

# Theodore Wind Farm

Newsletter  
Edition 1, February 2024

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## At a glance



**TURBINES**  
Up to 170



**BATTERY STORAGE**  
Yes



**HEIGHT**  
Up to 270m



**LOCATION**  
About 22 kilometres north-east of Theodore and 50 kilometres south-west of Biloela



**SITE INVESTIGATION AREA**  
About 46,000 hectares, with an expected operating footprint of less than 3% of this land



**INSTALLED CAPACITY**  
About 1100 megawatts (MW)



**HOMES POWERED**  
More than 410,000 – the equivalent of powering all private dwellings in the Banana Shire about 57 times, or the city of Rockhampton close to 15 times



**PROJECT STATUS**  
Studies being finalised, planning to submit the first instalment of the Development Application



**PROPOSED CONNECTION**  
Continuing to work with Powerlink to determine best connection point



**OPERATION**  
Targeting 2027 for initial operations

## Project update

**RWE Renewables Australia is preparing to submit the Development Application for the proposed Theodore Wind Farm and is seeking your feedback on the proposal.**

After more than 12 months of studies across a variety of subjects, we expect to submit the first component of the Development Application – the Relevant Purpose Determination – at the end of the month. This follows engagement with landowners, neighbours, Traditional Owners, Council, community members, government organisations and other stakeholders, as well as the completion of all major rounds of ecology and other surveys required for planning.

We are planning to complete the process and submit the final component of the Development Application to the State Government in the coming months.

You will see in our At A Glance section the number of turbines in the proposed layout has been increased from 160 to up to 170.

While we expect the number of constructed turbines (if the project is approved) to be no more than 160, the Development Application includes the increased number of 170 for the following reasons:

1. As with most wind farm proposals, some turbines will likely be unable to be constructed due to external factors or planning limitations.
2. Incorporating additional turbines during the development process means these locations have been considered in the studies undertaken for the Development Application, including environmental, visual and noise, so appropriate consideration can be given to all potential turbine locations.

The proposed wind farm layout will be available for viewing at our upcoming community drop-in sessions at the **Banana Sutherland Hall on Friday 16 February** and the **Theodore RSL Hall on Saturday 17 February**, as well as updates on the assessments undertaken to date.

If you are unable to attend the community drop-in sessions but would like further information please don't hesitate to reach out via **1800 879 435** or **theodorewindfarm@rwe.com**. Updates are also available on our project website, **theodorewindfarm.com.au**.

**Heidi Creighton & Matt Walker**  
**Theodore Wind Farm**

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## The planning process

**The first step in the Queensland Government's planning process, the Relevant Purpose Determination, includes submission of the proposed site layout and initial planning documentation.**

The complete Development Application is expected to be submitted in the coming months and will include the detailed assessments that have been undertaken (listed below). These also include the results of the noise monitoring undertaken at nine locations within and around the project boundary across a six-week period, and an Accommodation Options Report to assess the impact of housing workers during construction and operation.

We will also be submitting a referral under the Federal Government's Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act in the coming months.

Further information on the planning processes will be available at our Community Drop-in Sessions.

## Project assessments

- Landscape and visual impact
- Traffic impact
- Transport route
- Aviation impact
- Electromagnetic interference
- Noise
- Erosion and stormwater
- Accommodation options
- Social and economic impact
- Baseline ecology

## Speak with us

We value your feedback and are committed to listening and responding to your questions about the Theodore Wind Farm.

If you have any questions or comments, please call 1800 879 435 or email [theodorewindfarm@rwe.com](mailto:theodorewindfarm@rwe.com)

**You can also visit our website at [theodorewindfarm.com.au](http://theodorewindfarm.com.au)**





## Community benefit fund

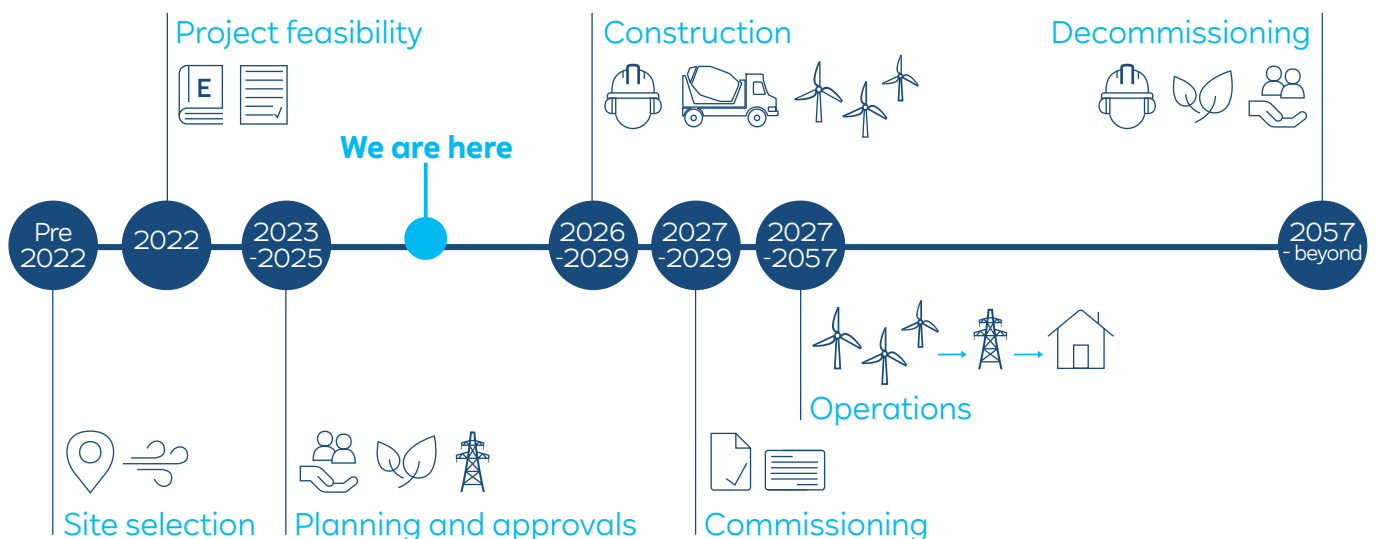
### What are the biggest needs in the Theodore community?

At RWE we are passionate about supporting the communities where our projects are based and have committed to a **Community Benefit Fund of at least \$500,000 per year**, which will contribute a minimum of \$17.5 million into the local community throughout the operational life of the wind farm.

### How should this be distributed? What structure should a fund have? We want to hear from you!

Visit us at our Community Drop-in Sessions and let us know how you think we should support your community, call us at 1800 879 435 or email [theodorewindfarm@rwe.com](mailto:theodorewindfarm@rwe.com).

## Estimated project timeline



## Community Drop-In Sessions

Would you like to know more about the proposed Theodore Wind Farm?

We are holding Community Drop-in Sessions in February and invite you to call in to say hello, view the proposed project layout, learn more about the studies that have been undertaken as part of the Development Application process and provide suggestions for our Community Benefit Fund.

We look forward to receiving your feedback on the proposal.



Please drop in to see us at:

### **Banana**

- Friday, 16 February, 2024
- Sutherland Hall,  
32 Bowen Street, Banana
- 2pm-6.30pm

### **Theodore**

- Saturday, 17 February, 2024
- RSL Hall,  
30 The Boulevard, Theodore
- 8.30am-3pm

## Theodore shopfront

RWE will soon have a monthly presence in Theodore! We are currently searching for a shopfront to rent and will be working from the **Theodore RSL Hall** on a regular basis while we establish a permanent space.



*If you know of an available space please contact us!*

### **Theodore RSL Hall**

- 30 The Boulevard, Theodore

#### Opening hours:

##### **MARCH:**

- Wednesday 13 March, 1.30pm-5.30pm
- Thursday 14 March, 7.30am-12.30pm

##### **APRIL:**

- Wednesday 10 April, 1.30pm-5.30pm
- Thursday 11 April, 7.30am-12.30pm

##### **MAY:**

- Wednesday 15 May, 1.30pm-5.30pm
- Thursday 16 May, 7.30am-12.30pm

##### **JUNE:**

- Wednesday 12 June, 1.30pm-5.30pm
- Thursday 13 June, 7.30am-12.30pm

And other times by appointment.

For further information please contact us at:

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