

# EXHIBITION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT REPORT

## Major Project: Capital Wind Farm Project

LGA	Palerang Council, and Goulburn Mulwaree Council
Location	On the Great Dividing Range approximately 40 kilometres north-east of Canberra and 10 kilometres south-west of Tarago, NSW
Proponent	Renewable Power Ventures Pty Ltd
Approval authority	Minister for Planning

### Description of proposal

The installation and operation of 63 wind turbines each with a capacity of approximately 2.1 megawatts. The wind turbine structures comprise a three bladed rotor of about 88 to 90 metres diameter mounted on a steel tower. The top of the blade sweep is approximately 124 metres above ground level. The turbines will be linked by underground cables and an overhead transmission line to a new substation.

Construction works will include:

- forming approximately 33 kilometres of access tracks;
- a facilities building and substation;
- trenching for installation of approximately 20 kilometres of underground cables;
- a twelve kilometre section of internal overhead transmission line;
- footings for the wind turbines and erection of the wind turbines; and
- removal of two existing wind monitoring towers and installation of six short-term and four permanent wind monitoring towers.

### Application of Part 3A

The Minister for Planning formed the opinion on 9 November 2005, pursuant to clause 6 of *State Environmental Planning Policy (Major Projects) 2005* (MP SEPP), that the project is for the purpose of a development described in Schedule 1, Group 8, clause 24 of the MP SEPP, namely development for the purpose of a wind electricity generation facility that has a capital investment value greater than \$30 million. The proposal is therefore declared to be a project to which Part 3A of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act) applies for the purpose of Section 75B of the EP&A Act.

### Exhibition

The Environmental Assessment report will be exhibited from **24 March 2006 until 28 April 2006**, during regular business hours, at:

<u>Department of Planning</u> Information Centre 23-33 Bridge Street <b>Sydney</b>  Suite 101, Level 1, Riverside Plaza, 131 Monaro Street <b>Queanbeyan</b>	<u>Palerang Council</u> 144 Wallace Street <b>Braidwood</b>  2 Majara Street <b>Bungendore</b>
<u>Nature Conservation Council</u> Level 5, 362 Kent Street <b>Sydney</b>	<u>Goulburn Mulwaree Council</u> Civic Centre, 184-194 Bourke Street <b>Goulburn</b>

A copy of the Environmental Assessment report may also be viewed on the Department of Planning's website ([www.planning.nsw.gov.au](http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au)).

### Submissions

You are invited to make a written submission on this proposal. This submission should include:

- your name and address;
- the name of the proposal and the application reference number (05\_0179);
- a statement on whether you support or object to the proposal; and
- the reasons why you support or object to the proposal.

Your submission must reach the Department by close of business on **Friday, 28 April 2006**, and should be addressed to:

Major Infrastructure Assessment  
Department of Planning  
GPO Box 39  
SYDNEY NSW 2001

### Appeal Rights

If you make a submission objecting to the project and you are not satisfied with the Minister's decision, then you may lodge an appeal. However, these appeal rights do not apply if a Commission of Inquiry has been held into the project or a report is received from a Panel of Experts set up under Section 75G of the EP&A Act.

**Under Section 75H(5) of the EP&A Act the Director-General is required to send copies of submissions or a report of the issues raised in those submissions to the proponent, the Department of Environment and Conservation and to any other authority the Director-General considers appropriate. If you do not want your submission to be made public, please state this in your submission.**

### Enquiries

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