



Clarke Creek Wind Farm

Project Overview

Lacour Energy is developing the Clarke Creek Wind and Solar Farm project which is located 150 km north west of Rockhampton and 150km south of Mackay in the Isaac Shire and Livingstone Shire areas. The project is currently in the feasibility phase and, if constructed, it will comprise up to 195 wind turbines and 200MW of solar panels and a battery storage facility.

The project is in an area of high wind and solar resources and close to an existing main road from Marlborough to Sarina. The project is also adjacent to the existing high voltage electricity transmission network, with three large transmission lines providing the ability to connect the large power project we are developing.

The project is currently in the feasibility phase with work being undertaken on the technical, environmental, social and economic aspects of the project. If the feasibility demonstrates a viable project then it is intended that construction would commence in 2019.

Supplier Forum

We intend to hold a supplier forum for businesses wishing to get involved in building or maintaining the project in July or August this year. The exact timing for this forum will be advertised at least four weeks before it occurs.

Project Update

We would like to thank all the people, both individuals and businesses, who provided responses to our traffic survey. Links to the survey from our website and the previous newsletter made people aware of the survey. In addition we contacted over 60 regional transportation companies directly and invited them to submit their responses. We had a good number of responses and plan to share the results at our upcoming community information day in Clarke Creek.

Community Information Day

Community Information Day on 22 May at the Clarke Creek Community Hall. Anyone from the community is welcome to attend and find out more about the project.

- **10.30am – 12.30pm**
Meeting to discuss the latest information about the project and all key issues
- **12.30pm**
Lunch provided by Lacour Energy
- **1.30pm – 5 pm**
Drop in session for people who could not make the morning or for anyone who wants to speak to individual team members directly

Community Fund

The project will bring significant investment into the area and we wish to share the benefits and opportunities with the wider community. As well as employment opportunities, a community fund will be established for use on projects that benefit the wider community with a priority given to projects in Clarke Creek and the local area. The fund will provide \$200,000 every year for projects or initiatives within the local region.

Working with the Community

We held a public exhibition in September 2017 and have also had a couple of meetings and ongoing correspondence with the Clarke Creek Community Reference Group (CRG) and have been taking their feedback on board to deliver a better project. Following this feedback we have committed to the following:

- Construction and operational workforce of the project does not degrade the quality of Telstra mobile communications for existing users of the Clarke Creek Tower. We have been working with Telstra on solutions which may include upgrading the existing Telstra communications tower at Clarke Creek, or to install communications equipment on a new tower or on wind farm infrastructure. Once the solution is finalised, we will share the results.
- No movement of over size over mass (OSOM) vehicles, such as large wind turbine components, cranes and 275kV transformers on the Clarke Creek School bus route during times when school bus is running.
- Development of a transport schedule for OSOM vehicles through the Broadsound Range in consultation with other road users including the local community with the aim of reducing the impact on other road users during OSOM transportation.
- Development of an agreement with Dept Transport and Main Roads and local council on the maintenance and repair of roads so we pay to fix any damage caused to the roads.

Get in Touch

If you have any questions about the project, or would like to be kept up to date, please contact us at www.clarkecreekwindandsolar.com.au/aboutus or call to speak to James or Mark on 07 3012 6545

Project Benefits

The construction of the Wind and Solar Farm will be a significant investment and take up to 3 years to fully complete.

At its peak, the workforce that will be involved in construction is expected to be 350 people. It is expected that many of the jobs will be filled from the Central Queensland Region, with significant opportunities for locally based businesses to provide services including: road construction, concrete foundations for wind turbines, electrical cable laying and fibre optic communications.

Once the Wind and Solar Farm is operational, there will be around 20 - 25 permanent staff and these staff will live in the wider area and commute daily from their homes. The project does not intend to house remote workers at the wind farm.

The project is predicted to generate over 1800 GWh (over 3% of QLD annual requirement) of electricity on average every year. We are calling all companies and individuals who want to be part of building this exciting project to register their interest on our website and we will keep you updated once the contracts and job opportunities are finalised. Please go to www.clarkecreekwindandsolar.com.au/emp

