Feedback sought on Flyers Creek Wind Farm proposal in central western NSW

The public is being invited to comment on a proposal for a wind farm, 20km south of Orange in the State’s central west, which is being publicly exhibited by the NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure.

The proponent, Flyers Creek Wind Farm Pty Ltd, is seeking approval to construct and operate a wind farm with up to 44 turbines, associated infrastructure and a 15km section of electricity transmission line connecting the wind farm substation to the electricity grid.

The environmental assessment is on extended public exhibition for eight weeks from Friday, 21 October until Monday, 19 December 2011. Interested members of the public are encouraged to lodge a submission providing feedback during this time.

Submissions received during the public exhibition period, along with the proponent’s response to submissions document, will be made available on the department’s website. The submissions and proponent’s response will be carefully considered as part of the department’s assessment of the project.

The department required the proponent’s environmental assessment to specifically address issues including potential land use conflicts, visual impact, noise, impact on flora and fauna including the Canobolas State Forest, impact on the local water supply or groundwater and indigenous heritage.

The environmental assessment for the project can be viewed during business hours at:
- Department of Planning and Infrastructure – Information Centre, 23-33 Bridge Street, Sydney;
- Blayney Shire Council – 91 Adelaide Street, Blayney;
- Millthorpe Pharmacy and Post Office – 44 Victoria Street, Millthorpe; and
- Nature Conservation Council of NSW – Level 2, 5 Wilson Street, Newtown.

All relevant project documents are also publicly available on the department’s website, and can be accessed by visiting http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au and following the links to the ‘On Exhibition’ page.

Submissions can be:
- Lodged online at http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au (then search for the project);
- Emailed to plan_comment@planning.nsw.gov.au;
- Faxed to (02) 9228 6455; or
- Posted to Major Projects Assessment, Department of Planning and Infrastructure, GPO Box 39, SYDNEY NSW 2001.

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NOTE: The Department of Planning and Infrastructure is issuing this media release to encourage the community to take part in the planning process. However, it is the role of the proponent (either through its documents published on our website or otherwise) to provide further specific details about the proposal.