



PROPOSED Milyeannup Wind Farm

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Verve Energy proposes to build a wind farm on the south coast at Milyeannup, 20 kilometres east of Augusta. Verve Energy could install up to 30 wind turbines capable of supplying 55MW of clean, renewable electricity if the project proceeds. The output would be enough to supply the combined household electricity use in the surrounding Shires south of Bunbury and west of Walpole.

Verve Energy is carrying out a feasibility study to investigate the technical, commercial, environmental and social aspects of the wind farm. This project builds upon the success of its wind farm projects at Albany, Esperance and Kalbarri and wind-diesel projects at Hopetoun, Bremer Bay, Denham and Coral Bay.

The Milyeannup Wind Farm feasibility study is due for completion in the second half of 2009. The decision on whether the wind farm proceeds will be made after the feasibility study is finished.

PUBLIC DISPLAYS

To give local residents access to more information about the proposed wind farm and its impacts, Verve Energy organised displays at Nannup and Augusta in early April. The feedback from both sessions was very positive and Verve Energy believes that it will continue to receive strong support from the community by ensuring people are well-informed throughout the ongoing phases of development of the wind farm.

PLANNING APPLICATION

On 22 May 2009 Verve Energy submitted an Application for Planning Approval to the Shire of Nannup for the wind farm. The Planning Application provides detailed information on the feasibility investigations undertaken to date, including community consultation, and the results of visual impact, noise, flora and fauna studies. It is expected that the Planning Approval application will be advertised in the coming weeks, inviting public comment.

Also in May, Environmental Protection Authority and Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation referrals were submitted for

assessment. Verve Energy has undertaken extensive environmental surveys, which have guided the design of the wind farm towards placement of individual turbines to minimise the potential impact on the environment. The overall environmental impact of the wind farm is considered low.

NEXT STEPS

Verve Energy has been consulting with the local community and government approval agencies for well over 2 months. Consultation will continue until the feasibility study concludes.

Verve Energy will also soon be undertaking soil investigations at the site in order for the wind turbine foundations to be designed. This will involve taking soil samples at a number of the proposed wind turbine sites.

This stakeholder newsletter is being made available to people, groups and organisations with an interest in the project. Further updates on the progress of the project will be made in future stakeholder updates.

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Meanwhile, if you would like further information on the project, please contact

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