

PROJECT NEWSLETTER – MAY 2018

The Victorian Renewable Energy Auction Scheme (VREAS)

The Victorian Government has established the Victorian Renewable Energy Auction Scheme (VREAS) to support achievement of the Victorian Renewable Energy Targets (VRET). These targets seek to ensure that 25 per cent of the State's electricity generation comes from renewable sources by 2020, rising to 40 per cent of generation by 2025.

The 2017 VRET closed on 14 February 2018, in this auction, the Victorian Government will award commercial contracts in support of up to 650 MW of new renewable energy generation. Bids from renewable energy projects are to be submitted under a formal Request for Proposal (RFP).

GPG submitted a bid for Hawkesdale Windfarm, collaborating closely with Community and Council. Successful proposals will be awarded a 'Support Agreement' with the State of Victoria to ensure revenue certainty for renewable energy projects. An announcement on the successful bids will be made available in July 2018.

Community Consultation

Community consultation is taking place around the communities within and surrounding Hawkesdale Wind Farm in relation to project updates, community initiatives and neighbouring agreements. Our Community and Stakeholder Representative, Rhiannon Eddy is available for face to face meetings and via phone to answer any questions or concerns related to the project. Contact Rhiannon at info@unionfenosa.com.au or 0400 403 273 if you wish to arrange an appointment.

Transmission Lines

The Hawkesdale wind farm will connect to the grid via a 132kV overhead transmission circuit to the existing 500kV Tarrone Terminal Station. The length of the line from Hawkesdale to Tarrone will be approx 14km (and an additional 2km section shared with the line from Ryan Corner Wind Farm) - map of the line can be seen in Figure 1. This transmission line corridor has been part of the Hawkesdale Wind Farm since the original Development Application, publicly exhibited since then, and further refined from the technical point of view and in consultation with landowners hosting the corresponding easement.

The power poles that will be used are an advanced Australian technology. The manufacturing process also allows poles to be stressed for ultimate design strength and stiffness. The pole height will range from an average of 18-20m depending on the terrain contours and length of each particular span, however would not exceed 25m. The foundations for each pole would have a maximum footprint of 2m diameter. With an easement (width) corridor of 30m (15m either side). The poles will be a concrete finish, so will not produce any glare.

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HAWKESDALE WIND FARM

Figure 1

