



Capacity

18.2MW

Electricity generation

Est. 49 GWh pa

Annual greenhouse gas saving

Up to 49,000 tonnes

Homes supplied equivalent

Up to 10,000 pa

Equivalent cars off the road

Est. 17,000 pa

Number of turbines

14 x 1.3MW



Codrington wind farm near Portland in Victoria

Codrington Wind Farm

Codrington is a wind farm of firsts. It was Pacific Hydro's first wind development, as well as the first fully private investment in wind farming in Australia.

When it was officially opened by the Victorian Premier Steve Bracks in July 2001 it was also Australia's largest wind farm with 14 windmills and a combined capacity of 18.2MW.

Located near Port Fairy in southwest Victoria, the Codrington site was close to perfect with strong prevailing winds blowing off the Southern Ocean.

It also had a large land area so we could best space the windmills, easy access to the National Electricity Grid, existing land use that would co-exist with the windmills and suitable access for the construction vehicles and machinery all making the site ideal for a wind farm.

The wind farm now generates enough electricity each year to supply 10,000 Victorian homes – that's a town larger than Warrnambool – and each year avoids the emission of 59,000 tonnes of greenhouse gas. That's like removing more than 17,000 cars from the road.

We injected more than \$9 million into the regional economy during

construction and development and created over 30 jobs with local companies contracted to install roads, foundations, towers, transformers and cabling.

Tourism in the region is now flourishing with the wind farm attracting about 50,000 visitors annually.

Our landholders receive ongoing revenue payments and since the 14 windmills and roads take up less than 1 per cent of the land, their sheep and cattle grazing activities are able to continue unaffected.