

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Warradarge Wind Farm officially opened**

The Western Australian Minister for Energy, Bill Johnston, has officially opened the 180MW Warradarge Wind Farm in the State's Mid-West.

Through a staged commissioning process, the 51-turbine wind farm will power up to its full generating capacity of 180MW by the end of October 2020.

The wind farm's location - 15km north-east of Warradarge, 15km south-east of Eneabba and 40km south-west of Carnamah - was chosen to take advantage of abundant wind resources of the region and its proximity to transmission infrastructure.

Each turbine weighs 181 tonnes with 67 metre-long blades, has a hub height of 84 metres and height of 151 metres to the top of the blade tip.

Specialist technicians are now busy running tests on each of the turbines in turn in preparation for the generation and export from the entire wind farm into the South West Interconnected System (SWIS) following commissioning.



General Manager of Bright Energy Investments Tom Frood said despite the challenges relating to COVID-19, the project has been delivered successfully.

“Bright Energy Investments is incredibly proud this large-scale renewable energy project has come to fruition.

“The Warradarge Wind Farm is a world-class asset, and the culmination of this significant project is reflective of the hard work and dedication of everyone involved.”

More than 200 jobs were created during construction of the wind farm, which was completed within 12 months from first mobilisation to site.

At full power, the Warradarge Wind Farm will generate enough renewable energy to supply the equivalent of 135,000 Western Australian homes.

Along with the Warradarge Wind Farm, Bright Energy Investments has completed the Stage two expansion of the Greenough River Solar Farm near Geraldton and refurbishment works to extend the life of the Albany Grasmere Wind Farm.

Further information can be obtained by contacting BEI at [info@brightenergyinvestments.com.au](mailto:info@brightenergyinvestments.com.au).

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**Editors note:** copies of the images are available on request.

### **About Bright Energy Investments**

Bright Energy Investments (BEI) is focussed on the development of large-scale renewable energy projects in Western Australia. Established in April 2018, BEI is an investment vehicle established between WA electricity generator and retailer Synergy, global infrastructure investment fund DIF and industry superannuation giant Cbus, to develop up to 210MW of renewable energy projects.

The BEI portfolio currently includes the Greenough River Solar Farm in the state's Mid-West, the Albany Grasmere Wind Farm in the Great Southern Region and the development of the 180MW Warradarge Wind Farm near Eneabba which is expected to be recognised as one of the best renewable energy projects in the country.

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