

RYAN CORNER & HAWKESDALE WIND FARMS

Announcement regarding progress to construction of Ryan Corner and Hawkesdale wind farms

Union Fenosa Wind Australia is proud to announce that it will proceed with construction of the Ryan Corner and Hawkesdale wind farms, and we have commenced the Early Works at both sites.

What are Early Works?

The Early Works comprise the construction of:

- a VicRoads-approved entrance to the site from public roads
- a site compound for the location of the Site Management Team and
- internal access tracks

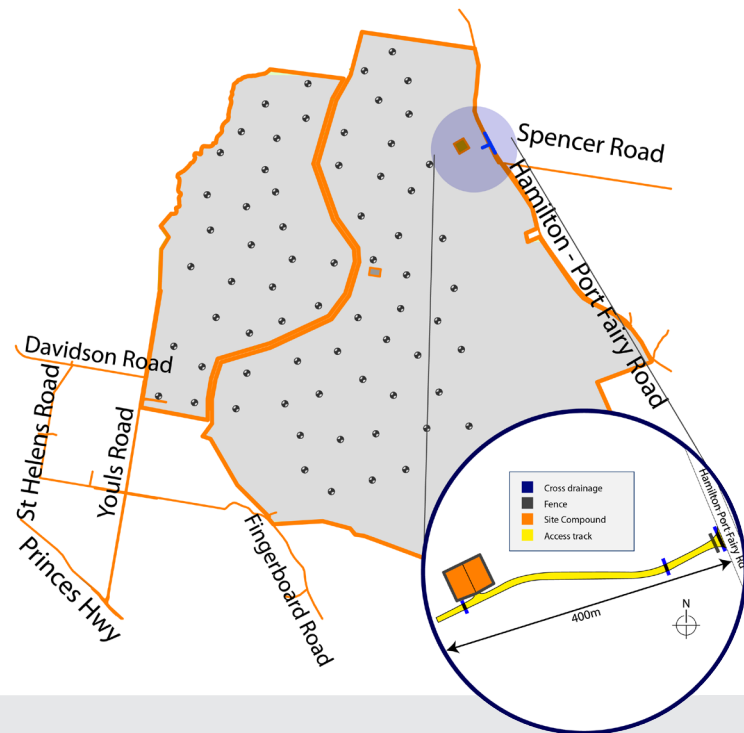
The Early Works should be completed at both sites by mid April, and with limited inconvenience to the local community. In the future we will proceed with the Major Works at both sites, and these will take a significant amount of time to complete. We will advise you of the timetable for commencement and completion of these Major Works in a future newsletter.

Who is Union Fenosa Wind Australia, and who will do the Early Works?

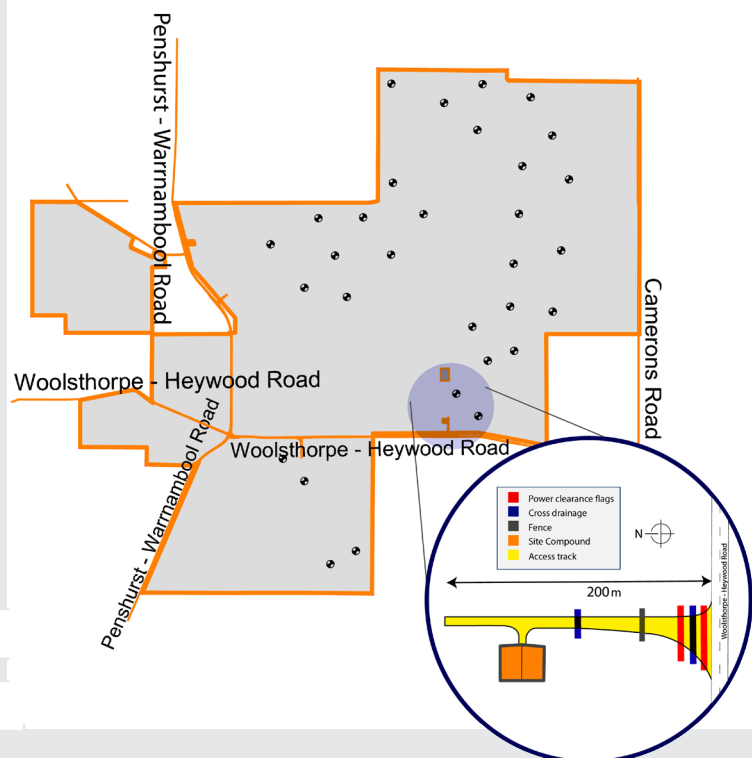
Union Fenosa Wind Australia is the Australian subsidiary of Spain's Gas Natural Fenosa (GNF). GNF is the leading vertically-integrated gas and electricity company in Spain and Latin America, and we **own and operate** many wind farms throughout the world. We are committed to an investment of \$2.4 billion to help Australia achieve its target of reducing carbon pollution by securing sources of reliable and renewable energy, and developing new energy industries in rural and regional Australia.

In August 2011 we announced that G.R Carrs Construction from Portland had won the contract to do the Early Works at the Ryan Corner and Hawkesdale wind farms. G.R Carrs Construction has a deserved reputation for the quality of its specialist wind farm construction works.

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What is the history of these wind farm projects?

- The assessment and investigation of the wind farms **commenced in 2002** with the installation of wind monitoring masts by a wind farm developer.
- A feasibility study was completed in 2005 and the Planning Minister and the Department of Sustainability and Environment were deemed the responsible authority, having regard to the plans and objectives of the Moyne Shire, various state regulators, and the Environmental Effects Act 1978.
- In June 2008 Union Fenosa Wind Australia purchased the two project sites from the wind farm developer that started the investigation of the two wind farms.
- A Planning Panel was convened to decide the merits of the Application, and an Approval with some conditions was awarded in **August 2008**. In 2011 the Bailleu Government changed the planning controls for new wind farms, but these projects are still fully compliant with planning controls pursuant the **Planning Minister's VC82 transitional arrangement policy** for advanced wind farm projects with awarded Approvals.
- The detailed designs for the wind farms were prepared in 2011, so that we could demonstrate that they would comply with the Approval conditions, and we committed to the connection to the national grid in **August 2011**.
- The conditions of the Approval were satisfied in early 2012, and the Planning Minister endorsed the final approval on **23 February 2012**, allowing construction to proceed.

Are there employment opportunities at the wind farms?

If you are interested in working on the wind farm projects then we recommend that you contact the Victorian Government-supported **Industry Capability Network (ICN)**. We are cooperating with the ICN to assist local providers to maximize the economic benefit of these major projects.

What benefits will the projects bring to the district?

We estimate that these Early Works will create the first of 160 local jobs that will be sustained during the construction phases of both wind farms, and about 17 permanent jobs will be supported during the operation of the wind farms.

The wind farms will also:

- generate **196MW of clean renewable energy**, sufficient to power approximately **80,000 homes**
- save approximately **480,000 tonnes/annum** of the carbon and greenhouse gas emissions which would have been created by burning brown coal in the Latrobe Valley
- **support significant existing employment** in local manufacturing and fabrication industries
- represent an investment of more than \$400 million by Union Fenosa Wind Australia in the construction and operation of both projects
- contribute to the **increased efficiency of the national electricity grid** by augmenting the distribution of energy generation sources along the transmission line to Portland.

Who should I talk to if I want to discuss the project in further detail?

- There are a number of ways for you to contact us at Union Fenosa Wind Australia if you want to talk about the Ryan Corner or Hawkesdale wind farms:
- We conduct **regular monthly meetings** in the district for you to speak with us one-to-one, and these are advertised in both the Warrnambool Standard and the Moyne Gazette.
- We are participating in a Community Engagement Committee that is organized by the Moyne Shire Council, and you can ask members of that committee to represent your views to us.
- You can write to us at **info@unionfenosa.com.au** or visit our website **www.unionfenosa.com.au** to contact us using an online survey form.
- You can speak with us by **telephone on our freecall number 1800 457 181**. Ask to speak with Tom Mitchell (Legal Manager), who is responsible for our Community Engagement Program.

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