

Paling Yards Wind Farm

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Project at Glance

Location	Located approximately 30 kilometers north of Taralga and 60 kilometres south of Oberon.
Proponent	Global Power Generation Australia Pty Ltd
Size	Up to 47 Wind Turbines
Capacity	Up to 290 MW (depending on turbine model choice)
Blade tip Height	Up to 240m
Grid Connection	An on-site substation, around 8 kilometres of overhead 132 kV powerline and a 132/500kV switching station to connect to TransGrid's existing Mt Piper to Bannaby 500kV transmission line.
Project Status	Preparation of Response to Submissions (RTS) for EIS
Additional Stats	Paling Yards Wind Farm will deliver renewable low-cost energy to the national grid, enough to supply over ~140,000 average houses per annum

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. During this period, submissions were received from various authorities and community members.
- Response to Submissions (RTS): GPGA, with the assistance of its consultants, has reviewed all submissions received from relevant authorities and the community and is currently preparing a RTS report. GPGA plans to submit the RTS by the **end of February 2025/Early March 2025**.
- **Traffic Route:** Since our last update in May 2024, there have been several updates regarding alternative route options for transporting wind farm infrastructure from the Port of Newcastle to the proposed site. Following consultations with several councils during the preparation of the Response to Submissions, it was determined that revisions to the original transportation route were necessary. Detailed routes will be included in the updated Transport Impact Assessment (TIA) during RTS. As a result, the Transport advisory team carried out additional consultations with the following councils that will be involved as part of the updated route:
 - Dubbo Regional Council (DRC)
 - Cabonne Council
 - Orange City Council (OCC)
 - Bathurst Regional Council (BRC)

Consultations with the councils listed above were completed in November 2024, and there were no objections to the updated route.

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- **O’Connell Avenue of Honour:** In February 2024, GPGA commissioned comprehensive LiDAR surveys to evaluate the potential impact on the O’Connell Avenue of Honour when transporting turbine blades from port to site. The study demonstrated that while some contact (ranging from a few millimeters to under one meter) is expected with the leaves and branch tips of 10 trees, no impact on these trees is anticipated, other than minor pruning or tying of certain branches.
- **Biodiversity:** Heritage due diligence assessment has been done for revised section of the Transport Route.

A revised Biodiversity Development Assessment Report will be submitted along with this RTS, however, seasonal surveys and further updates to the BDAR will be undertaken following the lodgement RTS. The additional seasonal surveys are a result of ongoing engagement and discussions with NSW Biodiversity, Conservation and Science Group (BCS). Additional Bird and Bat Utilization Survey (BBUS) Reports will be undertaken to encapsulate data over a longer period of time.

Tentative Timeline

PHASE/MILESTONE	TIMEFRAME
Submit Environmental Impact Statement	September 2023
Public Exhibition	10 th October – 6 th November 2023
Response to Public Submissions	February/March 2025
IPC Public Meeting and Determination	Q4 2025
Construction Expected to Commence	Q2 2026
Wind Farm Operational	Q2 2028

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