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## Yaloak South Wind Farm – February Update

Dear Neighbour,

Please find an update from the Yaloak South Wind Farm Project below.

### Construction Progress

Construction of the project has now been completed, with all 14 turbines now assembled and generating electricity. Now that this milestone has been achieved, construction activities will now conclude and the site offices will be demobilised. We thank you for your patience during these works which have been completed on schedule.



Sunrise over the completed project.

### Mobile Phone Reception

Pacific Hydro recognises the importance of good access to telecommunications, particularly in rural and regional areas - and during emergencies. We are committed to understanding community concerns, and ensuring that our project complies with all of its planning and development requirements.

In recent months Pacific Hydro has been working closely with mobile telecommunications providers in the local area, to understand reports of call drop-outs and poor data speeds. Pacific Hydro has also experienced these issues at our construction site, and these were reported in August and September 2017. Our electrical substation was energised and the first wind turbines were assembled in October 2017, several months after the first reports of this issue.

Whilst Pacific Hydro has received reports from across the local area (not just close to the Yaloak South Wind Farm), it is important to note that analysis of the nearest mobile phone tower locations (and how these relate to our project) showed that, for most cases, no wind turbines are located on the direct paths to the nearest mobile towers. Telstra's nearest mobile tower is located at Fiskville (6-10km north of the project) with most other towers located between 10-20km away.

Based on this information, we do not currently believe these reports are occurring as a result of the operation of Yaloak South Wind Farm; but we are fully cooperating with Telstra's ongoing investigation in the local area.

If you are a Telstra customer experiencing coverage issues in the Mt Wallace and Fiskville area, we recommend that you contact Telstra directly to report the issue in the first instance.



### **Visual Screening Program**

Pacific Hydro is offering visual screening for individual residences located close to the project. If you live within 3km of a wind turbine and wish to be considered for visual screening, please contact us via the details below or complete an Expression of Interest form that can be found on the Yaloak South project page of our website at [www.pacifichydro.com.au](http://www.pacifichydro.com.au).

### **Community Fund**

The Yaloak South Community Fund has been established to share the benefits of Pacific Hydro's Yaloak South Wind Farm with the community. \$28,000 will be available each year over the 25-year life of the project. Preparations for the 2018 funding round are underway, and it will be open for applications in July.

### **Conclusion of Project Updates**

As construction draws to a close, this will be the last project update from the team. Thank you for reading and we hope that the information has been useful and of interest.

In future, the latest information about the project will be available on our website. We will continue to welcome your feedback and comments, and you will still be able to contact us via 1800 730 734 and [enquiries@pacifichydro.com.au](mailto:enquiries@pacifichydro.com.au).

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam Chandler", written in a cursive style.

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