



Forest Wind

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We are very pleased to issue our latest Forest Wind project update.

It's been a little while since our last update in February, but rest assured, we've been working hard behind the scenes to keep the project moving along.

This update:

- introduces Tilt, our new development partner
- shares our project development progress, including upcoming key activities, and
- outlines our community engagement program with suggested ways that you can get involved.



About the project

Forest Wind is a 1,200MW wind farm development that has the capacity to produce enough clean energy to power about 500,000 houses – that’s 1 in 4 Queensland homes.

Forest Wind is proposed to be built within Australia’s largest exotic pine plantation between Gympie and Maryborough. Forest Wind’s location has been carefully selected and designed to minimise impacts on the landscape, environment, and community.

The project will deliver local construction and operational jobs, together with business opportunities for the Wide Bay community and broader region.

Forest Wind remains committed to delivering enduring economic, environmental, and social benefits for the broader community. We will continue to work closely with local residents, community and environmental groups, the region’s First Nations people, local regional councils, the plantation timber industry and other key stakeholders throughout the project’s design and construction phases.



Our new partner

Forest Wind's last update, released in February of this year, confirmed [Tilt Renewables](#), a leading Australian renewable energy company, has acquired 50% of the Forest Wind project.

Tilt is proud to be a market-leading Australian owned and operated business that is driving the energy transition in Australia. Tilt joins the Forest Wind project with a proven record in renewable energy projects with ten already in operation or construction across Australia, as an integrated and innovative renewable energy business that aims to be reliable, responsible, and competitive.



Project update

Over the past twelve months, we have continued to collect wind, climate and environmental data from the project site. This data is being used to help inform the wind farm's design factors, which will include identifying any constraints relating to the locations of the wind turbines within Forest Wind's project area.

Over the next few months, we will continue conducting ecological, wind resource measurement, site design and optimisation, transport and logistics, and grid connection studies.

We are preparing an extensive report to provide additional information requested by the Commonwealth Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water for assessment of Forest Wind under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*. There will be opportunity for public comment, and we will notify the community through this newsletter, advertisements in local papers and information on our website on where you can access this report and have your say.

Community engagement

Forest Wind remains committed to genuine engagement with key stakeholders.

Forest Wind Community Reference Group

In 2020, we established the Forest Wind Community Reference Group (FWCRG) with the aim of bringing together a diverse group of local representatives to:

- perform an advisory and consultative role to support the project's design,
- promote productive working relationships and information sharing between the project team and key stakeholder groups,
- provide a formal avenue for the Forest Wind project team to respond to the community's questions and concerns, and
- encourage input from the community to support the development of a community benefits sharing strategy.

Regular FWCRG meetings will recommence in the coming months. Copies of previous FWCRG agendas and meeting minutes are available on our [website](#).

Thank you to our valued members of the Community Reference Group and we look forward to your ongoing participation and contributions.

Would you like to be a member of the Forest Wind Community Reference Group?

Two positions on the FWCRG have recently become available. If you think this might interest you, we'd love to hear from you.

- *You can view the Terms of Reference [here](#).*
- *You can express your interest in a role by completing a [nomination form](#). Please email your completed nomination form to fwcrq@forestwind.com.au.*

Community Information Sessions

We will hold community engagement and information sessions in local community halls as the project progresses. Closer to the time, we will post notices of these events in upcoming newsletters and through local community information sites.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, or to stay informed on future information sessions for 2024, please get in touch via info@forestwind.com.au

Community Benefits Sharing

The team is working on the Forest Wind Community Benefits Sharing Strategy. This strategy will identify how Forest Wind will work in partnership with local community organisations and groups to deliver initiatives that create lasting benefits for the region.

If you would like to get in touch to share your ideas on community priorities and areas of need and ways to address them, please email info@forestwind.com.au.

Jobs and local business opportunities

Forest Wind brings an opportunity to deliver local construction and operational jobs, together with business opportunities for the Wide Bay community and broader region.

Thank you to everyone who has previously registered their interest in jobs via our website or submitted an Expression of Interest via the ICN Gateway. Please be advised if you have already submitted an expression of interest, we still have this information and you will be notified of future opportunities and procurement processes.

Our procurement timeframes are being revised and more information will be made available in due course.

If you haven't yet registered, you can still register your interest in future work opportunities on the construction and operation of Forest Wind by visiting our website at [Job seeker EOI – Forest Wind](#) and completing the Expression of Interest form.

Local business can also lodge their interest through the [Goods and services](#) register.

First Nations People

The developers of Forest Wind respectfully acknowledge the Butchulla People and Kabi Kabi First Nation People of the land on which Forest Wind is proposed.

We are consulting with Butchulla and Kabi Kabi First Nations representatives on land use and we look forward to future partnerships through which employment and training, business development and contracting, cultural heritage protection, and environmental management opportunities may be pursued.

Are you a Kabi Kabi or Butchulla business interested in work opportunities with Forest Wind? Please get in touch via email info@forestwind.com.au.

Want to know more?

Visit our [website](#) for more information.



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