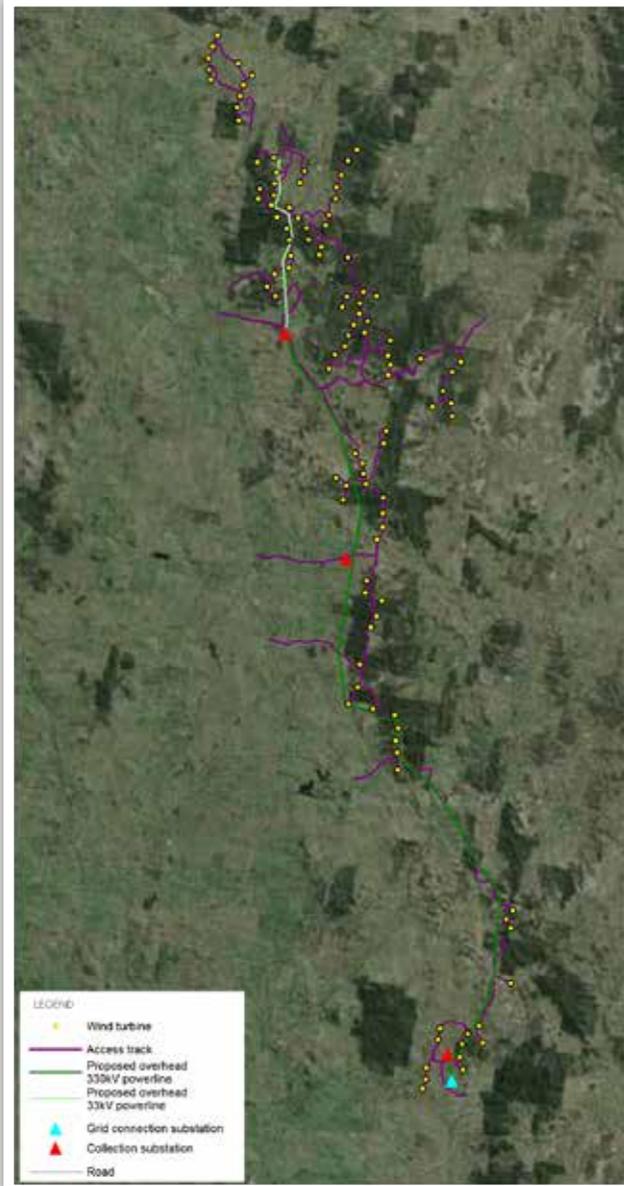


Wind Farm Layout



Project Facts

- Up to 109 turbines and hardstands
- Approximate installed capacity up to 327MW
- Six permanent wind monitoring masts
- One 330kV connection substation with associated overhead power lines and on-site substations
- Overhead and underground 33kV reticulation
- Up to three collection substations
- Access roads
- Up to two operations and maintenance facilities
- Temporary construction facilities

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Rye Park Wind Farm Fact Sheet

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Tilt Renewables are investigating the possibility of developing the **Rye Park Wind Farm** located to the north of Yass and east of Boorowa New South Wales, on the edge of the Southern Tablelands and the South West Slopes in the vicinity of the township of Rye Park.

It is located within three local government areas, **Yass Valley, Boorowa and Upper Lachlan.**

This site comprises of a long ridgeline running north-south and has been selected due to the excellent wind energy potential.



Who is Tilt Renewables?

Tilt Renewables is an owner, operator and developer of wind and solar farms across Australia and New Zealand.

They have an existing asset base of 307 operating turbines across 7 wind farms, with a total installed capacity of 582MW (approximately 11% market share of installed wind capacity in Australasia). This includes Snowtown Wind Farm, South Australia's largest and Australia's second largest wind farm, and Tararua Wind Farm, New Zealand's largest wind farm.

Project Description

The proposed Rye Park Wind Farm is a major new wind farm proposal in the Yass area of NSW.

The project was initially developed by Epuron beginning in 2008, when the first monitoring mast was installed. Trustpower acquired the project from Epuron in 2014 with Epuron continuing some involvement in securing the planning approvals. The Rye Park Wind Farm is located to the north of Yass and east of Boorowa, New South Wales, on the edge of the Southern Tablelands and the South West Slopes in the vicinity of the township of Rye Park. It is located within three local government areas – Yass Valley, Boorowa and Upper Lachlan.

The site comprises a long ridgeline running north-south which is at right angles to the prevailing wind direction making it an excellent wind resource.

An application has been lodged with the NSW Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) seeking approval for wind farm which will include up to 109 turbines. Each turbine will be up to a tip height of 157m, with an approximate installed capacity of up to 327 MW. The turbines will be connected by underground and overhead electrical cables.

Local and Regional Benefits

Employment

- Support a total of over 470 sustained jobs in New South Wales and 144 in the ACT over three year construction period.
- 62 direct jobs for local residents sustained during construction.
- 12 direct jobs regionally once operational.
- All our projects have resulted in significant local employment and we will continue to recommend maximising local employment in our construction contracts.

The majority of local employment is during construction, but the operations phase also provides opportunities for local employment / businesses.

Typical goods and services likely to be sourced during construction and operations locally include accommodation, engineering, freight services, construction materials and equipment, local labour, technical contractors, earth works services, fencing and landscaping. Tilt Renewables have developed a register for expressions of interest for employment and supply of services which is accessed by the website.

Economic Development to Rural Communities

- \$600 million project.
- Potential to generate \$163 million of value added (contribution to Gross State Product) in NSW, \$45 million of value added in ACT and \$49 million regionally over the construction period.
- Support annually \$3.6 million of value added in the region once operational.
- Direct injection of \$2-\$3m per annum to the local community through payments to landholders, permanent staff and community fund contributions.
- Provide a drought-proofing and post-retirement income stream for farmers.

Environmental Benefits

- Smaller environmental footprint than comparative forms of generation.
- Minimal impact on land productivity.
- Additional fire breaks and improved access roads for firefighting.
- Will generate enough clean renewable energy to power 160,000 homes.
- Will save 770,000 tonnes carbon emissions per annum, equivalent of removing 160,000 cars off the roads per annum.
- Offsetting of environmental impacts where they can't be avoided with net environmental benefits.
- Reduction of carbon footprint with a carbon payback of 9 months.

Tilt Renewables is also committed to providing financial support for local community services through community enhancement fund.

Community Enhancement Fund

The principles of the Community Benefit Fund have now been agreed with the local Councils. It is proposed that separate funds be established in each Council area, based on \$2,500 per annum per turbine built. The funds will be administered through Section 355 Committees. The proposed scheme will be agreed and captured under a Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) which will be subject to further community consultation.

Tilt Renewables have also agreed to allocate at least 20% of the total scheme for educational needs.

The remainder will be available for community enhancement and benefit projects within the immediate vicinity of the wind farm.

If you would like further information on the Scheme please contact a member of the Project Team.

Community Engagement

Tilt Renewables (previously Trustpower) have undertaken a **comprehensive community consultation process** for the proposed Rye Park Wind Farm prior to and as part of the planning application process.

The purpose of the engagement has been to provide **accurate information** on the project and wind farms in general to the community. As well as giving the community the opportunity to influence the project design.

Through the consultation process which included a number of community information days, newsletters and numerous one on one meetings, the community was provided with updates on the various technical studies as well as the opportunity to liaise with the specialist consultants to understand the process and potentially improve the outcome.

A number of modifications have been made to the project layout, as a result. The major amendment includes the reduction of the number of turbines from 126 to no more than 109. The locations of associated site facilities, transmission lines, on-site tracks and access road options have also been further refined.

As part of our ongoing commitment to community consultation, the project team also established an information centre in Yass for the duration of the exhibition period. The information centre was very well received by the community, and welcomed well over 100 visitors.

