

# COPPABELLA

## Wind Farm

# Project Update for CCC Members

April 2020



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## **Goldwind Australia | Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response**

The outbreak of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) is clearly unprecedented in its impacts on our health and wellbeing of our communities and the broader economy.

In response, Goldwind Australia has implemented new monitoring and mitigation measures to minimise risks to the communities in which we operate, our staff, contractors and suppliers.

Goldwind Australia has undertaken detailed mitigation and contingency planning to ensure the health of our staff in Sydney and Melbourne offices and across our construction and operational sites, and also to give the best opportunity to continue with critical business activities within Federal and State Government directives.

The following principles have guided Goldwind Australia's response:

- Protect the safety and welfare of our staff, contractors and the communities in which we operate, particularly those in high risk categories.
- Maintain productivity to meet business objectives and ensure continuity of business-critical activities within Federal and State Government directives.
- Support and boost existing and new economic activity, particularly within regional communities close to our projects.

Goldwind Australia will continue to proactively monitor the changing situation closely and work in accordance with Federal and State Government directives and relevant guidelines and recommendations.

## April 2020 Update

- The Binalong Information Centre remains closed to the public over this period
  - Alison is currently working from home.
  - Sponsorship Fund continues to operate. Be in touch with Alison if you have any sponsorships ideas or proposals.
- Two sponsorships this year to date:
  - Binalong Brahmans.
  - Binalong CWA Bushfire fundraiser. Contributed financial support for the events activities and prizes. Binalong CWA raised \$26,000 in their appeal.
- While COVID-19 has impacted the running of community events, Goldwind Australia is investigating other avenues to support local communities.

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## Status of Key Project Elements

- ✓ Energy Yield & Layout
- ✓ Planning Approvals (State, Federal, Crown)
- ✓ Land Agreements
- ✓ Firm Pricing for Construction Contracts
- Grid Connection Agreement
  - Grid modelling nearing finalisation
  - Connection Application planned for June 2020
  - Offer to Connect anticipated later in 2020
- Financing
  - Equity financing arrangements well progressed

### Bird and Bat Surveys

- Recent bird utilisation surveys conducted in late March
- Bat monitoring data collection was undertaken throughout March and April. This monitoring forms part of the pre-operations baseline data gathering as part of the project's ongoing environmental due diligence process.



Coppabella Autumn Bat Recorders

### TransGrid Line Upgrade Approval

- On the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020, the upgrade of the 99M transmission line to facilitate the Coppabella Wind Farm was approved in accordance with Section 5.5 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979

### Grid Connection

- Grid connection model benchmarking well progressed
- Connection Application package now being organised for submission in June 2020

### Groundwater Investigations

- The project obtained four test bore licences in 2019
- One groundwater test bore has now been completed within the Coppabella Wind Farm project area
- The preliminary results from the test bore are encouraging with good water flow that may be utilised during construction

