

MEDIA RELEASE

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Wind Farm Open Days and Project Update

Open Days

Wind Prospect CWP Pty Ltd will be holding two Public Open Days later this month for their respective wind farm developments in the region.

On Tuesday 28th February a Public Open Day will be held for the Crudine Ridge Wind Farm at Pyramul Hall, from 2.30 to 7.00pm.

The 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 supplying approximately 80,000 average homes across Australia.

On Wednesday 29th February a Public Open Day will be held for the Uungula Wind Farm at Goolma Community Hall, from 2.30 to 7.00pm.

The Uungula Wind Farm is located between Wellington, Gulgong and Mudgee, north of Lake Burrendong and could accommodate over 250 wind turbines - enough to produce approximately 1,320 gigawatt hours (GWh) annually of clean, renewable energy, capable of supplying approximately 190,000 average homes across Australia.

Each Public Open Day will take the form of large scale displays, including a map of the respective wind farm, 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.

Project Updates

The Crudine Ridge Wind Farm was first announced in March 2011. On the back of strong local support for the project received during this period, both formally through response to our Public Opinion Surveys and informally through conversations with local members of the community, Wind Prospect CWP has progressed with the key assessments and community consultation. "We are now close to concluding our Environmental Assessment (EA) for the project, which we are aiming to lodge with the NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure in March this year. The Public Open Day in Pyramul will be an opportunity for us to display and discuss with local members of the community much of what will be included in the EA", said Ed Mounsey, Wind Prospect CWP Head of Development.

A third newsletter detailing the Public Open Day and progress on the key environmental assessments will be distributed to local residents and Council offices in the coming weeks. A copy of the newsletter will also be made available on the project website – www.crudineridgewindfarm.com.au – in due course. Copies of the newsletter can be downloaded from this site.

Wind Prospect CWP's other project in the area, the proposed Uungula Wind Farm - www.uungulawindfarm.com.au – is in early stage development. Since November last year representatives from Wind Prospect CWP have been meeting with residents surrounding the proposed project area to discuss plans and receive their feedback. “By holding an Open Day for the project at this early stage we are hoping to capture further feedback from the local community that will assist in shaping the project”, Mr. Mounsey concluded.

A second newsletter detailing the Public Open Day will be distributed to local residents and Council offices in the coming weeks. A copy of the newsletter will also be made available on the project website – www.uungulawindfarm.com.au – in due course. Copies of the newsletter can be downloaded from this site.

For further information, please contact Ed Mounsey on 02 4013 4640.

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 10 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	On exhibition
Totals		677	1,398.4 MW	

Table 1 – Wind Prospect Wind Farm Developments To Date

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Media Outlets

Mudgee Guardian and Gulgong Advertiser	02 6372 1455	PO Box 255, Mudgee NSW 2850 mail.mguardian@ruralpress.com
The Western Advocate	02 6331 2611	PO Box 11, Bathurst NSW 2795 mail.westernadvocate@ruralpress.com
Radio 2MG, Mudgee	02 6372 1777	PO Box 17, Mudgee NSW 2850 news@2mMG.com.au
ABC Central West	02 6393 2511	PO Box 8549, East Orange NSW 2800 Buchanan.Kallee@abc.net.au
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