



Community Newsletter | Edition 3 - July 2017

Welcome to the third newsletter of Granite Hills Wind Farm

Granite Hills Wind Farm Pty Limited is developing a wind farm at Steeple Flat approximately 12 kilometers South East of Nimmitabel.

The Project

The proposed Granite Hills Wind Farm, currently being assessed by the Department of Planning and Environment, comprises 30 to 35 wind turbines. Several studies over years have shown the wind resource is suitable at this location to develop a wind farm which will assist Australia in meeting its 2020 Renewable Energy Target.

The total output capacity of the wind farm would stand between 100 and 120 MW, representing enough energy to power up to 80,000 households and save up to 325,000 tons of CO₂ annually. The project is being developed as a result of a partnership between the French company Akuo Energy and the Australian company Willy Willy.

The Planning Process

The Department of the Environment and Planning issued the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements during April. Granite Hills is now preparing an Environmental Impact statement with further environmental studies to be undertaken.

Community Consultative Committee

The Department of Planning and Environment has recently appointed Peter Gordon as the independent Chairperson for the Community Consultative Committee.

Peter will now look for submissions from community representatives who would like to be considered for joining the Committee. If you would like to participate, please visit our website and download an application form. Alternatively, application forms will be available at our next open table information evening. Peter Gordon may also be contacted at peter.gordon@charterpoint.com.au or by mobile on 0417064767.

Wind measurement masts

Two wind measurement masts have been installed on the site. They are 110 meters tall and will be measuring the wind (wind speed and wind direction) for the whole development period. They are likely to be moved to another part of the site or removed once construction starts.



Community

The Nimmitabel Advancement Group has also provided their suggestions of improvements for the town along with ideas from the Nimmitabel Men's Shed, Lions Club and Public School. Over the following months Granite Hills will be discussing improvement ideas, which will be subject to the wind farm progressing to construction stage. If you have any other ideas, please do not hesitate to contact us and let us know.

Let's keep in touch!

Our next community meeting will be hosted by Lions Club of Nimmitabel to be held on Thursday 13 July at 5:30, at the Nimmitabel Community Centre. Representatives from Granite Hills will be available to answer your questions and hear any input or comments you may have.

Updated information will be posted on our website: www.granitehillswindfarm.com.au which also provides a section to contact us online.

You can also contact Antony Shingler at antony.shingler@willywilly.com.au or by phone on (02) 8999 1988.

Save the Date

Granite Hills Community Meeting,
Thursday 21 September, 5:30 - details in next newsletter and on the website.

Location of the proposed project site

