Feedback sought on Crookwell 3 wind farm proposal

The public is being invited to comment on a proposal for the Crookwell 3 wind farm, which is being publicly exhibited by the NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure.

The proponent, Crookwell Development Pty Ltd, is seeking planning approval for the development of the wind farm on two parcels of land approximately 17 kilometres south-east of Crookwell.

The proposal is seeking approval to construct and operate:

- A wind farm comprising up to 30 wind turbines with maximum capacity of 3.4 megawatts each and maximum height of 152 metres at the top of blade tip;
- Up to three wind monitoring towers;
- Underground electrical cabling linking turbines;
- Underground or above ground cabling to the substation approved as part of the Crookwell 2 wind farm;
- Access roads; and
- Grid connection.

The department required the proponent’s environmental assessment to specifically address issues including visual, noise, flora and fauna, heritage and traffic impacts as well as aviation risks and water supply.

In preparing the environmental assessment, the proponent was also required to consider the Government’s draft wind farm guidelines and undertake a comprehensive, detailed and genuine community consultation and engagement process.

The environmental assessment is on public exhibition for three months from Thursday 1 November 2012 until Wednesday 6 February 2013. 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 and carefully considered as part of the department’s assessment of the project.

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;
- Upper Lachlan Shire Council (Crookwell Office) – 44 Spring Street, Crookwell;
- Crookwell Library – Denison Street, Crookwell;
- Upper Lachlan Shire Council (Gunning Office) – 123 Yass Street, Gunning;
- Goulburn-Mulwaree Shire Council – Civic Centre, 184-194 Bourke Street, Goulburn; and
- Nature Conservation Council – 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;
- 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.