

Hexham Wind Farm

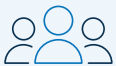
FACT SHEET

How to navigate the EES

The Hexham Wind Farm (the project) is a proposed renewable energy project located between Hexham, Caramut and Ellerslie in the Moyne Shire in south-west Victoria.

The project would incorporate up to 106 wind turbines with a total height of up to 260 metres from ground to blade tip. The project would also include an on-site terminal station, battery energy storage system (BESS) and other associated infrastructure such as access tracks.

An Environment Effects Statement (EES) has been prepared. The EES identifies the benefits and potential environmental effects and impacts on people and places during construction and operation, and proposes ways to manage these.



The proposed Hexham Wind Farm EES is on public exhibition between Tuesday 27 January and Wednesday 11 March 2026.

Submissions on the EES can be lodged via an online form on the Victorian Government's Engage Victoria website: engage.vic.gov.au/Hexham-IAC

Environment Effects Statement and Planning Permit Application

The potential environmental effects of the proposed Hexham Wind Farm are being assessed by the Commonwealth and Victorian governments through an Environment Effects Statement (EES) and Planning Permit Application (PPA).

From 2023 through to early 2026, the Wind Prospect project team and independent technical specialists carried out environmental impact assessments and prepared an EES. The EES outlines the existing environmental conditions of the project study area, the potential impacts of the project, and proposed methods to manage any impacts.

Wind Prospect is required to give public notice of the EES exhibition and invite submissions on the environmental effects of the project. The EES public exhibition period occurs over 30 days between Tuesday 27 January and Wednesday 11 March 2026.

A PPA for the project has also been submitted. Details of the permit application can be found at www.planning.vic.gov.au/planning-approvals/ministerial-permits-register.

Wind Prospect respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the land on which our office and each of our projects are located. We also acknowledge and uphold their continuing relationship to the land and pay our respect to their Elders past, present and emerging.



How to navigate the exhibited documentation

The Hexham Wind Farm EES includes a summary report, executive summary, chapters, technical appendices, and attachments. A summary of the EES is outlined below. A series of fact sheets have been prepared on key topics. These can be found on the project website: www.hexhamwindfarm.com.au/news-and-resources.

Summary of exhibited documentation

Summary report

The summary report is a 22 page summary of the proposed project, its impacts and benefits, and some of the key mitigation and management measures proposed.

Chapters

There are seven introductory chapters that provide an overview of the project rationale, legislative and approval requirements, assessment approach and the community and stakeholder engagement undertaken.

There are 18 technical chapters that provide an overview of the cultural, environmental, social, and economic impacts identified in the technical appendices.

The Environmental Management Framework for the project details the environmental, social and cultural mitigation and management commitments made by Wind Prospect.

Technical appendices

The technical appendices provide detailed information about the approach and methodology applied to each technical study, the resultant findings, and proposed mitigation and management measures.

Attachments

There are also five attachments that support information contained within the EES chapters, or in the case of the project map book, allow for a quick reference to key maps and figures.

EES chapters

Executive summary

1. Introduction
 2. Project rationale and benefits
 3. Legislation and policy framework
 4. Assessment framework
 5. Project alternatives and design development
 6. Project description
 7. Stakeholder consultation
 8. Biodiversity and habitat
 9. Bats
 10. Brolga
 11. Groundwater
 12. Surface water
 13. Landform and soils
 14. Landscape and visual
 15. Shadow flicker and blade glint
 16. Air quality/greenhouse gasses (GHG)
 17. Noise and vibration
 18. Historical cultural heritage
 19. Aboriginal cultural heritage
 20. Land use and planning
 21. Socio-economic
 22. Aviation
 23. Fire risk
 24. Electromagnetic interference
 25. Traffic and transport
 26. Cumulative effects
 27. Matters of National Environmental Significance
 28. Environmental Management Framework
 29. Conclusion
- EES summary document

EES technical appendices

- A. Landform and soils
- B. Hydrology and hydrogeology
- C. Brolga
- D1. Bats
- E. Biodiversity
- E1. Noise and vibration
- E2. Pre-construction noise assessment report verification
- E3. Noise and vibration independent peer review
- F1. Landscape and visual
- F2. Landscape and visual independent peer review
- G. Traffic and transport
- H. Land use and planning
- I. Economic and social
- J. Aboriginal cultural heritage
- K. Historical heritage
- L1. Air quality
- L2. Greenhouse gas
- M. Shadow flicker
- N. Electromagnetic interference
- O. Aviation
- P. Fire risk

Attachments

- Attachment I - Stakeholder Engagement Plan
- Attachment II - Draft Quarry Work Plan
- Attachment III - Project Map Book
- Attachment IV - Neighbour Benefit Sharing Program Flyer
- Attachment V - Bat and Avifauna Management Plan

How to access the EES and PPA

Online



All exhibited EES and supporting material, such as fact sheets are published on the Hexham Wind Farm website: hexhamwindfarm.com.au/ees.

Details of the permit application can be found at www.planning.vic.gov.au/planning-approvals/ministerial-permits-register.

In person

The EES will also be made available for viewing in hard copy at the following display locations during the exhibition period.

Mortlake Moyne Shire Council Office

1 Jamieson Avenue, Mortlake
Monday to Friday 8.45am - 4.45pm
(Closed 1pm-1.30pm)

Port Fairy Moyne Shire Council Office

Princes Street, Port Fairy
Monday to Friday 8.45am - 4.45pm

State Library Victoria

328 Swanston Street, Melbourne
Open 7 days 10am - 6pm

Department of Transport and Planning

1 Spring Street, Melbourne
Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm

Community Information Sessions

Various locations and times
(more details opposite)

USB and hard copy

A USB flash drive loaded with the EES documentation can be sent to any stakeholder at any time during the public exhibition period upon request.

If you'd like a printed copy of the EES, we're here to help. Please contact the project team – we'll guide you through the EES and technical papers and arrange the most suitable print option for your needs.

To request a USB or hard copy, contact the Wind Prospect team at:

 **1800 934 322**

 info@hexhamwindfarm.com.au



EES exhibition support

Community information sessions

The Hexham Wind Farm project team will host five in-person drop in events in the region during the exhibition period. These sessions are designed to help the community to navigate the EES documentation and prepare an informed submission, as well as answer questions about the project's benefits and impact mitigation measures.

Hexham School Hall

Thursday 29 January
3pm – 6pm

Caramut Hall

Friday 30 January
2pm – 5pm

Ellerslie Hall

Thursday 12 February
3pm – 6pm

Hexham School Hall

Saturday 14 February
10am - 2pm


Mortlake Market

Sunday 15 February
9am - 1pm

Speak to a specialist

Technical specialists will also be available to provide information and answer questions on specific EES chapters during the exhibition period. Contact our team or visit our website to find out more.

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How to make an EES submission

The EES will be on public exhibition for 30 business days between Tuesday 27 January and Wednesday 11 March 2026. After reviewing the EES, you can make a written submission to Engage Victoria about any matters of interest related to the project. Submissions must be made in writing. Only one submission is needed to address all of your views about the project.

Submissions will be treated as public documents and will be published on the Engage Victoria website. Do not include personal information in the body of your submission.

Online submissions

Online submissions can be made via the Engage Victoria website, using the online consultation survey form at: engage.vic.gov.au/Hexham-IAC.

Hard copy submissions

Alternatively, you can submit a hard copy. Contact Planning Panels Victoria (PPV) through the Department of Transport and Planning Customer Call Centre on 136 186 (select option 6) and request a hard copy submission coversheet. Each hardcopy written submission must be accompanied by a completed coversheet (issued by PPV).

How to make a submission on the PPA

Submissions on the PPA are collected by the Minister for Planning. Submissions must include the reasons for the objection or submission and state how you would be affected. Any person who makes an objection or submission on the PPA will be contacted by PPV and offered the opportunity to make a request to be heard at the public hearing.

Details of the permit application can be found at www.planning.vic.gov.au/planning-approvals/ministerial-permits-register.

Unlike submissions on the EES, objections or submissions on the PPA will not be published online. However, any submission made can be reviewed in person at Department of Transport and Planning's offices at 1 Spring Street, Melbourne or requested electronically.

Any person who may be affected by the granting of the permit may object or make a submission by either post or email at:

Email: development.assessment@transport.vic.gov.au

Post: The Minister for Planning, C/- Department of Transport and Planning, GPO Box 2392, Melbourne 3001

Joint Inquiry and Advisory Committee process (Victoria)

The Minister for Planning will appoint an independent Inquiry and Advisory Committee (IAC) to conduct a public hearing commencing in the week beginning 27 April 2026. This process is expected to run for three to four weeks (as required).

The IAC will hold a directions hearing on 31 March 2026 to consider the arrangements and timetable for the public hearing.

If you would like to present to the IAC you will need to make a written submission, and mark on the online submission form that you would like to be heard.


The IAC will review all EES submissions and the EES before providing advice to the Minister for Planning. The IAC will also advise the Minister for Planning on the planning permit applications and any submissions and objections received. The scope of the IAC is guided by Terms of Reference issued by the Minister for Planning.

Information on the hearing process and timetable will be published as it becomes available at engage.vic.gov.au/Hexham-IAC.

Following a thorough review process, the IAC will submit its report to the Minister to inform their assessment of the project. It is expected that a determination of the project (i.e., whether to approve or reject) will be made by the Minister for Planning in quarter three, 2026.

For more information or to speak directly to a Wind Prospect team member contact us.

If you need an interpreter, please call 13 14 50. If you are deaf and/or find hearing or speaking with people on the phone difficult, please contact the National Relay Service on voice relay number 1300 555 727, TTY number 133 677 or SMS relay number 0423 677 767.

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