



Troubridge Point Wind Farm Feasibility Study

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The purpose of this newsletter is to inform you about Wind Prospect the company, and to provide information on the proposed Troubridge Point Wind Farm on Yorke Peninsula, South Australia.

The proposal consists of up to 15 wind turbine generators in the general farming zone inland from the coastal track at Troubridge Point, together with an underground electrical cable network, access tracks, crane hardstandings, a wind monitoring mast, a small switchgear building and yard, and appropriate site signs.

Wind Prospect Pty Ltd (WPPL) is a partnership between Australian, Danish, UK and US wind developers, and is the first wind farm construction company to be based in South Australia. We are supported by an established international network of associates and sub-contractors who provide the wide range of skills required to identify, permit, construct, operate and manage wind energy projects to utility standards. WPPL is concerned with the effects of global warming and pursue sustainable energy projects in order to reduce this effect.

Environmental Assessment

EAC—Ecological Evaluation, will undertake ecological studies in and around the proposed Troubridge Point Wind Farm site. Ecological Evaluation have most recently conducted environmental assessment studies for the Yabmana Wind Farm project near Cowell on Eastern Eyre Peninsula, and the Lake Bonney Central Wind farm proposal near Millicent in the state's Lower South East.

We have also engaged Bassett Acoustics to assess potential noise emissions of the wind farm. This information is used at the design stage, to ensure that there will be no noise nuisance at residential properties around the site.

Through photomontage representations, interested people can get a feel for what the wind farm will look like once construction is complete. These can be viewed at a wind farm public exhibition at the Edithburgh Institute, Edithburgh to be held on Monday, 25th March 2002, from 3pm to 7pm.

Stakeholder Consultation Update

Since our consultations with stakeholder groups began in January 2002, Wind Prospect has received formal and informal responses from the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC), Coastcare, Innes National Park, Southern Yorke Peninsula Tourism & Promotions Committee, Yorke Regional Development Board, Telstra, (who operate the South Australian Government Radio Network), Optus Mobile Network, Office of Coast & Marine, and State Aboriginal Affairs. Community involvement is vital at all stages of the Troubridge Point Wind Farm proposal. Wind Prospect encourages people to express their views regarding this wind energy proposal. If you have any questions, please call Mr. Michael Vawser on (08) 8323 9322 or 0417 899 605.

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Special Points of Interest

- The Troubridge Point Wind Farm will be a tremendous tourism asset for Southern Yorke Peninsula, attracting many visitors from all over Australia.
- There are considerable community benefits to a wind farm, not least of which is the creation of local employment opportunities during the construction and operational phases.
- This wind energy project will be an important step towards creating a reliable, sustainable energy future for the State of South Australia.
- Every unit of energy (kW) produced by this wind farm will offset the production of approximately one kilogram of CO₂ emissions from fossil fuel. This will equate to thousands of tonnes of CO₂ saved each year.

Michael Vawser - General Manager

Wind Prospect's General Manager, Michael Vawser, has extensive experience in the Wind Energy industry. After completing a Bachelor in Electrical Engineering at Adelaide University, Michael travelled to Melbourne to study for a Research Masters Degree in Engineering (specialising in Renewable Energy) at RMIT University, while at the same time completing the Advanced Certificate of Renewable Energy Technology at a Melbourne TAFE college. These studies gave Michael a solid grounding in the technical, environmental and social issues related to wind energy development, and spurred Michael to travel to the UK in 1996 to gain experience in the well established wind energy industry in that country. There he was employed by Wind Prospect as Engineering Manager and was involved in the development of wind energy sites both onshore and offshore. He was also on the project management team managing the construction of six wind farms both in the UK and Ireland. While in the UK, Michael carried out considerable research into the wind energy potential in Australia, and after several productive trips back and forth to Australia, was able to fulfil his aspirations by catalysing the formation of Wind Prospect in Australia.



Simon Beed - Environmental Manager

Simon Beed is the Environmental Manager at Wind Prospect and has spent a considerable number of years studying the broad and specific issues associated with sustainable development and general management of our environment. Simon graduated with a Bachelor of Environmental Management (Honours) from Flinders University in 1999 where he completed a Research Thesis on wind energy. His Thesis focused on the social environmental aspects associated with the development of wind farms in Australia, and drew from local, interstate and international knowledge of this subject area. This research work took Simon interstate, where he gained experience working alongside other wind farm developers. Simon started with the company in November 2000, and has managed the environmental aspects associated with our wind farms at several sites. Simon feels well prepared to participate in the future development of wind farm projects in South Australia.



Adam Johnstone - Planning Manager

Wind Prospect's Planning Manager, Adam Johnstone, has a solid understanding of the wind energy industry both nationally and internationally. He started working with Wind Prospect in January 2001, and since then, Wind Prospect have received two wind farm planning approvals. Adam has gained knowledge about wind power projects since producing a Government research paper in 1995 on the environmental and social planning issues associated with the development of wind farms in 20 countries. He has previously worked in State and Local Government in the environmental planning, strategy and management sectors. Adam worked with Western Power Corporation as the Energy Education Programs Coordinator speaking with school groups about wind power and renewable energy and has also manufactured and installed remote area power supply systems for Solaris Technology. He has completed a Bachelor of Arts Degree (Flinders) and a Graduate Diploma in Environmental Studies (Adelaide). Adam is looking forward to the development and construction of many wind farm projects in South Australia.

