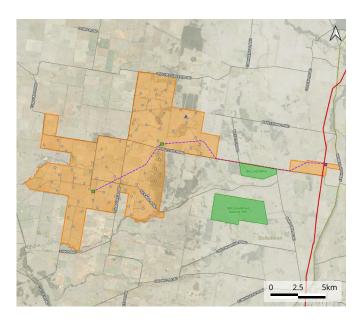


# **NEWSLETTER**

## **SPRING 2025**

Goldwind Capital (Australia) Pty Ltd (GCA), on behalf of Milpulling Wind Farm Pty Ltd (MPWF Pty Ltd), is proposing to develop the Milpulling Wind Farm (the Project) to provide a renewable source of energy, thereby supporting the future energy needs of NSW and assisting in the reduction of greenhouse gas (GHG) associated with energy generation.

The Project is located approximately 25km southwest of Gilgandra, 40km northwest of Dubbo and 45km northeast of Narromine and is within the Gilgandra Shire Council Local Government Area (LGA). The Project is located within the Central West Orana Renewable Energy Zone (CWO REZ).



## ABOUT THE PROJECT

The Project is a wind farm (renewable energy generation) and storage facility which includes the installation, operation, maintenance and decommissioning of up to 77 wind turbine generators (WTGs), battery storage, ancillary infrastructure and temporary facilities.

## Project details:



Up to 77 wind turbines with a maximum vertical height of 180m and a generation capacity of up to 8 megawatts (MW) or greater.



The Project is planned to have a generation capacity of up to **400MW** at the Point of Connection.



A **battery energy storage system** (BESS) (Up to 250MW with a 4-hour delivery capacity).



The Project will have a Development Corridor of approximately **2,700ha** which includes a buffer area of approximately 200m from WTG's and 50m from roads, cables & other infrastructure, located within the broader Project Area.



Inclusion of proposed **battery storage** will allow the Project to store and dispatch energy to and from the National Electricity Markey when energy is most need.



A peak of approximately **450 full time equivalent employees** required during the 3-year construction period.



Up to **11 full time equivalent employees** required during the 30-35-year operational lifespan.

## PROJECT UPDATE

In January 2025, Goldwind completed and submitted the Milpulling Wind Farm Scoping Report to the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (the Department).

## There are a number of steps required in order to secure Project approvals including:

- 1. Submission of a Scoping Report to the Department
- The Scoping Report then informs the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARS) which outlines technical assessments to be undertaken by the Project
- 3. The SEARs and associated technical assessments then inform the Project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

## You can view the Scoping Report and SEARs on the Department's Major Project website:

https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/milpulling-wind-farm

Goldwind is now preparing the EIS for the Project.



## THE ASSESSMENT PROCESS

The project is considered a State Significant Development and will require development consent under the NSW Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A Act). The development application is to be accompanied by a detailed EIS to be submitted to the Department. The EIS will include comprehensive assessments identifying the impacts of the Project and how to best manage these impacts. These studies will include assessments for:



**Biodiversity** 



Aboriginal and built heritage



Visual



Fire and bushfire



Traffic and transport



Water and waste



Social impacts



Community engagement



Land Assessment



Aviation



Electromagnetic Interference (EMI), Electromagnetic Frequency (EMF) & Blade Throw



Preliminary Hazards Assessment (PHA) & Contamination



Noise



Economic

Umwelt Environmental and Social consultants (Umwelt Consulting) have been engaged by Goldwind to prepare the EIS, including a Social Impact Assessment (SIA) and a range of specialist assessments. The SIA will be consistent with the NSW DPHI Social Impact Assessment Guideline for State Significant Projects (2025) and associated community engagement program.



**Environmental Impact Assessment Phase** 



Social Impact Assessment **Activities and Outputs** 

### **SCOPING**

Preliminary social & environmental assessment studies commence

Lodgement of Scoping Report to the Department

Department issues project specific Secretary **Environmental Assessment** Requirements (SEARs)

Engagement with local landholders and key stakeholders

#### **EIS PREPARATION**

Refinement of plans and preparation of assessment studies

Continue engagement with local landholders and key stakeholders



Preparation of Social Impact Assessment

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### **PUBLIC EXHIBITION**

Department places EIS on public exhibition

#### **RESPONDING TO SUBMISSIONS**

Preparation of Submissions Report that explains how submissions have been addressed

#### **ASSESSMENT**

Department assesses the Project and provides its findings to the consent authority

### **DETERMINATION**

Consent authority decides whether to approve or refuse the Project, including conditions of consent if approved

#### **POST APPROVAL**

Department regulates Project to ensure compliance with the conditions of consent

Implementation of mitigation and enhancement measures and monitoring and management framework

## GFT INVOLVED

Goldwind is working with the community and stakeholders to identify and address the environmental and social impacts of the proposed Milpulling Wind Farm. The engagement program aims to ensure community feedback shapes project design and planning.

If you would like to provide input via a survey, then please scan the QR code and record your views. Responses to the survey will be used in the SIA to assist in identifying, ranking and assessing potential social impacts and benefits.



In October there are two opportunities for you to meet the project team and ask questions regarding the proposed Milpulling Wind Farm in person. These are:

### Goin' to Gill Festival- Under the Gums Saturday 4th October 2025, 1:30pm - 10:00pm

Gilgandra Cultural Precinct, 6452 Newell Hwy, Gilgandra NSW Representatives from Goldwind will be at the Goin' to Gill Festival-Under the Gums. They can be found at the Goldwind stand and will be there all day to talk about the Milpulling Wind Farm with you. Whether you just want to chat, or complete an SIA survey, we look forward to hearing your feedback!

### **Community Information Session**

Thursday 23rd October 2025, 4:00pm - 8:00pm

3 Warren Rd, Gilgandra NSW

Goldwind and Umwelt Consulting will be hosting a Community Information Session as part of engagement activities to inform the Environmental Impact Statement. The purpose of the Community Information Session is to answer any questions you may have about the Project.



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