

PROPOSED

Milyeannup Wind Farm FACTS



Verve Energy, WA's leading electricity producer, is carrying out a feasibility study to investigate construction of a new wind farm on the south coast at Milyeannup, about 20kms east of Augusta.

Verve Energy is investigating the feasibility of building a wind farm with up to 37 wind turbines with a combined capacity of up to 55MW at Milyeannup, which is about 20kms east of Augusta.

Verve Energy has a well-earned reputation for successfully planning and building wind energy projects with a strong emphasis on quality community consultation. Successful projects include wind farms at Albany, Esperance and Kalbarri.

Verve Energy has been collecting data on the south coast wind resource since the early 1990s and at the Milyeannup site since 2003.

The Milyeannup Wind Farm site was chosen primarily because it has good road access, proximity to a high voltage transmission line (the Beenup line), and a reasonable wind resource. Locations such as this are becoming hard to find in Western Australia, which limits the amount of wind energy that is economical to harness.

The output of the wind farm would be enough to supply about 26,000 households, or the combined household electricity use in the surrounding Shires south of Bunbury and west of Walpole.

Discussions have been had with the private land owners involved and consultation has been carried out with the Shires of Nannup and Augusta-Margaret River and other approval agencies.

A feasibility study currently underway is due to be completed in mid-2009. It is assessing the social, environmental, technical and financial aspects of the project. It includes a range of environmental studies, such as on birds, flora, fauna and visual amenity; community consultation; tenders for project equipment and construction, and applications for approvals through the various agencies required.

If the proposal has no significant environmental issues, is supported by the landowners and the local community, has obtained all the approvals necessary and is found to be commercially viable, then it is likely that it would be built by Verve

Energy. On current timing, this could occur around mid to late 2011.

The proposed site, at the end of the Milyeannup Coast Road, is on private land which is used for farming, including grazing, although this has not occurred on some parts of the proposed wind farm area for many years.

The proposed wind farm will reduce the amount of greenhouse gas emissions by about 160,000 tonnes a year.

A detailed community consultation process including displays, regular newsletters and briefings to various stakeholder groups is being undertaken as part of the study.

In the meantime you can contact Shaun Curran or Peter Winner at any time to discuss the project.

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What is Verve Energy?

Established in 2006, Verve Energy is the biggest electricity generation company in WA. We own and operate power stations throughout the State. We also generate electricity from renewable sources. We have wind farms at Albany, Esperance and Kalbarri and wind-diesel systems at Bremer Bay, Coral Bay, Denham and Hopetoun.

