

# Campbells Bridge Wind Farm

Newsletter  
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## Welcome to our latest community newsletter, where we share updates on the proposed Campbells Bridge Wind Farm and our ongoing work in the region.

This edition provides insight into the detailed hydrology, flood modelling and environmental studies currently underway, which are helping us better understand local landscapes, drainage patterns and habitats. These studies are a key part of ensuring the project is designed to work with natural systems, safeguard neighbouring properties and support long term resilience.

We also outline important changes to the way renewable energy projects connect to Victoria's electricity network, including the new Victorian Access Regime and what it means for projects - such as Campbells Bridge Wind Farm - within Renewable Energy Zones..

You'll find updates on regional collaboration through the Wimmera Southern Mallee Renewable Energy Collaboration, information on the Western Victorian councils' Resource Ready Strategy, and examples of how this work is shaping future community benefits.

In addition, we highlight recent community partnerships and sponsorships, support for youth wellbeing initiatives and our support of the Grampians Rail Trail. We detail upcoming project activities planned for 2026 and as always, we welcome ongoing conversation and encourage you to drop into our Stawell Engagement Hub on Tuesdays.

Kind regards,

**Campbells Bridge Wind Farm Project Team**

## At a glance



### TURBINES

About 145 with a tip height of about 250m



### LOCATION

About 15km north-west of Stawell, 11km south of Rupanyup, more than 3km from Glenorchy and Callawadda. The area is predominantly farmland used for cropping or grazing, which can continue if the wind farm is constructed.



### SIZE

Site investigation area of about **14,000** hectares, with a smaller project area to be refined



### LANDHOLDERS

With more than 30 landholders



### INSTALLED CAPACITY

About 1,000 megawatts (MW)



### POWER

About 500,000 homes powered



### PROJECT STATUS

Planning and approvals



### PROPOSED CONNECTION

Existing Bulgana Terminal Station - about 30km of overhead 220kV transmission line adjacent to existing line.



### OPERATION

Targeting 2032

## Acknowledgement of Country

RWE acknowledges the Wotjobaluk, Jaadwa, Jadawadjali, Wergaia and Jupagulk Peoples as the Traditional Owners of Wotjobaluk Country, on which Campbells Bridge Wind Farm is proposed. We pay our respects to their Elders past and present, and we recognise the enduring connection First Nations peoples have to Country, culture, and community.

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## Understanding our landscape: Detailed hydrology studies underway

**Our team is carrying out detailed hydrology and flood-modelling studies across the project area. We understand how important effective drainage and water management are for our landholders, neighbours and the local farming community, and are ensuring they are a central focus of our design work.**

To support this, we recently completed a high-resolution LiDAR survey of the site. This laser scanning technology produces an extremely accurate 3D map of the landscape, capturing the smallest natural flow paths. By combining this data with updated climate and rainfall projections, we can design access tracks, turbine foundations, and substation platforms that work with natural drainage patterns and avoid impacts on neighbouring properties.

How we understand the landscape



- **LiDAR scan**  
Detailed ground mapping
- **3D modelling**  
To identify natural flow paths
- **Climate data**  
Informs real-world conditions
- **Design response**  
Aligned to natural drainage

## VicGrid introduces new access framework to support community-aligned renewable development

What this means



- Creates a clearer process for how renewable projects connect to the grid
- Improves coordination between projects and transmission infrastructure
- Requires meaningful engagement with landholders and communities
- Ensures projects deliver tangible local benefits
- Introduces funding for community initiatives and Traditional Owner benefits

**The Victorian Government is introducing a new framework, known as the Victorian Access Regime, to guide how renewable energy projects connect to the state's transmission network and ensure better outcomes for communities.**

This approach is designed to support well-planned development within Renewable Energy Zones (REZs) and give communities, landholders and developers greater clarity about how projects can access the grid. It aims to better coordinate new projects and transmission network development, remove barriers connecting to the network, and set clear expectations for community engagement.

The framework requires renewable energy developers to demonstrate meaningful engagement with landholders, neighbours and communities, and show how they deliver tangible local benefits.

Developers must also meet government standards for engagement and social value under new guidelines. Projects within renewable energy zones will also pay access fees to cover administration and fund community energy initiatives and benefits for Traditional Owners, ensuring the energy transition delivers fairer shared outcomes.

The proposed Campbells Bridge Wind Farm is within the Western REZ. Each REZ will have a set limit on how much space on the transmission network is available for new renewable energy projects. Once the Access Regime scheme is finalised by VicGrid, RWE will review the application process and determine the best development pathway and timing for the project.

*You can find out more details on the Victorian Access Regime here: [www.vicgrid.com.au/industry/victorian-access-regime](http://www.vicgrid.com.au/industry/victorian-access-regime)*

# Resource Ready Strategy released by Western Victorian Councils

We also acknowledge the recent Resource Ready strategy commissioned by nine Western Victorian councils, which provides an important region-wide look at how renewable energy can best support local communities.

The Resource Ready Strategy provides a region-wide view of how renewable energy can support local communities, identifying key pressures and practical actions to manage growth. This work, alongside our ongoing consultation, will help shape how we deliver meaningful, long-term community benefits for the Campbells Bridge Wind Farm.

It is important to us that these benefits reflect local priorities, strengthen the region socially and economically, and deliver long-term value beyond construction.

## What the strategy highlights



### Pressures

- Workforce shortages
- Limited housing
- Stretched infrastructure



### Priorities

- Faster housing delivery
- Transport & digital upgrades
- More State & Federal support



### Growth challenge

- Not enough local workers
- Increased demand from incoming workforce
- Pressure on housing, roads and services



### Community outcomes

- Better engagement with communities
- More consistent community benefits
- Stronger support for councils

Read the strategy at [www.ngshire.vic.gov.au/Council/Governance-and-transparency/Council-publications](http://www.ngshire.vic.gov.au/Council/Governance-and-transparency/Council-publications)

# Wimmera Southern Mallee Renewable Energy Collaboration

RWE is strengthening its partnership with the Wimmera Southern Mallee region through a shared commitment to responsible, long-term renewable energy development.

## What this partnership does

- Brings together state-government, industry and community representatives
- Coordinates planning across the region
- Aligns projects with the region's social, environmental and economic priorities

## What it means for the community

- Better alignment with local needs
- More opportunities for jobs and investment
- Clearer pathway to clean energy transition



# Estimated project timeline

We are here



Pre-2022  
Site selection



2022-2023  
Project feasibility



2024-2026  
Preliminary site studies



2026  
Planning referral



2027  
EES prep and submission



2030-31  
Construction



2032  
Commissioning and operations

# Supporting regional youth wellbeing

## RWE supports One Red Tree

**RWE Campbell's Bridge Wind Farm is proud to support the wellbeing of young people across the region. In October 2025, our major sponsorship of the One Red Tree Resource Centre's Red Basketball 3v3 event helped create a positive day for local students, families and schools.**

The event brought together 16 junior and senior teams from Ararat, Stawell and nearby communities, including students engaged through One Red Tree's School Outreach Program. It offered a welcoming space for young people to connect with peers, role models and community leaders.

Our contribution extended beyond the event itself. With RWE's support, One Red Tree was able to employ an education consultant

who provides guidance to provisional psychologists working across more than 20 regional schools. This additional expertise helps improve early intervention and support for hundreds of students.

RWE is committed to investing in initiatives that foster stronger, healthier and more connected regional communities. We are proud to support One Red Tree and the development and wellbeing of young people across the region.



### Community impact

**16 teams** from Ararat, Stawell and surrounding areas

**20+ schools supported** through outreach programs

**Hundreds of students benefiting** from early intervention support



## Grampians Rail Trail moves toward exciting next stage

**The Grampians Rail Trail is set for meaningful growth, and RWE is pleased to support the community as planning continues for a proposed extension from Lake Lonsdale to Halls Gap.**

The existing 12-kilometre trail, once part of the historic Heatherlie Rail Line, has become a valued local recreation space. Managed by dedicated volunteers, it offers a peaceful route for walking, cycling and horse riding, passing through wetlands, forested areas and native habitat.

The Friends of the Grampians Rail Trail are now exploring a 24-kilometre extension that would create a longer, more connected path through the region. The project has the potential to improve access to outdoor spaces, support local tourism and bring added benefits to nearby communities.

RWE is proud to contribute \$2000 to supporting improvements to trail infrastructure and broader environmental stewardship efforts. We are committed to partnering with local groups on initiatives that create long-term value for the region.

**Pictured:** Friends of Grampians Rail trail President Lindsay Knight pictured on the trail with RWE's Jesse McGrath.



## Sponsorship fund applications open

In line with RWE's commitment to share benefits with the communities where our projects are based, we have a \$100,000 per year sponsorship fund for the proposed Campbells Bridge Wind Farm.

The sponsorship fund commenced in 2023 and will be available each year of the planning and approvals stage. We welcome funding submissions from not-for-profits and community groups such as sporting and recreational clubs, charities, community volunteer associations and groups, including parent groups, playgroups, environmental organisations, aged and/or disability support, community committees including event organising committees, community-led development committees, and business chambers.

Preference will be given to initiatives located within 30 kilometres of the proposed Campbells Bridge Wind Farm project site.



### Apply for Community Sponsorship

If you are part of a community or non-profit group, we want to hear from you!

Scan the QR code and download the application form, or visit: [campbellsbridgewindfarm.com.au](http://campbellsbridgewindfarm.com.au)

Since 2023, more than

**\$180K** already allocated

In 2025, RWE supported the following community organisations:

- \$20,000** **One Red Tree Resource Centre**  
Educational consultant
- \$11,151** **Murtoa Big Weekend**  
Event sponsorship
- \$8,992** **Stawell Secondary College**  
Installation of new drinking fountain
- \$5,600** **Campbells Bridge Hall**  
Upgrade toilet facilities
- \$5,000** **Landsborough Primary School**  
Upgrade school yard and art room
- \$4,545** **Great Western Primary School**  
Support rebranding of school facilities
- \$4,500** **Lubeck Memorial Hall**  
Installation of new water tank
- \$3,000** **Youthrive Foundation Vic**  
Sponsor tertiary scholarship fund
- \$2,786** **Stawell Community Garden**  
Installation of solar panel system
- \$2,262** **Good Friday Appeal**  
Show & shine event sponsorship
- \$2,000** **Concongella Primary School**  
Refurbish school oval
- \$2,000** **Friends of Grampians Rail Trail**  
Maintenance and bridge repairs
- \$2,000** **Marian College**  
Breakfast Club initiative
- \$1,500** **Grampians Multicultural Hub**  
Event sponsor – public liability insurance
- \$1,480** **North West Lions Club**  
Wimmera rural health event sponsor
- \$1,077** **Glenorchy Golf Club**  
Opening day 2025 event sponsor
- \$909** **Moonambool Primary School**  
Installation of new gaga pit
- \$500** **Stawell Bowls Club**  
Open bowls tournament event sponsor



## Planned activities over 2026

As part of the planning and design phase, the project team continues to undertake a range of important studies and surveys to better understand the local environment and site conditions.



### Ongoing studies

#### Understanding the site

- Noise monitoring
- Environmental assessments
- Visual impact studies



### Analysis & wind farm design

#### Turning data into design insights

- Studies finalised
- Findings reviewed



### Sharing outcomes

#### Keeping the community informed

- Results shared with landholders
- Stakeholder engagement continues

*If you would like to find out more, please contact the project team by email or call our 1800 298 624 number to register your interest.*

## Engagement Hub: Open every Tuesday



### Campbells Bridge Wind Farm Engagement Hub

92 Main Street in Stawell

Open Tuesdays 10am - 5:30pm  
or by appointment.

It's a great opportunity for you to chat with our project team to learn more about the project and provide your feedback. On occasion, technical specialists will be present to provide information on their areas of expertise. We look forward to welcoming you.



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