

Paling Yards Wind Farm

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Project Overview

Paling Yards Wind Farm is a proposed wind farm that will be located approximately **30 kilometres north of Taralga and 60 kilometres south of Oberon**. The site was chosen due to its consistent and strong winds suitable options for grid connection and road accessibility.

The Project is proposed to have **up to 47 wind turbines** with blade tip height of 240m installed **capacity of up to 290 MW**. An on-site substation, around 8 kilometres of overhead 132 kV powerline and a 132/500kV switching station will connect to **TransGrid's existing Mt Piper to Bannaby 500kV transmission line**.

The Wind Farm is being developed by **Global Power Generation Australia (GPG Australia)**, the Australian branch of international energy generator GPG. It will deliver renewable, low-cost energy to the national grid, and will contribute to the NSW Government's net-zero emissions target by 2050.

Status of the Project

- After two years of ecological studies, technical assessments, and community consultations, the development application, and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Paling Yards Wind Farm were submitted to the NSW Department of Planning and Environment.
- The application underwent a review process and was publicly exhibited from October 10, 2023, to November 6, 2023.
- **Engagement and consultation:** Ongoing engagement with the stakeholders and relevant authorities.
- **Traffic route:** GPGA continues to consult with councils along the proposed travel route to work through any concerns they may have.
- **O'Connell Avenue of Honour:** GPGA commissioned very detailed LiDar surveys in February 2024 to assess the extent of any impact on the O'Connell Avenue of Honour. The study finds that while contact (from a few millimetres to under one meter) is expected with leaves and branch tip of ten of the trees, no material damage is caused to the trees. GPGA, in consultation with Veteran Affairs, has agreed to certain monitoring and reporting recommendations aimed at the protection of the Avenue of Honour. A detailed report will be lodged along with RTS.
- **Biodiversity:** Additional Surveys will be undertaken to accompany a revised Biodiversity Development Assessment Report (BDAR). The surveys will be undertaken in accordance with discussions held with the BCS and DPHI regarding spring and winter surveys. It is expected that the revised BDAR and BBUS should be available by August 2025 with additional surveys to be done after. Seasonal Surveys and updates to the BDAR will be undertaken following the lodgement of this RTS. The additional surveys are resultant of ongoing engagement and discussions with BCS. Additional Bird and Bat Utilization Survey (BBUS) Reports will be undertaken to encapsulate data over a longer period of time.
- GPGA with the help of consultants reviewed all the submissions received from the relevant authorities and community and preparing a Response to the Submission. GPGA intends to submit the responses by the second week of May 2024.

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Tentative Timeline

PHASE/MILESTONE	TIMEFRAME
Submit Environmental Impact Statement	September 2023
Public Exhibition	10 th October – 6 th November 2023
Response to Public Submissions	May 2024
IPC Panel Hearing and Determination	Q4 2024
Construction Expected to Commence	Q3 2025
Wind Farm Operational	Q3 2027

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