

Darlington Wind Farm

Project Highlights

Location	3.2km south-west of Darlington and 6.3km north-east of Mortlake ¹
Ownership of the wind farm assets	Global Power Generation Australia
Size	Up to 45 Wind Turbines
Capacity	Up to 325MW
Blade tip height	Up to 240 metres
Grid Connection	A new onsite substation connecting to the existing 500KV Haunted Gully-Tarrone transmission line.
Project Status	Environment Effects Statement (EES) preparation stage. Preparation of all technical reports and assessments

Project Status Update

Referral

- EES Referral submitted to the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) and published on the DTP website.
- Minister determines whether EES is required.

Scoping

- Minister publicly exhibits Draft EES Scoping Requirements (June July 2024).
- Final EES Scoping Requirements released December 2024 and are now available on DTP's website.

Preparing EES

- Preparation of all technical reports and assessments. WE ARE HERE
- Proponent led community consultation.
- •Review of technical material by DTP & Technical Reference Group (TRG)
- •Submission of final EES documentation.

Public Exhbition

- Public exhibition of the EES where public can make submissions in relation to the EES.
- •Inquiry appointed under Environment Effects Act 1978 to consider the environmental effects of the project.

Decision Making

- •The Minister for Planning issues their assessment of whether the likely environmental effects of the project are acceptable.
- •Statutory decision makers consider the Minister's Assessment in their respective assessments.

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¹ These distances are measured from the edge of the towns to the project boundary. Therefore, distance from the towns to the nearest turbines will be greater.

Since our June 2024 newsletter, we note the following project updates:

- Scoping Requirements: Draft Scoping Requirements for the EES were prepared by DTP and placed on public exhibition from 27 June 2024 and 17 July 2024. After considering public submissions on the Draft EES Scoping Requirements, the Minister for Planning approved and published the Final EES Scoping Requirements in December 2024. The Scoping Requirements are publicly available by the following link:
 - https://www.planning.vic.gov.au/environmental-assessments/browse-projects/darlington-wind-farm
- Environment Effects Statement: An inter-agency technical reference group (TRG) has been convened to review all EES material before it is publicly exhibited. GPG meets regularly with the TRG members and is in the process of preparing technical studies before they are formally lodged with the Minister for Planning. After the EES is lodged it will be publicly exhibited. This is a point of formal consultation in the EES process giving you the opportunity to lodge a submission in response to the EES. An EES consultation plan outlining GPG's approach to consultation during the EES process has been prepared and is available on both GPGA and DTP's website. For a schedule of planned consultation activities please visit the Relevant Documentation page on GPG's website.
- Community Initiatives: GPG Australia has prepared a proposed framework for
 a Community Benefits Sharing program. This proposed framework will be
 shared with the community in coming weeks, and feedback will be sought.
- **Upcoming Events:** GPG Australia is planning another Open Day to share the findings of the technical studies and gather your input on community benefit initiatives. The Open Day is proposed to be held in Q3 of 2025. We'll announce the date and venue for this event as soon as it's confirmed, so please stay tuned for further information.

Summary of Community Feedback from the 2024 Open Day and Online Survey

In July 2024, GPG Australia held a project Open Day in Mortlake providing an opportunity for attendees to seek information and share their feedback in person.

Key concerns raised by attendees of the Open Day included the potential for impacts relating to noise, visual amenity, cumulative effects, traffic, shadow flicker, brolgas, and property values.

Additionally, during July and August 2024, GPG Australia ran an online survey to gather community feedback about the project. GPG Australia received 88 responses to the online survey.

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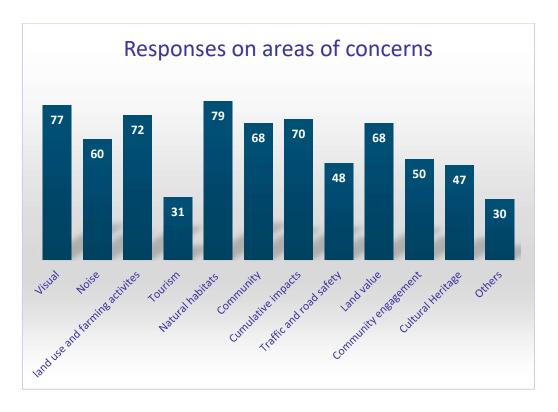
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The survey results show that while 5 respondents supported the project and 1 was neutral, the majority expressed concerns. Not all respondents provided specific reasons for their opinions.

The following figure summarise the areas of concern collected from the online survey conducted from July to August 2024.



GPG Australia have responded to some of the initial questions and concerns raised at the Open Day and via the online survey in Frequently Asked Questions booklet which was distributed December 2024.

We understand the importance of these concerns to the community. Detailed analysis and a comprehensive response to each matter will be included in the EES, within the relevant technical reports.

How can you get involved?

GPG Australia is committed to ongoing engagement with project stakeholders and building relationships with project communities throughout all stages of project development.

We will keep you updated on the approval process. In the coming months, there will be many opportunities to find out more information, provide feedback, and meet with the project team.

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