

# WHYTE YARCOWIE

## Wind Farm

### PROJECT UPDATE

#### HRE Act Renewable Energy Infrastructure Licence application

In December 2024 the Whyte Yarcowie Wind Farm hit a project milestone, submitting documents for the project's Renewable Energy Infrastructure Licence (REIL) application to the Minister for Energy and Mining, under the *Hydrogen and Renewable Energy Act 2023* (HRE Act).

This application is the culmination of 5 years of environmental studies and has been prepared to provide government agencies with information about the project, its impacts and benefits, and provides them with the information on which to make their assessment on whether or not to grant the project a REIL to develop and operate a wind farm at Whyte Yarcowie.

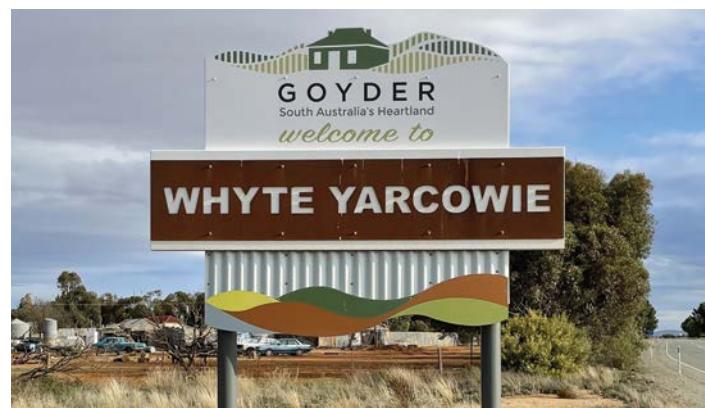
The application documents include an Environmental Impact Report and a Statement of Environmental Objectives. These documents cover a wide range of topics and explore the existing conditions of the project area, the activities involved in constructing and operating the proposed wind farm, understanding the impacts of the project and establishing performance metrics for the successful operation of the wind farm.

As part of the assessment of the REIL application, the project's application is expected to be placed on public exhibition in late April to early June, inviting comments from community and other stakeholders about the proposal.

The Minister will then consider all relevant information – including the environmental impact report, public submissions, Wind Prospect's response to submissions, before making a decision on whether to grant the Project a Licence to operate.

You can provide your feedback on the Environmental Impact Report and Statement of Environmental Objectives to the Department for Energy and Mining via their consultation web page at [https://www.energymining.sa.gov.au/industry/hydrogen-and-renewable-energy-act/public-consultations](https://www.energymining.sa.gov.au/industry/hydrogen-and-renewable-energy/hydrogen-and-renewable-energy-act/public-consultations)

More information about the HRE Act, the supporting regulations and guidelines can be found at <https://www.energymining.sa.gov.au/industry/hydrogen-and-renewable-energy>



### KEY FACTS

**Number of turbines:**  
Up to 83

**Turbines height:**  
Up to 250m

**Proposal location:**  
East and south east of  
Whyte Yarcowie

**Local government:**  
Regional Council of Goyder

**Project status:**  
Planning and approvals  
stage

**Construction period:**  
Two to three years

**Site size:**  
10,279 hectares

**Project lifespan:**  
25 years plus



## YOU'RE INVITED - UPCOMING COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSIONS

We'll be back out in the community over the coming months as part of our next phase of engagement for the Whyte Yarcowie Wind Farm. We encourage you to come along, meet the Project team and learn more about the Renewable Energy Infrastructure Licence (REIL) process, and the findings from key technical studies that went into the application for the Whyte Yarcowie Wind Farm.

These sessions will also provide an opportunity to discuss the community benefits sharing proposal with members of the community.

The information sessions will be held at:

- **Tuesday 13 May**  
4pm-7pm, at the Hallett Hall
- **Wednesday 14 May**  
12pm-3pm, Whyte Yarcowie Public Hall
- **Wednesday 14 May**  
5pm-7:30pm, Terowie Institute Supper Room

If you cannot attend these sessions but would like more information, we encourage you to get in touch with our team via our contact details.

## ONGOING WORKS IN 2025

The project team is working to finalise the transmission line route for the project, to connect the proposed wind farm to the existing high voltage transmission lines in the mid-north.

Our team is also exploring the potential to develop a Battery Energy Storage System to store and release energy generated by the wind farm, as well as provide system strength to the grid, and offset any impacts caused by the addition of the project.

Details of these two project components will be shared with the community in the coming months. These project components would each require an Associated Infrastructure Licence, and so the application documents for these projects will be prepared later in 2025 once details of their design are progressed.

Aboriginal cultural heritage surveys are planned to survey the construction footprint for artefacts of Ngadjuri People's use of the land on which the project is proposed. These surveys will be conducted with Ngadjuri and heritage consultants.

Progress is also being made on our other environmental approvals and consents, including the project's referral to the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water under the Commonwealth's Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act).

## PROPOSED PROJECT TIMELINE

### Feasibility

Planning and environmental studies are undertaken and the proposed layout is optimised

### Post planning

Prepare Operation Management Plan and obtain pre-construction approvals, complete detailed design and finalise project financing

### Operation and maintenance

The Whyte Yarcowie Wind Farm is expected to have an operational life of at least 25 years

2019 – 2024

2026 – 2027

2029 – 2054

2024 – 2026

2027 – 2029

AT THE END OF PROJECT'S LIFE

#### Environmental and planning approvals

State Licence applications submitted and Commonwealth referral lodged, and approval granted

#### Construction and commissioning

Procurement and local supplier opportunities, grid connection, construction and commissioning of the wind farm

#### Decommission and rehabilitation

At the end of the Project's life, the Project owner is responsible for decommissioning the site

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## BENEFITS SHARING PROPOSAL

The Whyte Yarcowie Wind Farm is committed to contributing to the community in which our project is located.

Our benefits sharing proposal is to contribute up to \$500,000\* per year of operation if our project is constructed.

The draft proposal includes a community benefits fund to support local initiatives, subsidised electricity for neighbours of the project, near-neighbour benefits sharing payments as well as our contribution to the Ngadjuri Nation Aboriginal Corporation, supporting their work in preserving Ngadjuri heritage, language and culture.

*\*Note, the Community benefits package has been developed based on an 83-turbine project being constructed. If a smaller wind farm is built, then the size of the benefits sharing proposal will change accordingly.*

The project's proposed community benefits sharing package is a draft proposal and we welcome input from the community on how this could be structured to maximise benefits for the community.

## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES – OPEN NOW

The Whyte Yarcowie Wind Farm is proud to continue supporting local initiatives through our sponsorship fund. We are now calling for applications from community groups, schools and clubs who are seeking funding for initiatives that benefit the local area.

### Application guidelines:

**Eligibility:** Applications are open to local community groups, not-for-profit organisations, schools and clubs in the surrounding areas.

**Project types:** We are looking to support initiatives that promote community engagement, education, health and local infrastructure improvements.

**Funding amounts:** Grants of up to \$2,500 are available per project.

If you have a project or event that you would like us to consider sponsoring, submit an application available at [whyteyarcowiewindfarm.com.au/community](http://whyteyarcowiewindfarm.com.au/community)



If you have any questions, feedback or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to the project via our contact details below.



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