



Crudine Ridge Wind Farm

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Newsletter #3

Public Open Day #2 - 28th February, Pyramul Hall, 2.30 - 7.00pm

Wind Prospect CWP Pty Ltd will be holding a Public Open Day for the proposed Crudine Ridge Wind Farm on the 28th February at Pyramul Hall, from 2.30 to 7.00pm.

The proposed wind farm is located south of Pyramul, midway between Mudgee and Bathurst and could accommodate up to 106 wind turbines - enough to produce approximately 560 gigawatt hours (GWh) annually of clean, renewable energy, capable of supplying approximately 80,000 average homes across Australia.

Map showing the location of the proposed Crudine Ridge Wind Farm (blue area) in relation to nearby localities.



The Public Open Day will take the form of large scale displays, including maps of the two proposed wind farm layouts, photomontages of the proposed project from a range of locations, and other information relating to what has been done to date and what is still to be done. A number of Wind Prospect CWP staff members will also be on hand to liaise with and answer questions.

Over the last six months we have been talking to the local community and interested stakeholders to get further input into the proposal, and at the same time concluded key assessments in the following areas:

- Landscape and Visual
- Noise
- Ecology
- Cultural Heritage
- Traffic and Transport
- Aviation
- Communication Services
- Electromagnetic Interference
- Fire and Bushfire Risk
- Water
- Socio-Economic



Following the Public Open Day, our aim is to finalise the Environmental Assessment for submission to the NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure (DoPI) in March/April 2012.

ⁱ based on an indicative capacity factor of c.40% from 160 MW installed, and an average household energy use of 6.926MWh p.a. (Electricity Gas Australia 2008 publication from the Electricity Supply Association of Australia ESAA)

CRUDINE RIDGE WIND FARM

Crudine Ridge Wind Farm could consist of up to 106 wind turbines with a rated capacity between 1.5 to 3.4 MW each. The wind turbines would be three bladed with a maximum height of approximately 160 m (i.e. from the base of the tower to blade tip when the blade is in the vertical position).

The wind farm would also consist of access tracks, overhead and underground electrical cabling, substations, permanent storage compounds, wind measuring masts plus temporary facilities during the construction phase. An external power line would also be required to connect to the nearby transmission network.

DRAFT NSW PLANNING GUIDELINES FOR WIND FARMS

The NSW Government recently published Draft Planning Guidelines for Wind Farms (Draft Guidelines) on the 23rd December 2011. The Draft Guidelines are currently on Public Exhibition until the 14th March 2012 and are therefore open to public comment.

One of the proposals put forward in the Draft Guidelines is for wind farm proponents to establish a Community Consultation Committee (CCC). The purpose of a CCC would be to provide a forum for open discussion between Wind Prospect CWP, the community, Local Government and other stakeholders. In particular, the CCC would provide a forum to:

- Establish good working relationships between the proponent and the community;
- Provide for ongoing communication and information dissemination;
- Discuss community concerns and resolutions; and
- Advise on the allocation of Community Enhancement Funds.

In preparing for the Draft Guidelines being incorporated, Wind Prospect CWP would like to seek nominations from interested community representatives and other stakeholders who would be willing to sit on the CCC. Nomination forms will be made available at the Public Open Day or through contacting us directly via the details provided below. Nominations will close 30th April 2012.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Our aim is to finalise the Environmental Assessment for submission to the NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure (DoPI) in March/April 2012. Following a period of 'Adequacy Review', the Environmental Assessment will be on Public Exhibition for a period of up to 60 days. During this period submissions can be made by the general public. Details of how submissions can be lodged will be provided via the DoPI website www.planning.nsw.gov.au.

At the end of the Public Exhibition period the DoPI will provide us with all of the submissions they have received. We will then prepare a 'Response to Submissions / Preferred Project Report' for the DoPI to assess in parallel with the detail of the Environmental Assessment. This process can be lengthy and it may take until the end of the year before a decision is provided by the DoPI.

USEFUL WEBSITES

- Crudine Ridge Wind Farm: www.crudineridgewindfarm.com.au
- Wind Prospect: www.windprospect.com
- Continental Wind Partners: www.continentalwind.com
- Clean Energy Council: www.cleanenergycouncil.org.au
- BioBanking: www.environment.nsw.gov.au/biobanking



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