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Rifle Butts Wind Farm

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Planning Permit issued by Minister



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NewEn is thrilled to announce that the Minister for Planning has issued a Planning Permit for the Rifle Butts Wind Farm.

The permit was received on Wednesday June 27 and means the project can now be built. There will be opportunities for locals during the construction of the wind farm, which you can read about on page two of this newsletter.

Local quarries will also be used and many of the 120 workers who will be on site during construction will be living in or near Horsham, requiring accommodation and other services.

Despite this important step, there is still a great deal of work to do prior to construction beginning.

Wind farm planning permits incorporate a number of conditions which our project must adhere to.

These include traffic management plans to be approved by the Horsham Rural City Council and environmental management plans, including a Construction Environmental Management Plan.

There will also be a Noise Management Plan, including pre and post construction noise monitoring, aviation safety, TV and radio reception interference plans and a Bat and Avifauna Management Plan.

The Project

Location:	18 kilometres south-west of Horsham
Turbines:	9 -13
Capacity:	40MW
Status:	Planning Permit issued
Employment:	Up to 120 during construction and up to four during the wind farm's 25-year operation.
Environmental:	Generate enough power to supply 22,000 homes, more than three times the amount of dwellings in Horsham. Will save about 140,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide every year of operation.
Economic:	\$80m project

All reports are expected to be completed within the next few months. If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact me via mobile or email - you can find these details on page two of this newsletter.

Regards, Ernst.

Selling the wind farm

NewEn has entered into an Exclusivity Agreement with a company that intends to own and operate the Rifle Butts Wind Farm.

The company is a highly reputable international organisation with long-term experience in renewable energy projects around the globe and is committed to proactive community engagement and support of the areas where its projects are based.

The company's identity needs to remain confidential at this stage due to commercial in confidence, but will be introduced at a public meeting at the Wonwondah Hall as soon as is possible. The team of the new company will be on hand to meet with you and answer any questions you may have.

Grid connection

A very important aspect of any wind farm is its connection to the electricity grid.

To facilitate this a number of required studies have been completed and discussions are continuing with Powercor and the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO). We expect Powercor to issue an offer of connection in August, which will detail the terms and conditions of connecting the Rifle Butts Wind Farm to the network.

The wind farm will connect to the existing powerlines along Wonwondah-Toolondo Road. A substation is required to collect the power from the wind farm and connect it to the powerline. This will be placed at the corner of OConnors Road and Motts Road, which is very close to the powerline.



Community benefit fund

Another benefit for the local community is the establishment of a community fund. The hosting landholders will be sharing part of their annual income with the local community and preliminary works are currently underway to establish the guidelines and structure of this fund.

Community benefit funds typically provide financial support for community groups and initiatives in the areas where projects are based. Further information on this fund will become available as the project proceeds to construction.

Job opportunities

Construction of the Rifle Butts Wind Farm could begin early next year.

Construction will take about eight months and require 120 employees on site. This will create job and contract opportunities for a variety of skill sets and it is pleasing to see several locals already expressing interest in supplying services.

If you are interested in providing goods or services to the Rifle Butts Wind Farm please register your details on our Goods & Services register at www.riflebuttswindfarm.com.au

Please visit

www.riflebuttswindfarm.com.au
for detailed information on the project.

Keeping you informed

NewEn will continue to inform the community of the proposed Rifle Butts Wind Farm. A meeting will be held at the Wonwondah Hall in the coming months - we will let you know as soon as a date is confirmed.

If you have any queries or would like to learn about NewEn's earlier projects please visit the website at www.newen.com.au.

Alternatively you can contact our Australian Director Ernst Weyhausen on 0427 768 387 or ernst@newen.com.au