Campbells Bridge Wind Farm

Newsletter

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The Campbells Bridge Wind Farm team continues to work with landholders and to progress key planning and development activities. At the same time, we're responding to developments in Victoria's renewable energy and transmission planning framework.

Recent updates to the Western Renewable Energy Zone and broader transmission network planning have provided some clarity on the future energy system, while also highlighting the need for further work to confirm project grid connection pathways.

Grid access study

We are conducting technical studies to better understand how the proposed wind farm could be developed and connected to the electricity network. This includes a grid access study to examine options to connect the project to the existing transmission network and identify the upgrades or additional infrastructure that may be needed to support that connection. The study also looks ahead to how future transmission investment and proposed network upgrades could influence the project's connection options, recognising that the electricity network is continuing to evolve as more renewable energy projects are developed.

Moving ahead

Our focus remains on completing detailed technical, environmental and planning assessments, refining the project design, and working closely with landholders and stakeholders.

As this work continues, we remain committed to keeping the community informed and will provide further updates as key milestones are reached.

Our engagement hub at 92 Main Street, Stawell, is open every Tuesday from 10 am to 5.30 pm. Feel free to drop in and ask the team any questions you might have about the project.

Over the holiday period, from 16 December until 18 January, the engagement hub will be closed. During this time, you can still get in touch via the project email or phone number.

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

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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A wind farm's lifecycle

Developing a wind farm in Australia requires extensive studies, assessments and engagement with stakeholders before submitting a planning application, which is tailored to the relevant state's planning process. This infographic outlines the stages of a wind farm, from site selection to decommissioning.

1 Site selection

Generally 6-18 months
Factors that need to be considered when selecting a site include:

- Wind resource
- Grid connection (distance and connection point)
- Population density

2 Project feasibility

Generally 6-18 months
This incorporates:

- Wind monitoring to determine strength and the site's viability
- Consideration of social and environmental factors
- Developer meetings with potential host landowners to inform and sign land use contracts
- Initial studies

The project generally becomes public knowledge during this stage or the next.

3 Planning and approvals

Can take several years
Extensive studies, reports, and community and stakeholder feedback help shape the project that is submitted to the required planning authorities. If approvals are received, Campbells Bridge Wind Farm will seek goods and services providers, and create job opportunities.

4 Construction

Dependent on the project size, but usually 18 months to 3 years
Larger wind farms (more than 60 turbines) may be built in stages. Turbines are often operational once constructed, even if construction of the overall project is ongoing. Community updates continue in this stage and benefit sharing programs are finalised or sometimes become operational.

5 Commissioning and operations

A wind farm can operate between 25 and 35 years
Commissioning begins when the first turbines are built and continues until all turbines are operational – delivering clean, green power. A community benefit fund and a permanent workforce are implemented during operations.

6 Decommissioning

Several months to years, depending on the project size
Options at the end of a wind farm's life include:

- Remove infrastructure and return land to prior state or a state desired by the landowner (this is Campbells Bridge Wind Farm's responsibility)
- Extend the operating lifespan through the relevant planning pathway
- Incorporate modern wind farm technology

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