



Moreton Hill Wind Farm

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At a glance



420MW
Expected capacity



260k
Expected homes
powered



350k
Expected tonnes of
emissions avoided



62
Wind turbines



150MW
Battery energy
storage

Project update

Welcome to the July 2026 Moreton Hill Wind Farm newsletter.

Since our last newsletter in March, the project has reached an important milestone with the completion and submission of the Environment Report and Planning Permit Applications.

Over the past several years, independent specialists have carried out a range of environmental, technical and social studies to assess the project and understand potential impacts. These studies, together with ongoing consultation with landowners, neighbours, Traditional Owners, community members, government agencies and other stakeholders, have helped refine the project design and inform the assessment documentation currently under review by government.

The project has now progressed to the next stage of the approvals process, with the Environment Report on public exhibition. This provides an opportunity for community members to review the project documentation and make a submission as part of the formal assessment process. We would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the project to date. Your feedback continues to play an important role in the development of Moreton Hill Wind Farm.

Environment report now on public exhibition

The Moreton Hill Wind Farm Environment Report is on public exhibition until **Friday 7 August 2026**.

The report has been prepared in line with Victorian and Commonwealth Government assessment requirements and examines the potential environmental and social impacts and opportunities associated with the project. Community members, landowners and other interested stakeholders are invited to review the report and make a submission during the exhibition period.

How to view and make a submission

The Moreton Hill Wind Farm Environment Report, supporting technical documents and online submission portal are available on the Victorian Government's Engage Victoria website.

Scan the QR code to view the online portal or visit:

<https://engage.vic.gov.au/project/moreton-hill-wind-farm>

The public exhibition period is open until **Friday 7 August 2026**.



Scan the QR
code to view
the Planning
Application
summary



Understanding the approval process

Moreton Hill Wind Farm is progressing through Victoria's planning and environmental approvals process. Before construction can begin, the project must obtain environmental, planning and cultural heritage approvals from both the Victorian and Australian Governments.

Environment Report

In September 2024, the Victorian Minister for Planning determined that the project does not require a formal Environment Effects Statement (EES). Instead, an Environment Report has been prepared to assess the project's environmental impacts in accordance with Ministerial assessment requirements.

The Australian Government also determined that the project requires assessment under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) due to its potential impacts on Matters of National Environmental Significance.

To streamline the process, the Environment Report has been prepared under the bilateral assessment agreement between the Victorian and Australian Governments, enabling a single environmental assessment to meet both State and Commonwealth requirements.

Planning Permit Applications

In addition to the Environment Report, Planning Permit Applications have been lodged under the Golden Plains Shire and Corangamite Shire Planning Schemes.

These applications assess a broad range of planning matters, including landscape and visual impacts, noise, traffic and transport, historic heritage, agriculture and land use, water resources, bushfire risk, and social and economic impacts.

The applications are being assessed through the Victorian Government's Development Facilitation Program, with the Minister for Planning acting as the responsible authority.

The Planning Permit Applications will also be placed on public exhibition for a 28 day period, providing a further opportunity for community feedback. Information on the exhibition will be made available via the Department of Transport and Planning once exhibition dates are confirmed.

Cultural Heritage Management Plan

Alongside the Environment Report and Planning Permit Applications, a Cultural Heritage Management Plan (CHMP) is being prepared under the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006* (Vic).

The CHMP is a separate statutory approval process that identifies Aboriginal cultural heritage values within the project area and outlines measures to protect and manage cultural heritage during construction and operation.

The CHMP is being developed in consultation with Wadawurrung Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation, the Registered Aboriginal Party for the project area.

Importantly, the CHMP must be approved before planning permits can be issued for the project.

Pre - Referral consultation

Environment Effect Statement (EES) Referral & Environment Protection Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) referral lodged

Decision on need for impact assessment (EES, Environment Report and/or planning application)

Undertake studies and prepare impact assessment



We are here

Submit planning application

Public review of impact assessment

Minister's assessment

Secondary Approvals

Post-approval compliance

Community Involvement



Next steps

With the public exhibition period now underway, there are still several important steps in the assessment process before any decisions are made on the project.

Once the exhibition closes:

1. Community feedback and submissions will be reviewed and considered by the Victorian Government.
2. Responses to submissions will be prepared where required.
3. The Victorian Minister for Planning will prepare an Assessment Report, considering the findings of the Environment Report, community feedback and other relevant information.
4. The Assessment Report will help inform the Australian Government's decision under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).
5. The Planning Permit Applications will then continue through the assessment process and be considered by the Victorian Minister for Planning once all statutory requirements have been met, including approval of the Cultural Heritage Management Plan by the Wadawurrung Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation (WTOAC).

We will continue to keep the community informed as the project progresses through these remaining stages of assessment and approvals.

Stay in touch

Thank you to everyone who continues to engage with Moreton Hill Wind Farm.

We encourage all community members with an interest in the project to review the Environment Report, participate in the public exhibition process and stay informed as the project progresses.

For more information, please visit the Moreton Hill Wind Farm project webpage or contact the project team.



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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