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## **Golspie Wind Farm and Bango Wind Farm - Two Proposed New Developments**

Wind Prospect CWP has commenced development of two wind farms in the southern tablelands. Preliminary Environmental Assessments (PEA) have been submitted to the NSW Department of Planning for Golspie Wind Farm, located north of Crookwell, and Bango Wind Farm, located to the east of Boorowa.

“Wind Prospect CWP is pleased to announce that the development phase of these wind farms is now underway. Through the submission of both Preliminary Environmental Assessments we have formalised the project investigation. In the case of Golspie the project has been talked about in the local community for some time; Bango, more recently in the Yass Tribune and at a community meeting. Our early announcement of both projects is to ensure we engage thoroughly with the community and I welcome the opportunity to discuss the proposal with broader stakeholders” said Scott Evans, Development Manager with Wind Prospect CWP Pty Ltd.

The projects are each expected to be upward of 100 wind turbines. The number and size of wind turbines proposed is a general potential at this early stage of development, with final siting and selection being dependent on the investigation results. Current wind turbine technologies vary in geometry and it is therefore difficult to provide specific details at this stage of the development. “Our approach to assessing the impact

of the wind farm will be based on greatest number and largest size of turbine (i.e. most impact). This ensures that, post consent, we have the flexibility to choose the most suitable wind turbine available in the market at that time” said Mr. Evans.

Currently towers ranging from 80 to 100 metres and individual blade lengths from 40 up to 60 m are available, giving a potential height to blade tip of 160 m. These machines provide for a range of generation capacities from 1.5 to 3.4 megawatts (MW).

“In the coming weeks we will be establishing project websites for Golspie [www.golspiewindfarm.com.au](http://www.golspiewindfarm.com.au) and for Bango [www.bangowindfarm.com.au](http://www.bangowindfarm.com.au) whereby interested stakeholders can learn more about Wind Prospect CWP, the proposed wind farms and typical stages in the development process. Each website will be maintained throughout the duration of the project with key events, milestones and newsletters uploaded as the proposal develops. Importantly, we also have a ‘Have Your Say’ space on the website for community members to put their opinion across” Mr. Evans concluded.

A copy of the Preliminary Environmental Assessment will be uploaded to each project’s website, and will also be available to view on the NSW Department of Planning’s website ([www.majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au](http://www.majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au)) listed under the wind farm name.

For further information, please contact Scott Evans, Development Manger for Wind Prospect CWP, on 02 4013 4640.

**Wind Prospect CWP Pty Ltd** is a joint venture between Wind Prospect Group (WP) and Continental Wind Partners (CWP), both international wind farm development companies. The joint venture combines the strengths of the two groups that undertake all aspects of wind energy development, including design, construction and operation of wind farms across 11 countries. With over 18 years of successful development within the industry, Wind Prospect has been involved in the successful delivery of 2,500 MW, including onshore and offshore projects. The company's civil, electrical and mechanical engineers have been involved in the commissioning of over 50 wind farms around the world. Continental Wind Partners has developed and is now building the largest wind farm in Europe, the 600MW Fantanele project. To date \$1.5billion has been invested in this project alone.

Wind Prospect CWP's office in Newcastle manages the NSW portfolio of 3,200 MW of wind farm developments which include the Boco Rock project. Boco Rock follows the successes of the groups 12 Australian wind farms which have been approved over the last 8 years (Table 1).

Wind Farm	State	Turbines	Total MW	Status
Hallett I (Brown Hill)	SA	45	94.5	Operating
Snowtown (Stage 1)	SA	47	98.7	Operating
Canunda	SA	23	46	Operating
Mt Millar	SA	35	70	Operating
Hallett II (Hallett Hill)	SA	34	71.4	Operating
Hallett IV (North Brown Hill)	SA	63	132.3	Under Construction
Hallett V (The Bluff Range)	SA	25	52.5	Under Construction
Snowtown (Stage 2)	SA	83	166	Approved
Willogoleche Hill	SA	26	52	Approved
Troubridge Point	SA	15	30	Approved
Boco Rock	NSW	122	260	Approved
Sapphire	NSW	159	325	Near Submission
<b>Totals</b>		<b>677</b>	<b>1,398.4 MW</b>	

**Table 1 – Wind Prospect's Australian Wind Farm Developments To Date**

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