

February 2020



2020 site visit summary

Presented by



CCC Members - Voluntary Site Visit Summary

Activity: GHWF CCC Members - Voluntary Site Visit

When: Tuesday 25th February 2020 | 2pm - 6pm

In attendance:

- Peter Gordon, Independent Chair
- Shane Quinnell, Granite Hills Wind Farm Proponent
- Elizabeth Picker, Community Liaison Officer
- Sarah Blyton, Snowy-Monaro Regional Council
- Keith Tull, Bega Valley Council
- David Williams, Community Representative
- Vickie Pollard, Community Representative
- Maria Linkenbagh, Community Representative
- Kitt Bryce, Community Representative

Apologies:

Debbie Shubert, Community Representative
Aidan Dalgliesh, Community Representative
Will Jardine, Community Representative

ABOUT THE PROJECT

Granite Hills Wind Farm is a State Significant Development, situated in Steeple Flat, approximately 12 kilometres South East of Nimmitabel in New South Wales. When complete the project will comprise of up to 32-wind turbines, with approximately 3-5 megawatts capacity and a maximum tip height of 200 metres. The 132MW wind farm would generate enough clean energy for around 50,000 homes.

If you have any questions or would like to know more about the project, please phone 1800 961 761 or send an email to granitehills@akuoenergy.com



Key Details

On February 25 2020, Granite Hills Wind (GHWF) Farm hosted a site visit for CCC members as a voluntary commitment to best practice stakeholder engagement under the NSW Wind Energy Guidelines and following the request from the CCC Chair Peter Gordon. The visit was the second visit hosted by for the CCC. Members were provided with topographical maps of turbines and existing infrastructure.

CCC members were able to visit the locations, or within a few hundred meters, of approximately 50% of the 23 turbine locations. Two key viewpoints were visited which enabled members to view approximately the locations of the remaining turbines. Topography, geography and vegetation was discussed. See map for approximate route and view points. Micro-siting considerations were discussed.

Throughout the site visit, there was various discussions about the possible locations for key infrastructure and the types of infrastructure likely to be constructed. Granite Hills also discussed the expected height of turbines against existing infrastructure including the Brown Mountain telecommunications tower and the meteorological (met) masts installed on site.

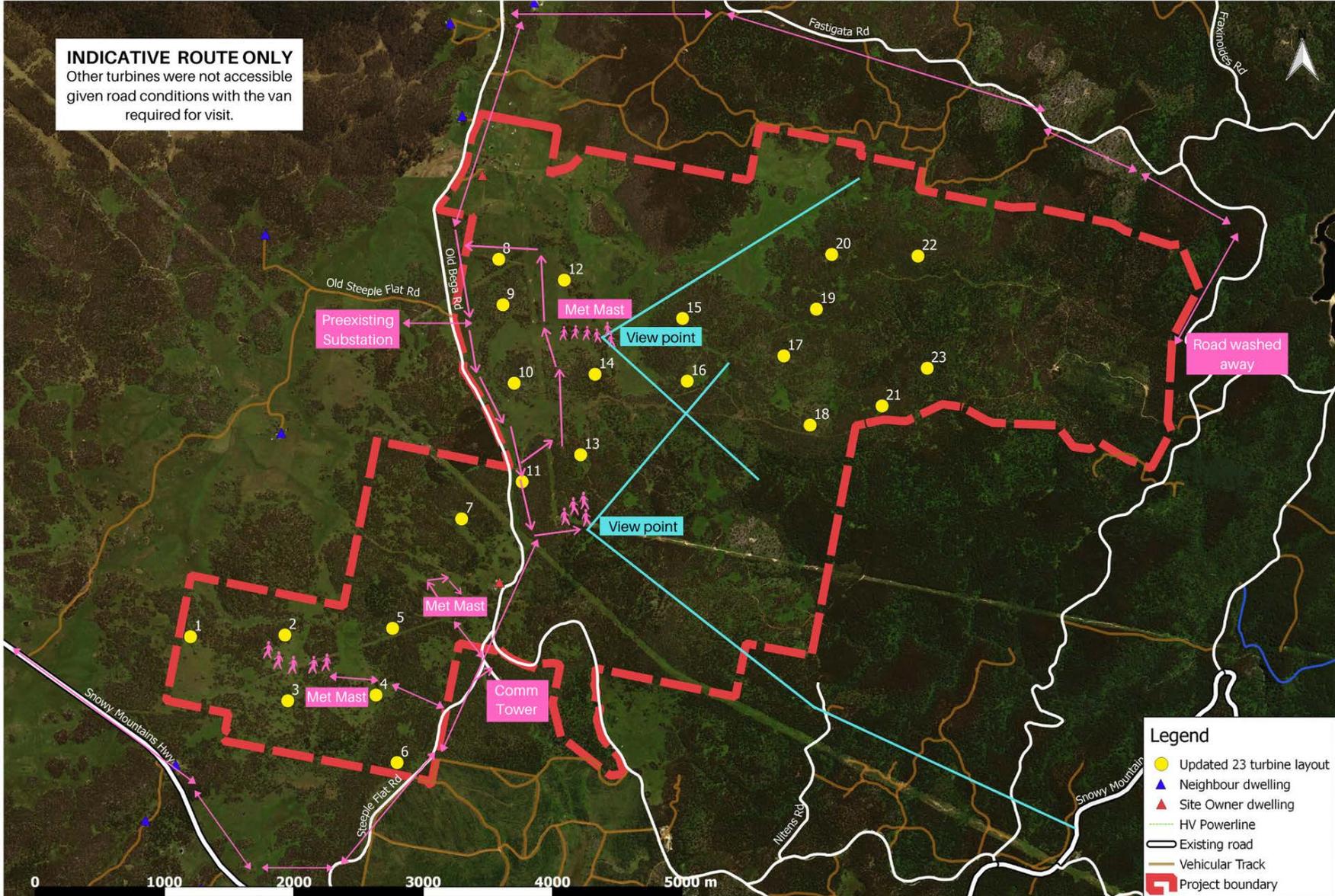
Basic detail around key required infrastructure was discussed including possible locations and considerations for the site substation, connection to Essential Energy line and construction requirements. Following the recent layout update detail is still being defined and will be outlined in the EIS. The members visited the current 132kV substation, telecommunications tower, all met masts and both existing 132kV powerlines to discuss this infrastructure and provide members an understanding of possible project infrastructure.

Discussions were held about the possible entry routes to site, considerations for access (turning space) and transport route from Port. Basic information was provided and discussed as well as the considerations in this regard and how it is accounted for in the EIS and specialist studies. It was communicated that turbine components are likely to arrive at either Port Kembla or Newcastle (TBC). This information will be detailed in the Traffic Management Plan and EIS in general.

Drove Northern end of site to far East extent to look at change in vegetation and reason for removal of turbines from that area, turned back due to road wash out.

Site Visit - Map

Granite Hills Wind Farm



Granite Hills Wind Farm would like to thank members for their time in attending and site landowners who granted the CCC members access to their property to undertake the site visit.

Note: The layout of wind turbines and any site infrastructure shown on this map are based on designs created to adhere to the landscape, wind conditions, environmental and social considerations of the site understood at the time of creation. The turbine layout may evolve as studies progress.

We respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Owners of country throughout Australia and recognise their continuing connection to land, waters and culture. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.