

# Proposed Mumbida Wind Farm Feasibility Study



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The Mumbida Wind Farm is a project being pursued by Verve Energy exploring the feasibility of installing up to 42 wind turbines, approximately 40 km south east of Geraldton. The wind farm will produce up to 90 MW of electricity.

This update is made available to people, groups and organisations with an interest in the project. It informs stakeholders about the feasibility study progress and encourages feedback about the proposed project.

### Feasibility progress

Since the first update released in December 2008, Verve Energy has:

- Had numerous discussions with the landowners involved in the project.
- Submitted a Planning Application to the City of Geraldton-Greenough.
- Had discussions with potential wind turbine manufacturers and main construction contractors.
- Installed a new 80m wind monitoring mast in April 2009. The additional wind data collected by the monitoring instruments will be used for estimating how much energy the wind farm will produce.
- Working with Western Power on network modelling to predict changes to the electrical network associated with connecting the wind farm.

### Public consultation

In early March, Verve Energy presented the Mumbida Wind Farm project to the local community at a Walkaway Progress Association meeting held in Walkaway. This included presenting photomontages which provide a visual representation of how the wind farm will look from key viewing points.

This session proved to be informative, and provided Verve Energy with positive feedback from some of the local community on the proposed project.

Verve Energy has since spoken to most landowners within a three kilometre radius of the

wind farm site, to inform them of the project and to seek their comment.

Overall the feedback received has been positive.

### Next steps

- Continue to assess data collected during the feasibility study to ascertain whether the Mumbida Wind Farm is economically, environmentally, technically and socially acceptable.
- Complete key feasibility tasks, including securing access to Western Power's electricity network and finalising the cost estimates for the project, by early next year. The results of the feasibility study to date have been very positive.
- The Verve Energy Board of Directors could be in a position in early 2010 to make a final decision on whether the project proceeds. Construction could then commence in conjunction with any required transmission line upgrades by Western Power.



### CONTACT

We encourage your feedback on what will be a significant project for the Geraldton-Greenough region and for Verve Energy, by contacting:

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