

# MEDIA RELEASE

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## Wind Farm Consultation

The proposed Uungula Wind Farm is located north of Lake Burrandong, New South Wales, midway between Wellington, Gulgong and Mudgee and could accommodate upward of 300 wind turbines - enough to produce approximately 1,500 gigawatt hours (GWh) annually of clean, renewable energy, capable of supply approximately 240,000 average homes across Australia.

Our current efforts are concentrated towards delivering initial wind farm layouts whilst evaluating a range of grid connection routes. This process, to date, has been greatly aided by feedback through our website and through direct approaches from local landowners via the contact details provided on our project website ([www.uungulawindfarm.com.au](http://www.uungulawindfarm.com.au)). Once the initial site design options have been explored and internally tested, we will hold a Public Open Day, similar to the one held for the Crudine Ridge Wind Farm in July this year, to further encourage feedback. Notifications of this Public Open Day will be made via a Project Newsletter that will be distributed throughout the local community in addition to local newspaper adverts and likely radio interviews.

The Public Open Day will take the form of large scale displays, including maps of the initial wind farm layouts, photomontages of the proposed project from a range of

locations, and other information relating to what has been done to date and what is still to be done. A number of Wind Prospect CWP staff members will also be on hand to liaise with and answer questions.

The proposed Crudine Ridge Wind Farm is located south of Pyramul, New South Wales, midway between Mudgee and Bathurst and could accommodate up to 106 wind turbines - enough to produce approximately 560 gigawatt hours (GWh) annually of clean, renewable energy, capable of supply approximately 80,000 average homes across Australia.

Feedback from the initial Crudine Ridge Wind Farm Public Open Day was overwhelmingly positive, and in line with the responses we received to our earlier Public Opinion Survey. This feedback encouraged us to progress the project, and as such onsite surveys will conclude later this year, following which we will hold a second Public Open Day. Again, notifications of this Public Open Day will be made via a Project Newsletter that will be distributed throughout the local community in addition to local newspaper adverts and likely radio interviews.

As mentioned previously, we encourage feedback from the local community at all stages of the development process. Should any of your readers wish to make contact about either proposal, they can do so by contacting Ed Mounsey, Head of Development for Wind Prospect CWP on 02 4013 4640, or [ed.mounsey@wpcwp.com.au](mailto:ed.mounsey@wpcwp.com.au), or PO Box 1708, Newcastle, NSW, 2300.

Wind Prospect CWP Pty Ltd is a joint venture between Wind Prospect Group (WP) and Continental Wind Partners, both international wind farm development companies. The joint venture combines the strengths of the two groups that undertake all aspects of wind energy development, including design, construction and operation of wind farms across 11 countries. With over 18 years of successful development within the industry, Wind Prospect has been involved in the successful delivery of 2,500 MW, including onshore and offshore projects. The company's civil, electrical and mechanical engineers have been involved in the commissioning of over 50 wind farms around the world. Continental Wind Partners has developed and is now building the largest wind farm in Europe, the 600MW Fantanele project. To date \$1.5billion has been invested in this project alone.

Wind Prospect CWP's offices in Newcastle manage the, NSW portfolio of 3,200 MW of wind farm developments which include the Boco Rock project. Boco Rock follows the successes of the groups other Australian wind farms approved over the last 8 years in Australia (Table 1).

Wind Farm	State	Turbines	Total MW	Status
Hallett I (Brown Hill)	SA	45	94.5	Operating
Snowtown (Stage 1)	SA	47	98.7	Operating
Canunda	SA	23	46	Operating
Mt Millar	SA	35	70	Operating
Hallett II (Hallett Hill)	SA	34	71.4	Operating
Hallett IV (North Brown Hill)	SA	63	132.3	Under Construction
Hallett V (The Bluff Range)	SA	25	52.5	Under Construction
Snowtown (Stage 2)	SA	83	166	Approved
Willogoleche Hill	SA	26	52	Approved
Troubridge Point	SA	15	30	Approved
Boco Rock	NSW	122	260	Approved
Sapphire	NSW	159	325	Near Submission
<b>Totals</b>		<b>677</b>	<b>1,398.4 MW</b>	

Table 1 – Wind Prospect Wind Farm Developments To Date

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