

ABOUT THE PROJECT

The proposed Willatook Wind Farm is located between Orford and Willatook in south-western Victoria and would consist of up to 75 wind turbine generators, a battery energy storage facility and supporting infrastructure.

The site is well suited for a wind farm development, with strong prevailing winds and a short link to the existing Moorabool to Heywood 500 kilovolt transmission line via the Tarrone Terminal Station.

Project construction is anticipated to take about two years and would require an estimated workforce of up to 195 people.

Once complete, the project would generate more than 1,500 gigawatt hours of renewable electricity to the National Electricity Market annually over 25 years, equivalent to the average electricity usage of around 300,000 Victorian households.

As 2021 draws to a close, we wanted to provide you with an update of progress on the Willatook Wind Farm, and wish you a safe and happy Christmas.

This year has presented a range of challenges around COVID lockdowns and restrictions on movement, but we have made substantial progress on the Willatook Windfarm Environment Effects Statement (EES), which is nearing completion.

While there have been some delays, we are planning to formally lodge the EES and planning permit application early in the new year.

In the lead-up to the EES being on public exhibition, we are planning to hold community information sessions. These events will be hosted with Covid-safe protocols in place.

These sessions will provide you with an opportunity to learn about the proposed wind farm design, and findings from various studies that have been completed for the EES.

We are planning for several of our technical specialists to attend and be available to answer your questions. We are also looking to hold information sessions online as webinars to help us share project information with you.

We wish you a safe and relaxing festive period and look forward to seeing many of you face-to-face in 2022.

The Wind Prospect team

COMMUNITY FUNDING

Did you know that the Willatook Wind Farm Sponsorship Fund is open year-round?

There is \$20,000 of funding available per year and application forms can be found at www.willatookwindfarm.com.au

Orford Community Hall \$5.860

Willatook Wind Farm recently awarded the Orford Community Hall Committee a \$5,860 sponsorship that will be used to fund the replacement of external doors of the hall and main entrance, which are in poor condition.

This work will ensure the hall is secure, safe and in a condition for use by the local community. This work is also supported by the Moyne Shire's Community Assistance Fund.



NEXT STEPS:





Community Engagement







Early 2022

Completion of 15
technical studies and
investigations that
support the EES and
provide a comprehensive
description of the project
and likely effects.

Wind Prospect has been developing the EES over a period of 2.5 years.

Early 2022

A series of information days are planned for community members to learn about the final project design, and findings from the EES investigations.

Our noise, visual and ecological consultants will attend and be available for questions.

Early 2022

The EES will be on public exhibition for at least 30 days and made available online and at several locations within the region.

This is an opportunity for community members to learn about the final project design, construction and operation, and likely effects on the environment and community. During this time, the public can make written submissions.

Mid 2022

A State Government appointed independent Inquiry Panel will conduct public hearings.

The panel will review and consider the EES and written and verbal submissions and produce a report for the Minister for Planning.

Late 2022

The Victorian Minister for Planning will assess the EES, public submissions and the inquiry report in order to make an assessment.

The Minister's findings will be documented in an Assessment Report that will provide guidance to Statutory Decision Makers.

UPDATES ABOUT THE PROJECT

Keep up to date as the project progresses by registering for regular project emails online at **www.willatookwindfarm.com.au**

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