

PROJECT NEWSLETTER – MAY 2017

Ryan Corner Development Pty Ltd (**RDPL**) is the proponent for the Hawkesdale Wind Farm project. RDPL is a wholly owned subsidiary of Global Power Generation Australia Pty Ltd (**GPG Australia**) [Previously called Union Fenosa Wind Australia Pty Ltd], GPG Australia is a subsidiary of the Spanish based Global Power Generation (**GPG**) that is part of the Gas Natural Fenosa group, a vertically integrated gas and electricity utility across 30 countries.

GPG is a company that specialises in the business of generating electricity from various technologies including wind and solar. GPG’s Assets currently extend to 10 countries and it owns assets with over 3,100 MW of generation capacity. GPG has a portfolio of 8 wind farm projects in Australia with the first project being the 91MW Crookwell 2 Wind Farm in NSW currently in construction and planned to commence its operation in September 2018.

Location

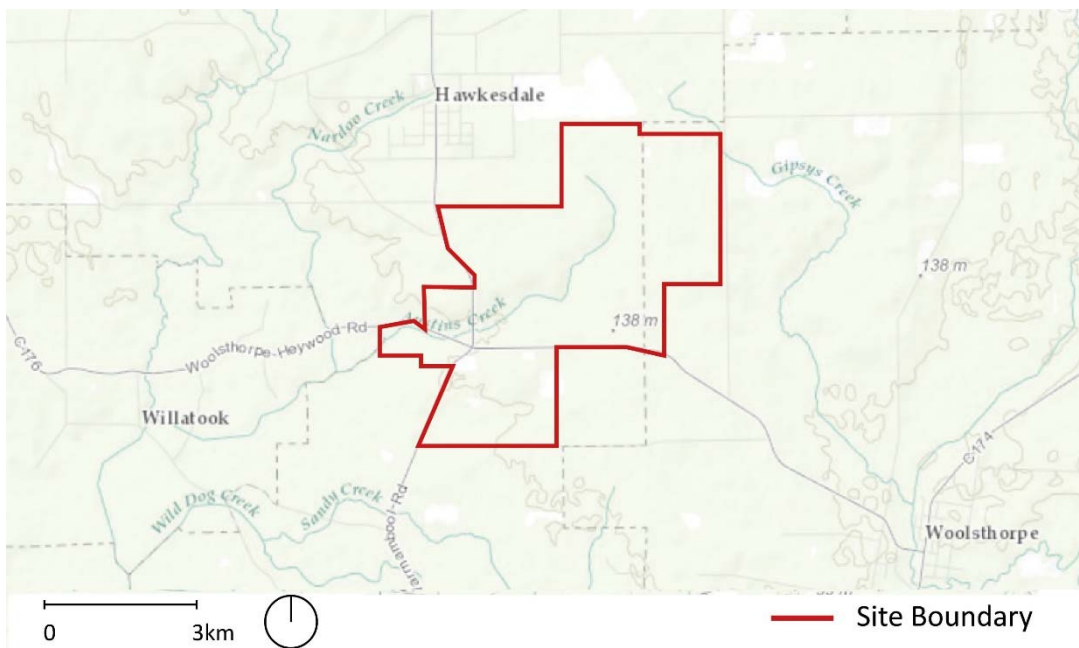
Hawkesdale Wind Farm is located in south-west Victoria, approximately 2 km south-east of Hawkesdale, adjacent to the Warrnambool-Penshurst Road in the Shire of Moyne.

Permit History

The Hawkesdale Wind Farm was approved by the Minister for Planning under Planning Permit No. 20060221 on 12th August 2008.

A Secondary Consent approval was granted by the (then) DPCD in a letter dated 12th August 2010 for a minor increase in overall turbine height, tower, and blade length requirements contained within Condition 3 of the permit.

An extension to the completion date of the development construction phase under Condition 35 (ii) of the permit was granted by the (then) DPCD on 9th April 2015. The construction must now be completed by 29th August 2019.



Proposed Amendment to the Approved Hawkesdale Wind Farm

GPG is seeking to amend the approved wind farm. The key changes are the following:

- An increase in wind turbine height to a maximum of 180 metres.
- A minimum rotor blade sweep clearance above ground level for turbines of 30 and 40 metres depending on turbine location.
- A reduction of 5 turbines, resulting in a total of 26 turbines.
- Micro-siting of 12 turbines within 100 metres of the original approved location in accordance to provisions in the permit.
- The consequential realignment of the site access tracks.

The proposed amendments to the turbine specifications are required as a result of recent technological advances in turbine design which has resulted in a greater choice of models on the market which have improved operational efficiency. As such, it is proposed to utilise an alternate turbine model with a greater overall maximum height (to the tip of the rotor blade when vertical).

The increased turbine efficiency will enable the total number of turbines to be reduced, while enabling a greater output.

A plan showing the proposed amended layout is provided overleaf.

Key Economic Benefits of the Hawkesdale Wind Farm

The proposed amended Hawkesdale Wind Farm will be able to power approximately 63,000 households in Victoria whilst eliminating approximately 315,000 tons of greenhouse gases per year. This will help the government reach its renewable energy target of 33,000 Gigawatt hours by 2020.

The proposed amended Hawkesdale Wind Farm will have a capacity of ~104MW. This represents an increase in energy yield of ~80% compared to the current approved wind farm and is able to be achieved with 5 less turbines.

The overall investment for the wind farm will be approximately \$165 million.

The project is expected to generate approximately 50 full time equivalent jobs during construction and 5 permanent jobs during operation.

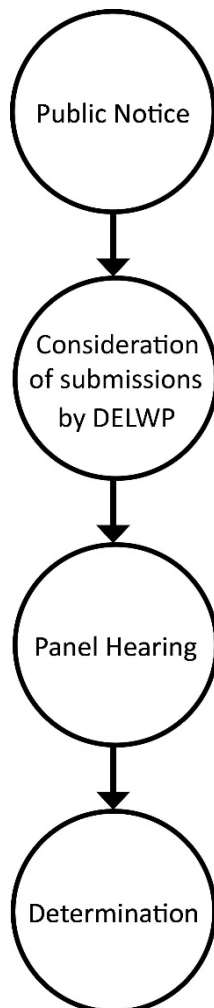
There will be annual generation levies payable to the Moyne Shire Council (~\$183,000), and annual rental payments to the host landowners (~\$265,000).

In addition, there will be ~\$50,000 of voluntary funding for community enhancement and benefit sharing scheme each year in the municipality in proximity to the Hawkesdale Wind Farm site boundary.

Amendment Process

The amendment process is summarised below. As an adjoining land owner, you will be formally notified of the proposed amendment to the approved wind farm in the coming weeks, and will be given the opportunity to make a formal submission to the amendment.

The Hawkesdale Wind Farm was subject to approval under the P&E Act. In accordance with Clause 61.01-1 – Administration and Enforcement of this Scheme, the Minister for Planning is the responsible authority for the planning application. The process is as follows where DELWP is the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning.



Contact Us

If you would like to know more about the Hawkesdale Wind Farm project, there are a number of ways for you to contact us at Global Power Generation Australia Pty Ltd:

- You can call us by telephone on our freecall number **1800 457 181**
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- You can visit our website: www.unionfenosa.com.au and use an online enquiry form to contact us.
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The Hawkesdale Wind Farm project has an established Community Engagement Committee that conducts meetings from time to time and is facilitated and chaired by the Moyne Shire Council.

Our representatives can also be available for face-to-face meetings with community members during their scheduled site visits.

Site Map

HAWKESDALE WIND FARM

