

Brewster Wind Farm

Since we last wrote to you our proposed Brewster Wind Farm has been progressing through the planning process. Following formal notice of the project in October 2024, the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) granted a planning permit for the project in February 2025. We will now progress to the next phase of the development process. During this time, we look forward to collaborating with local authorities, the community and other stakeholders as we take the next steps in this project.

Project Summary

The layout of the wind farm which was approved by DTP remains unchanged from the last one we shared with you and is shown on the map in the following pages. The point of connection with the electricity network also remains the same, being in the road reserve of the Western Hwy directly adjacent to the site.

What Comes Next

With development approval acquired, we are now entering the next phase of the development process which includes detailed engineering design, regulatory compliance, contracting, financing and ultimately construction of the project. We anticipate that this process will take 18 months or more from the point when the permit was issued, meaning construction is unlikely to commence until late 2026 or even later. As we work through the following phases of the development process we will provide you with further newsletter updates.

Community Benefit Scheme

So that the community benefits directly and indirectly from this wind farm project, we plan to introduce a Community Benefit Scheme which will start making payments to residents and community projects when the wind farm commences operating.

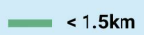
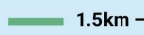
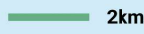
Following feedback received during community information sessions the proposed community benefit scheme has been revised and now consists of the following:

- Annual payments of:
 - \$7500 to all dwellings located within 1.5 km of a wind turbine generator;
 - \$5000 to all dwellings located between 1.5 km and 2.0 km of a wind turbine generator;
- One-off contributions towards the cost of energy efficiency measures of:
 - \$15,000 for dwellings located within 2.0 km of a wind turbine generator;
 - \$10,000 for dwellings located between 2.0 km and 4.0 km of a wind turbine generator;
- An annual contribution of \$24,000 towards community projects; and
- An annual contribution of \$6000 to the nearest primary school.

These neighbour benefits are summarised in the figure overleaf.



Neighbour Benefits

	 < 1.5km 		\$7,500 annual cash payment \$15,000 once-off payment towards Energy Efficiency Measures
	 1.5km – 2km 		\$5,000 annual cash payment \$15,000 once-off payment towards Energy Efficiency Measures
	 2km – 4km 		\$10,000 once-off payment towards Energy Efficiency Measures
	\$24,000 annual contribution towards community projects \$6,000 annual contribution to the nearest primary school		

Altogether this amounts to a total annual benefit sharing of over \$1500 per megawatt of capacity, which exceeds the recommendations made in the Victorian Government's benefit sharing guideline entitled *Community Engagement and Benefit Sharing in Renewable Energy Development: A Guide for Applicants to the Victorian Renewable Energy Target Auction (DELWP)*.

Dwelling owners who qualify for the Community Benefit Scheme will receive a letter in this information package informing them of their distance to the nearest turbine and the benefits that are available to them. Participation in the Community Benefit Scheme is entirely voluntary and comes with no obligations on the part of recipients, except for the acknowledgement of payment for accounting purposes. If you qualify for the scheme but do not wish to be part of it simply inform us of your intention and we will note it for future reference.

Please note that we would like to tailor the Community Benefit Scheme to the needs of the local community and as a result we will continue to seek feedback on the proposed scheme until it is implemented. In the event that community feedback leads to a further revision of the scheme's details the total annual payment per megawatt of capacity will remain unchanged.

Contact

If you would like more information about the Brewster Wind Farm please contact our project team by phone on 0498 810 177, or via email at info@brewsterwindfarm.com.au.

We understand some residents may want more detailed information or prefer discussing the project in-person. If you would like us to pay you a visit, please contact us and we will organise for a company representative to meet with you at a time that is convenient.

Website

We have a dedicated project website that contains an overview of the project, our contact details, answers to frequently asked questions and information sheets that address common concerns. We will continue to update this as the project progresses. The project website can be found at www.brewsterwindfarm.com.au.

About RE Future

RE Future is an Australian owned and funded business operated by a small group of seasoned wind industry professionals. Our extensive knowledge of Victoria's wind resource and electricity network enables us to identify high quality locations for the establishment of wind energy facilities. The team at RE Future has over 60 years of combined experience in wind farm development and has successfully developed over 840 MW of wind projects that are now built and operating.



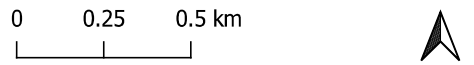
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Site Plan

Legend

- Wind Turbine
 - Subject Site
 - Development Footprint
- Subject Site
- HIGHWAY
 - LANE
 - ROAD

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