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Moreton Hill Wind Farm

At a glance



420MW

Expected capacity



260k

Expected homes powered



350k

Expected tonnes of emissions avoided



62

Wind turbines



150MW

Battery energy storage

Welcome to the first Moreton Hill Wind Farm community newsletter for 2026, which provides an update on project progress and upcoming activities for landowners, neighbours and the wider community.

We would like to acknowledge the significant impact of the Streatham bushfire in January. Our thoughts are with those affected, and we thank the CFA, emergency services and community volunteers for their extraordinary efforts.

Since our last newsletter in December, we have been finalising the planning permit application. This has included ongoing work with Wadawurrung Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation to progress the Cultural Heritage Management Plan.

The planning permit application is now in its final stages. Once submitted and accepted, it will be placed on public exhibition, allowing you to review the documents and make submissions as part of the formal planning process.

We will notify the community when the application goes on exhibition and share a plain-English summary of the planning documents.

Progressing planning approvals

Moreton Hill Wind Farm will be assessed by the Victorian Minister for Planning under the Bilateral (Assessment) Agreement between the Commonwealth and Victorian Governments.

The project requires four separate approvals:

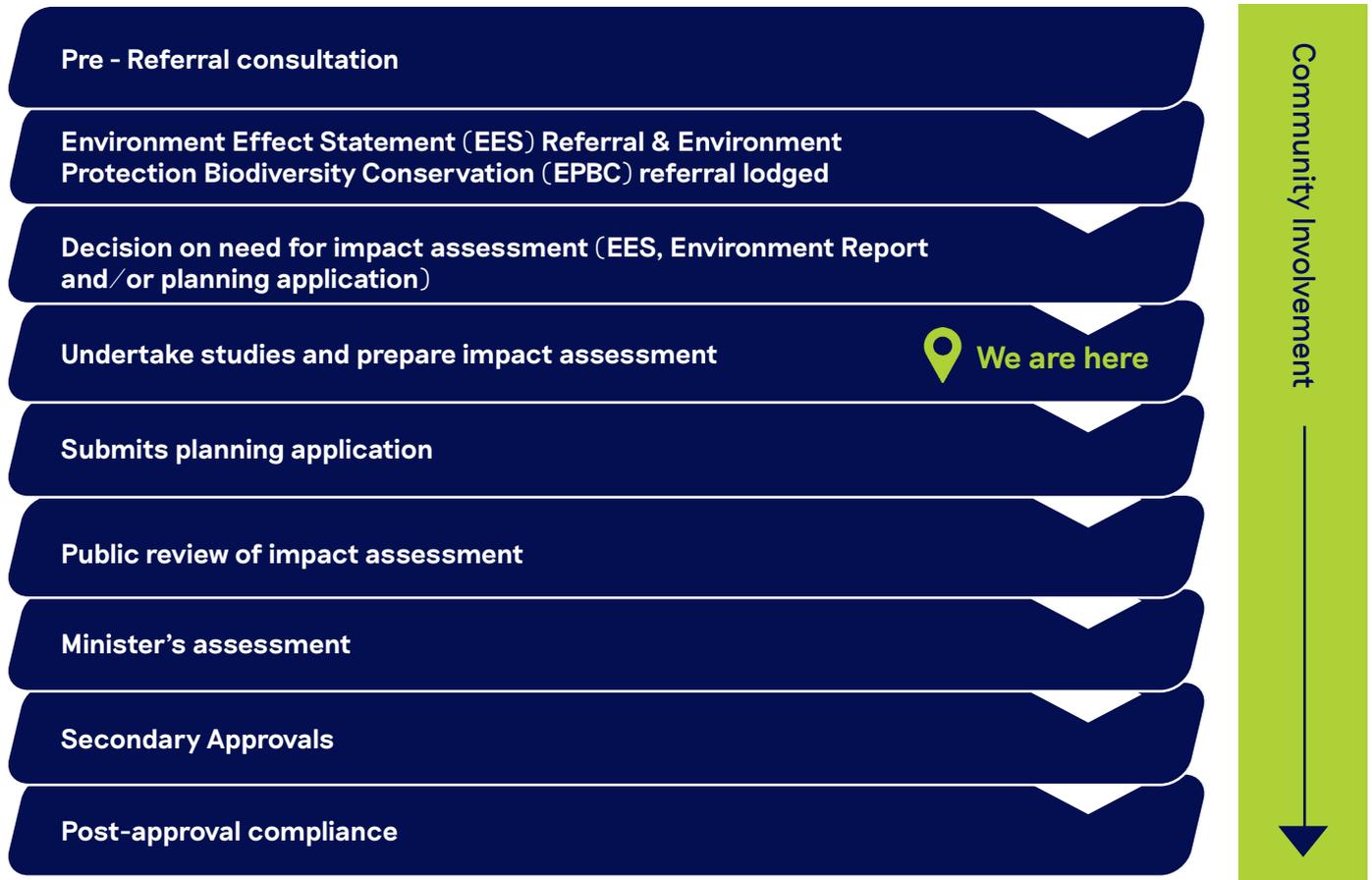
1. Planning Permit Application - assessed under the *Planning and Environment Act* by the Victorian Department of Transport and Planning (State).
2. Environment Report (ER) - assessed under the *Environment Effects Act* by DEECA (State) and DCCEEW (Commonwealth).
3. EPBC Approval - assessed under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act* by DCCEEW (Commonwealth).
4. Cultural Heritage Management Plan (CHMP) - approved under the *Aboriginal Heritage Act* by the Registered Aboriginal Party, in this case the Wadawurrung Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation.

The diagram provides an overview of the approvals and assessment pathway for the Moreton Hill Wind Farm.

Project team update

Oli McCarthy recently joined the Moreton Hill Wind Farm project team as Project Developer.

Oli is working closely with landowners, neighbours and community members across the district and looks forward to continuing to meet people locally as the project progresses.



VicGrid Renewable Energy Zone submission

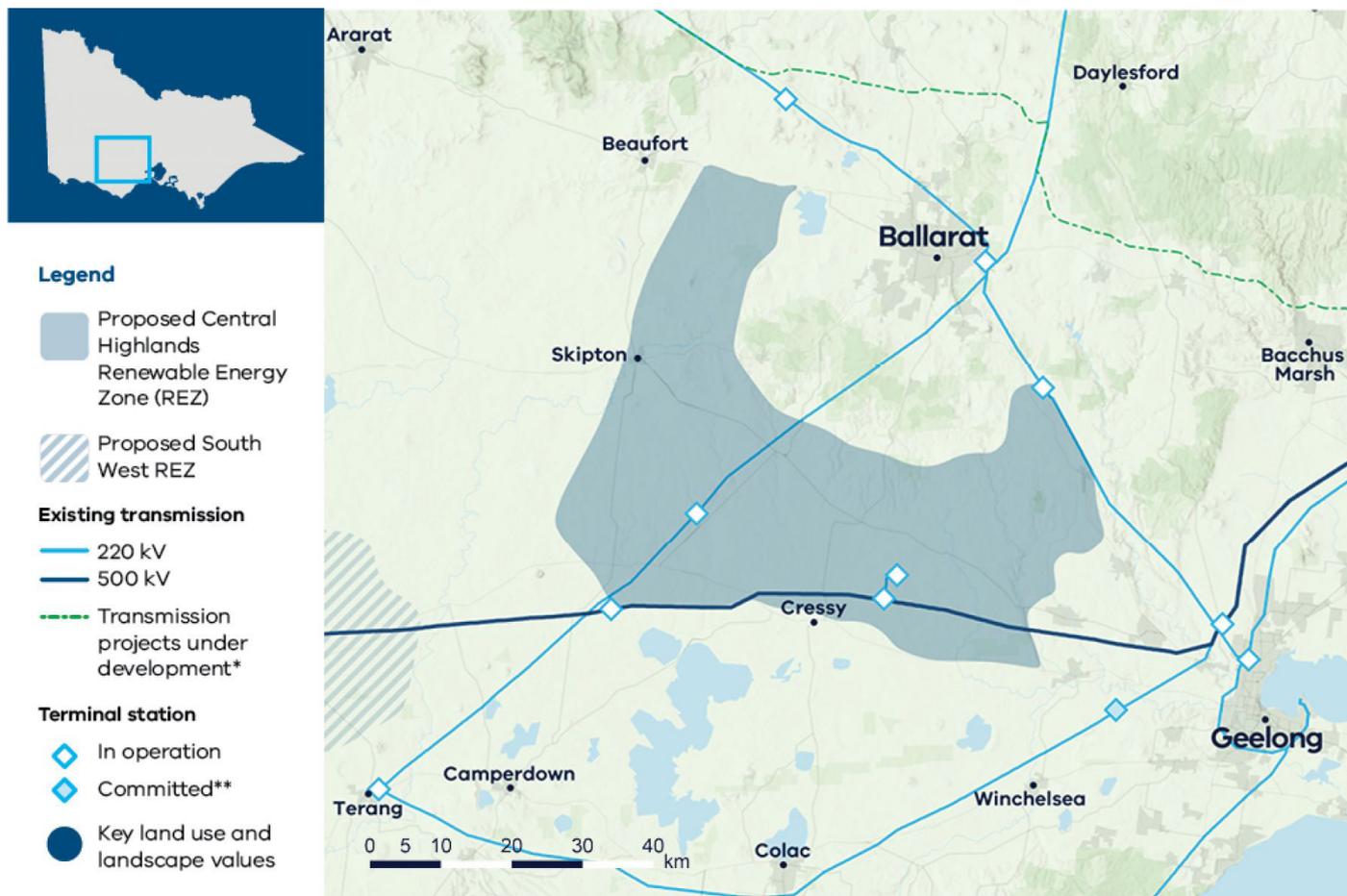
The Victorian Government is currently consulting on the proposed Renewable Energy Zone (REZ) Orders through VicGrid. Moreton Hill Wind Farm is located within the proposed Central Highlands REZ.



We have made a submission to VicGrid outlining matters relevant to projects like Moreton Hill including:

- how community benefit initiatives associated with Renewable Energy Zones will be implemented
- the timing and introduction of the Community Engagement and Social Value Guidelines for Renewable Energy and Transmission Projects.

We will continue to engage with VicGrid and government as the REZ framework is finalised and will take this into account as part of our ongoing engagement with the community and Traditional Owners.



VicGrid’s map of the Central Highlands Renewable Energy Zone

Community sponsorship

Our sponsorship program is open all year round and we welcome applications from:

- Community organisations, events or initiatives based near the project (e.g. Skipton and Linton)
- Projects that benefit the wider community (e.g. Landcare, Country Fire Authority)
- Initiatives that support First Nations communities



Scan the QR code to view the sponsorship guidelines and application form.



Thanks for having your say

In December 2025, we asked the local community to complete a Community Investment Survey to understand what initiatives matter most to you. We have received some initial responses and appreciate the feedback shared so far.

The survey is still open, and if you haven't already, we encourage you to have your say.



Stay in touch

We continue to engage with landowners and the local community. If you would like to get in touch or share feedback, please use the contact details below. Thank you to the landowners and community members who have taken the time to engage with the project team to date.



Squadron Energy acknowledges the Wadawurrung people as the Traditional Owners of the land, recognizing their enduring connection to Country and their cultural heritage. We pay respect to their Elders past and present, and we recognise and respect their continuing connection to land, waters and community.

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