

Media Release

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Local Business Participation Program launched for the Clarke Creek Wind Farm

Goldwind Australia and Lacour Energy have launched the Local Business Participation Program for the 800-megawatt (MW) Clarke Creek Wind Farm located in central Queensland.

Goldwind Australia Managing Director, John Titchen, said planning for the construction of up to 195 wind turbines is underway with the launch of Local Business Participation Program.

'State and National planning approvals have been secured for the Clarke Creek Wind Farm and it is now being prepared for construction to commence in late 2019.

'We are very pleased to launch the Clarke Creek Local Business Participation Program. This Program will be a key initiative to identify capability and capacity in the local community and maximise opportunities for local subcontractors and suppliers to participate in the project.

'This program has proven successful for Goldwind projects currently under construction in Victoria, New South Wales and Tasmania.' said Mr Titchen.

Goldwind, Lacour, Queensland Government and the Industry Capability Network (ICN) Queensland have worked together to implement the program.

Acting Minister for State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning, Stirling Hinchliffe said the Queensland Government was pleased to work with companies such as Goldwind Australia to drive investment and economic development in regional Queensland.

'Clarke Creek Wind Farm, when completed, will be the largest wind farm in the southern hemisphere and will see the creation of 350 jobs during the construction phase and 25 ongoing operational jobs,' he said.

'Supporting the delivery of projects such as this also helps boost regional economies through supply chain opportunities and will contribute to Palaszczuk Government's goal of affordable and secure supply of electricity and the target of 50 per cent renewable energy by 2030.'

Mr Hinchliffe said Clarke Creek Energy Pty Ltd also worked closely with the department to assess acoustic impacts on nearby sensitive receptors, such as dwelling houses, impacts on fauna, native vegetation clearing and traffic impacts.

Clarke Creek Wind Farm is now listed as a project on the Industry Capability Network (ICN) Gateway.

This is an independent business network providing an online tool to connect subcontractors and suppliers with projects. Businesses with an ABN can submit Expressions of Interest for work packages



ranging from fencing to civil construction of on-site roads and local accommodation providers. The project can be viewed at <https://gateway.icn.org.au/project/4232/clarke-creek-wind-farm>

Expressions of Interest will be open until February 2019. A snapshot of registered businesses will be shared with potential main contractors prior to the end of the year, with a full list forwarded to main contractors following close of the work packages.

Following the appointment of the main contractor, an information forum will be held locally to provide local businesses with additional information about the available work packages and the process of bidding for subcontracting or supply opportunities.

The project, located 150km Northwest of Rockhampton and 150km south of Mackay, will have a construction cost totalling over one billion dollars.

Once operational, the wind farm production will be enough to power around 590,000 Queensland homes, supplying around 4% of Queensland's electricity.

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