

19 September 2018

Crowlands Wind Farm Project – Update

Construction progress

We are pleased to advise that work is continuing at a rapid pace and on schedule. There are 26 of the 39 foundations poured to date. Two main cranes and three support cranes have been delivered to site, assembled, and ready for use.

August also saw the deliveries of the first tower sections and wind turbine components (blades, hubs, and nacelles); and the first assembly works completed.



The first turbine nears completion with blades and hub (the rotor) being assembled.

Movement of Large Components

The deliveries via Spring Flat Road (for the electrical substation works) have now been completed. Thanks to our neighbours for their patience as these large loads were delivered.

The first delivery of major components (blades, hubs, nacelles, and tower sections) to the Northern part of the site (Via Ararat-St Arnaud Road) also occurred on 20 August, travelling from Portland. Over coming weeks, these “overdimensional” truck movements will use local roads accompanied by escort vehicles. Some short delays may occur; but road closures are not expected.

While there are not set days or a fixed schedule for these delivery runs, the movements will generally travel in convoy, leaving Portland early in the morning and arrive on site between late morning and mid-afternoon.

Work to build an internal powerline within the wind farm site will also commence shortly. The route it will follow is in the centre of the wind farm project. The stringing of these powerlines may be done with the help of a helicopter. These works will be confined to our standard construction hours, to keep noise impacts to a minimum.



Turbine blades are delivered to site.

Concrete Truck Movements

Concrete foundation pours for the 11 turbines in the southern section of the project (accessed from Pyrenees Highway in Eversley) have commenced. Trucks will be travelling from the project's concrete batching plant in the northern section of the site; then along Glendhu Road, Ararat-St Arnaud Road, Pyrenees Highway, into the project site's southern access gate. Once unloaded, these trucks will return to the batching plant via the reverse of this route.

These trucks will not use local roads, and all drivers have been instructed to use only the main roads identified when delivering concrete and returning to the batching plant.

On days when concrete pours in the southern section are occurring, trucks will commence delivery runs at about 7:00am and deliver concrete until approximately 3pm.

We are working to minimise the impact of these truck movements on local school and route bus services.



Concrete foundation being poured.



On the current project schedule, the last foundation pour for the Southern Section is expected to be complete in early October.

Telecommunications Reception

This information is for expressions of interest from those who haven't already been contacted about the testing.

Residential dwellings within 5km of the nearest wind turbine are eligible for coverage and reception testing.

We believe it is prudent to re-do the original testing we conducted in 2013 to include the newer 4G and 4GX mobile technologies, and changes to television and radio transmission in your area.

Your participation in this testing is completely voluntary, but will assist Pacific Hydro to develop a detailed understanding of the current levels of service at your residence, and will inform any future mitigation should it be required.

In order for us to ensure we undertake a thorough assessment, you will need to confirm:

- Your address
- Your email and mobile/landline details
- Provide information about the radio, television, and mobile devices and technology you use, and services you access. i.e. who your service providers are across the abovementioned devices

Please contact us on enquiries@pacifichydro.com.au with the requested information by no later than Friday, 28 September 2018, and provide confirmation that you consent to us providing your contact details to our testing contractor.

Visual Screening Program

Pacific Hydro is offering a visual screening program for residential properties located close to the Crowlands Wind Farm Project that have views of project infrastructure.

Visual screening helps to reduce potential visual impacts with the use of landscaping, tree planting, and other treatments on our project neighbours' land.

These works are arranged with costs covered by Pacific Hydro; including maintenance and watering for a period of two years after planting.

Owners of residential properties within 3km of the project are invited to participate in this program. To register your interest, please contact us on enquiries@pacifichydro.com.au

For further enquiries please contact: Adam Chandler, Senior Project Leader - Communications and Engagement, on 1800 730 734 or enquiries@pacifichydro.com.au