

OFF SITE LANDSCAPING PROGRAM HAWKESDALE WIND FARM

GUIDELINES

The Guidelines summarise the options available to eligible dwelling owners and the scope of landscaping works to be undertaken by Hawkesdale Asset Pty Ltd. All documents relevant to the Off Site Landscaping Program and Planning Permit 20060221-2 are available on the Hawkesdale wind farm web site.

HAWKESDALE WIND FARM BACKGROUND

The Project is located within the Shire of Moyne, adjacent to the intersection of the Woolsthorpe-Heywood Road and the Peshurst-Warrnambool Road, approximately 230 kilometres west of Melbourne. The Project area is primarily located on freehold agricultural land that covers an area of approximately 2,280 hectares.

Planning approval (Planning Permit No. 20060221) was granted under the Moyne Planning Scheme for the development of the Hawkesdale Wind Farm, by the then Minister for Planning on 21 August 2008. The latest amendment to the permit was granted on 20 October 2022 and Planning Permit 20060221-2 was issued for the Project. The Off-Site Landscaping Program has been prepared in response to the requirements of Condition 5 of the Planning Permit.

Reduce the visual impact of turbines on all non stakeholder dwellings identified as of 2 September 2021 within four (4) kilometres of the nearest turbine, and from dwellings 40 and 47 as identified in Figure 20.45 of the report titled Hawkesdale Wind Farm Application for Planning Permit by Gamesa Energy Australia/TME Australia Volume 1 – Main Report September 2006.

AM I ELIGIBLE FOR THE LANDSCAPE PROGRAM

The following criteria will be used to determine if you are eligible to apply for the landscape program:

- Are you the registered owner of the dwelling?
- Is your dwelling within 4km of a turbine?
- Do you have views of a turbine from habitable rooms within the dwelling?
- Do you have views of a turbine from the main entrances or exits of the dwelling?
- Do you have views of a turbine 50 meters of the dwelling?

WHAT IS THE DEFINITION OF A DWELLING?

A 'dwelling' is defined in accordance with the definition provided by the Planning and Environment Act 1987, which states:

'dwelling means a building that is used, or is intended, adapted or designed for use, as a separate residence, (including kitchen, bathroom and sanitary facilities) for an occupier who has a right to the exclusive use of it.'

To ensure useable outdoor spaces are captured, the above definition of dwelling is applied and this plan also includes a 50 metre radius around dwellings to cover useable



outdoor areas attached to the residence (such as outdoor dining, etc) when potential impacts are considered for this off-site landscape program. For exemptions to this definition, refer the Planning and Environment Act 1987.

Areas that are not eligible include views from areas that are considered to be a place of work or recreation area, such as:

- Sheds
- Stock yards
- Horse arenas, jumps practice or trotting tracks
- Stables
- Paddocks
- Orchards

WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS?

- Hawkesdale wind farm will notify all potentially eligible residences within 4km of a wind turbine
- If you wish to go ahead:
 - Complete and submit an application
 - A qualified landscape architect will be engaged to conduct a desk audit
 - If necessary a site visit will be arranged to further assess the property
 - If eligible an offer will be made to undertake landscaping by Hawkesdale Asset Pty Ltd (Option 1)
 - If eligible an offer of payment in lieu to undertake the landscaping yourself. (Option 2)
- If you do not reply within 6 months of receiving the invitation to participate in the program a reminder will be sent.

OPTION 1: HAWKESDALE ASSET PTY LTD WILL UNDERTAKE LANDSCAPING

Hawkesdale Asset Pty Ltd (HAPL) or its nominated representative will be responsible for all works including ground preparation, sourcing and installing plants. Instructions will be left with the landowner to care for the plants. HAPL will check the progress periodically.

OPTION 2: PAYMENT IN LIEU

The landowner will be responsible for all works including ground preparation, sourcing and installing plants and maintenance. The landowner will be compensated for these works including maintenance for up to two years by way of a once off cash payment.

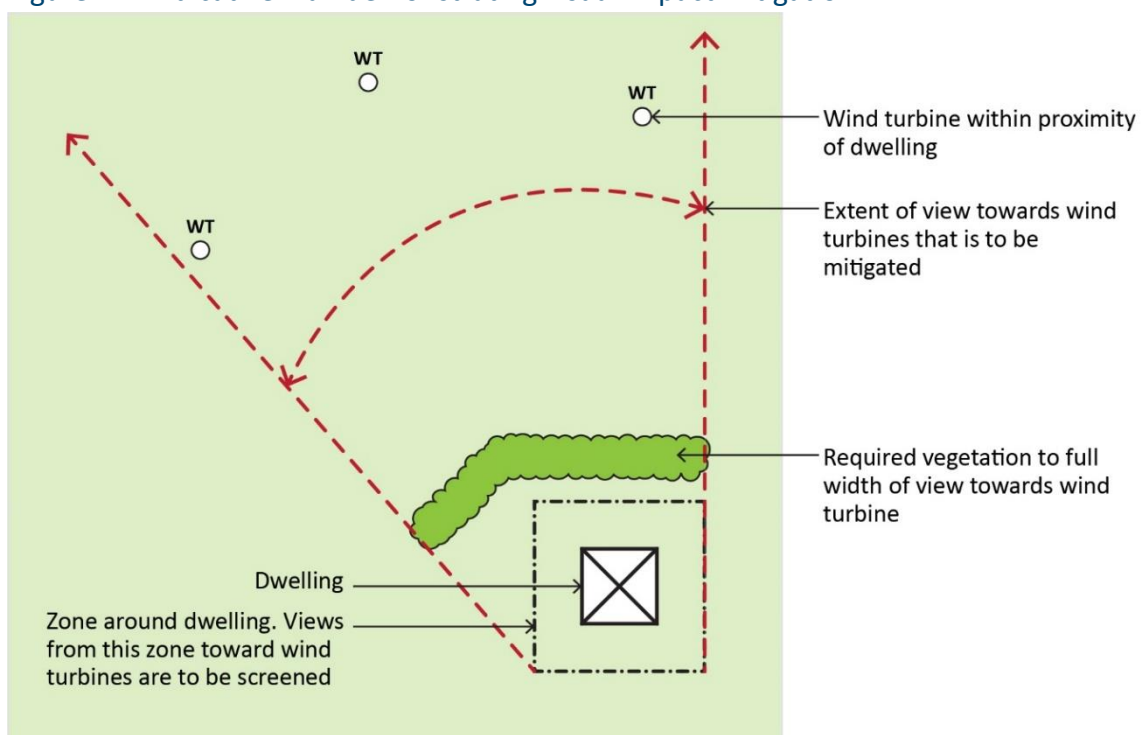


THE LANDSCAPE SCREENING PROGRAM INCLUDES

The Landscape Screening Program will strategically use vegetation (i.e. trees and shrubs) to mitigate the visual impact of turbines from affected dwellings. The program involves a desktop assessment, site visit and meeting with a landscape consultant, and subsequently, preparation of a dwelling landscape plan. The dwelling landscape plan:

- Will propose plantings sufficient to mitigate the visual impact of turbines from dwellings;
- Details the proposed landscape works including ground preparation and proposed planting. These details will be mapped to show the location and extent of planting, including the number of species that will be planted and the expected height and spread of the plants at maturity; and
- A timetable of implementation of the landscaping works, including a planting schedule and timeframes for maintenance of works over a two-year period.

Figure 1 Indicative Plan demonstrating visual impact mitigation



The plan will not include architectural landscaping features, boundary shelter belts, revegetation, land rehabilitation or similar.



THE LANDSCAPE SCREENING PROGRAM DOES NOT INCLUDE

- Landscaping of paddocks, horse arenas or driveways.
- Removal of trees or shrubs either dead, senescing or healthy from the landscaping screening areas
- Removal of debris, machinery, vehicles, materials, rubbish or structures from the areas agreed for landscaping.
- Removal of cypress trees infested with cypress canker virus.
- Exotic plants that would not survive local climatic conditions.
- Landscaping to screen new or existing transmission lines.
- Planting on neighbour properties or on council land.
- Planting within 10 meters of the dwelling in bush fire prone areas (CFA requirement).
- Landscaping for businesses.
- Mature trees that will not survive once transplanted.
- Irrigation and watering systems.
- Payment for existing or pre purchased plants.
- Local pest extermination.
- Planting on council land or other properties not owned by the applicant.

HOW TO APPLY?

Complete your application form and gather supporting documents;

- Submit your application by post to Suite A, Level 3, 73 Northbourne Avenue, Canberra, ACT 2600; or
- Submit your application by email to hawkesdalewindfarm@globalpower-generation.com.au;
- Please submit a copy of a recent shire council rates notice with your application as proof of ownership.
- Provide photographs from aspects of the residence where turbines are visible



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