berrybank Wind Farm was approved by the Minister for Planning under Planning Permit Nos. 2009/2820 (Golden Plains Shire) and 2009/2821 (Corangamite Shire) on 24th August 2010.

GPG proposed an amendment to the permit for the following key changes:

- An increase in wind turbine height to a maximum of 180 metres (blade tip in vertical position).
- A minimum rotor blade sweep clearance above ground level for the turbines of 40 metres.
- A reduction of 16 turbines, resulting in a total of 79 turbines.
- Micro-siting of 52 turbines within 100 metres of the original approved location in accordance to provisions in the permit.
- The consequential realignment of vehicular site access tracks, crossings and emergency break barriers.

On 4th February 2018, the proposed amendments were approved by the Minister for Planning.

The amendments to the turbine specifications are required as a result of recent technological advances in turbine design which has resulted in a greater choice of models on the market which have improved operational efficiency. As such, it is proposed to utilise an alternate turbine model with a greater overall maximum height (to the tip of the rotor blade when vertical).

The increased turbine efficiency will enable the total number of turbines to be reduced, while enabling a greater output.

Additionally, GPG lodged a Utility Installation Planning Application for the 220kV transmission line required for the grid connection. On 6th February 2018, DELWP issued a Notice of Decision to Grant a Permit for this Application.

The Victorian Renewable Energy Auction Scheme (VREAS)

The Victorian Government has established the Victorian Renewable Energy Auction Scheme (VREAS) to support achievement of the Victorian Renewable Energy Targets (VRET). These targets seek to ensure that 25 per cent of the State's electricity generation comes from renewable sources by 2020, rising to 40 per cent of generation by 2025.

The 2017 VRET closes on 14th February 2018. In this auction, the Victorian Government will award commercial contracts in support of up to 650 MW of new renewable energy generation. Bids from renewable energy projects are to be submitted under a formal Request for Proposal (RFP).

GPG will submit a bid for Berrybank Windfarm, collaborating closely with Community and

Council. Successful proposals will be awarded a 'Support Agreement' with the State of Victoria to ensure revenue certainty for renewable energy projects. An announcement on the successful bids will be made available in July 2018.

Community Consultation

GPG has recently appointed a Community and Stakeholder Engagement Manager who will be working closely with Landholders, Neighbours and local Community throughout the VRET Decision process and construction should we be successful in our bid to the Victorian Government. To find out more information on the development or to make an appointment please contact Rhiannon Eddy on 0400 403 273.

Complaints Management Process

GPG invites and welcomes your feedback and complaints. We are committed to ensuring that any complaints we receive are handled in a way that is responsive, fair and courteous and that respects the privacy of the person making the complaint.

Initial contact may be made by email or phone, as any issue will generally depend on the individual's own experience of the wind farm, following notification that you wish to make a formal complaint, our next step will be a home visit.

This gives us the opportunity to fully appreciate the nature of your complaint from your perspective and to meet with you to document the issue. Please let us know the most convenient time for this.

GPG requires the completed form to be signed off by both the complainant and a GPG

representative in order for a formal complaint to be lodged. You can access the formal complaints form at <http://www.unionfenosa.com.au/contact-us/> and submit the form to info@unionfenosa.com.au.

Contact Us

If you would like to know more about the Berrybank Wind Farm project, there are a number of ways for you to contact us at Global Power Generation Australia Pty Ltd:

- You can call us by telephone on our freecall number **1800 457 181**
- You can email us at: info@unionfenosa.com.au
- You can visit our website: www.unionfenosa.com.au and use an online enquiry form to contact us.
- You can write to us via mail at:

Berrybank Development Pty Ltd
Suite 4, Level 3, 24 Marcus Clarke Street
Canberra ACT 2600

The Berrybank Wind Farm project has an established Community Engagement Committee that conducts meetings from time to time and is facilitated and chaired by Corangamite Shire Council.

Site Map

BERRYBANK WIND FARM

