

# OFF-SITE LANDSCAPE SCREENING PROGRAM GUIDELINES



#### **BERRYBANK WIND FARM**

The Berrybank Wind Farm (the Project) is located within the Corangamite and Golden Plains Shire Councils. Permit No: 200920820, (Golden Plains Shire) and Permit No: 20092821 (Corangamite Shire) were issued on 24 August 2010. Amended planning permits Nos:200920820A and 200920821A (the permits) were issued on 4 February 2018. The planning permits have been approved by the minister for planning and incorporates several conditions or requirements that must be met during construction and operation. These documents outline condition 5 of the permits that requires the preparation of an Off-site Landscape Screening Program

#### LANDSCAPE SCREENING PROGRAM

The landscape screening program involves all non-stakeholder residential dwellings existing as of the date of issue of the amended permits on 4 February 2018 (Permit Nos:200920820A and 200920821A) and which are within 4.0 km of an approved turbine is eligible to apply for landscape screening. The Landscape screening program will commence concurrently with the commencement of construction of wind turbine pads and remaining open for 6 months after the final turbine has been commissioned.

# AM I ELIGIBLE FOR THE LANDSCAPE SCREENING PROGRAM?

The following criteria below determines eligibility to apply for the landscape screening program.

- Do you own the dwelling?
- Do you live within 4.0km of the nearest wind turbine?
- Do you have views from habitable rooms from within the dwelling?
- Do you have views from the main entrances or exits of the dwelling?
- Do you have views from areas outdoor private open spaces that are within 50m of the dwelling?

# OPTION 1: PAYMENT IN LIEU OF BERRYBANK DEVELOPMENTS UNDERTAKING LANDSCAPING

The landowner will be responsible for all works including ground preparation, fencing, sourcing and installing plants and maintenance. The landowner will be compensated for these works including maintenance for up to two years by way of a once off cash payment.





## OPTION 2: BERRYBANK DEVELOPMENTS WILL UNDERTAKE LANDSCAPING

Berrybank Developments or its nominated representative will be responsible for all works including ground preparation, fencing, sourcing and installing plants and maintenance for a two-year period.

#### THE LANDSCAPE SCREENING PROGRAM INCLUDES

The Landscape Screening Program will strategically use vegetation (i.e. trees and shrubs) to screen visible turbines from affected dwellings. The program involves a site visit and meeting with a landscape consultant, and subsequently, preparation of a dwelling landscape plan. The dwelling landscape plan:

- Will propose plantings sufficient to screen visible turbines from dwellings;
- Details the proposed landscape works including fencing, gates, ground preparation and proposed planting. These details will be mapped to show the location and extent of planting, including the number of species that will be planted and the expected height and spread of the plants at maturity; and
- A timetable of implementation of the landscaping works, including a planting schedule and timeframes for maintenance of works over a two-year period.

An example of how the screening will be achieved is detailed above in Figure 1.

Figure 1 Extent of landscape screening



Required screening vegetation to full width of view towards wind turbines.

#### Views to be screened from

- habitable rooms from within the dwelling;
- the main entrances/exits i.e. front, side, rear or laundry entrance;
- Artist's studios; and
- areas of outdoor private open space that are within 50m of the dwelling.

There is allowance for one (1) row of screen planting at 2.5m spacing.





The plan will not include architectural landscaping features, boundary shelter belts, revegetation, land rehabilitation or similar.

The full cost of the design, implementation and maintenance for 2 years of the landscaping under the program is to be met by Berrybank Developments, as agreed between Berrybank Developments and the landowner. An appointment can be made with Berrybank Developments to devise a landscaping plan and then fulfil landscaping requirements.

## THE LANDSCAPE SCREENING PROGRAM DOES NOT INCLUDE

- Landscaping of paddocks, horse arenas or driveways.
- Removal of trees or shrubs either dead, senescing or healthy from the landscaping screening areas
- Removal of debris, machinery, vehicles, materials, rubbish or structures from the areas agreed for landscaping.
- Removal of cypress trees infested with cypress canker virus.
- Exotic plants that would not survive local frosts in winter.
- Landscaping to screen new or existing transmission lines.
- Planting on neighbour properties or on council land.
- Planting within 10 meters of the dwelling in bush fire prone areas (CFA requirement).
- Landscaping for businesses.
- Mature trees that will not survive once transplanted.
- Irrigation and watering systems.
- Payment for existing or pre purchased plants.
- Local pest extermination.
- Planting on council land or other properties not owned by the applicant.

#### **HOW TO APPLY?**

Complete your application form and gather supporting documents; and

- Submit your application by post to Suite 4, Level 3, 24 Marcus Clarke Street, Canberra, ACT 2600; or
- Submit your application by email to nathan.micallef@unionfenosa.com.au or
- Submit your application in person at Berrybank Wind Farm Site Offices.