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Crowlands Wind Farm Project – Update

Dear Neighbour,

Please find an update from the Crowlands Wind Farm Project below.

Construction progress

Most of the civil works to establish roads and hardstands are now complete. Eight concrete foundations are now complete. These have been constructed using concrete from the on-site batching plant, and quarry products sourced from local suppliers. Each foundation used over 750 tonnes of concrete, which is more than 50 truckloads.



The first turbine foundation being poured

The majority of these concrete truck movements will use the internal access tracks on site; however, later this year some movements may use public main roads to access the turbines in the southern section (access via Pyrenees Highway).

Spring Flat Road

Please be aware that Spring Flat Road may see short-term closures of a few hours at a time, during July and August. This is to enable delivery of large components connected with the establishment of the electrical substation. Advance notice will be provided to residents along this road prior to these movements.

These vehicles will move very slowly and it may not be possible to pass the convoy as it travels along Spring Flat Road.

Movement of Large Components

In the coming weeks, major components (blades, hubs, and nacelles) will begin to arrive at the Port of Portland. This will be a major milestone for the project.



The first of the turbine blades and a hub arrive at the Port of Portland

Between now and the end of this year, there will be some large “over-dimensional” truck movements on local roads accompanied by escort vehicles to deliver these components. Some short delays may be expected as these vehicles travel to the project site.

We will endeavour to provide notice of these movements to the community in advance – particularly if they will require short-term road closures – and are working to minimise any local impacts by scheduling these movements to less busy times.

Visual Screening Program

Pacific Hydro is offering a visual screening program for residential properties located close to the Crowlands Wind Farm Project.

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 of trees or shrubs periodically for the first 12 months, thereafter the owner will be responsible for their maintenance.

Screening works will be carried out only after construction of turbines has commenced.

Landowners of residential properties within 3km of a wind turbine will be notified of this program at three (3) times: at construction commencement; upon wind farm completion; and within four weeks prior to the end of the offer window.

To register your interest in participating in this program, please contact us via:
enquiries@pacifichydro.com.au



Empowering the people: the Ararat (Challicum Hills Wind Farm) Sustainable Communities Fund is open for submissions

This year, a pool of \$34,000 will be available to eligible community groups and organisations; eligible groups can apply for project funding up to \$10,000.

Community groups with proposed projects that meet the [eligibility and selection criteria](#), and operate in Ararat Rural City are strongly encouraged to apply.

Applications will be accepted across five funding areas – education and training, health and welfare, sport and recreation, the arts and culture, and the environment.

All eligible applications are reviewed by a fair and transparent panel process, which ensures community involvement in how funds are allocated.

Members of the local community are invited to be a part of the Ararat Sustainable Communities Fund Allocation Panel for 2018.

In addition to the Fund, this year Pacific Hydro is retiring IT equipment as part of a commitment to sustainable business practices and to further support project host-communities.

If you are interested in applying to the Fund, being a part of the Fund Allocation Panel, or the technology donation, please visit the Ararat Sustainable Communities Fund page at www.pacifichydro.com.au for more information.

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