

Bell Bay Wind Farm

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Project Update

Project Activities to Date

Over the past few months, Equis has escorted site visits for the following department agencies:

- The Hon Nick Duigan MLC (Minister for Energy);
- Tasmanian Planning Commission Panel;
- Environment Protection Authority Tasmania (EPA); and
- Department of Natural Resources & Environment (NRE).

Additionally, Equis has:

- conducted ongoing bird and bat utilisation surveys;
- conducted further terrestrial flora and fauna surveys;
- commenced a Noise Impact Assessment; and
- commenced a Landscape & Visual Impact Assessment (LVIA).




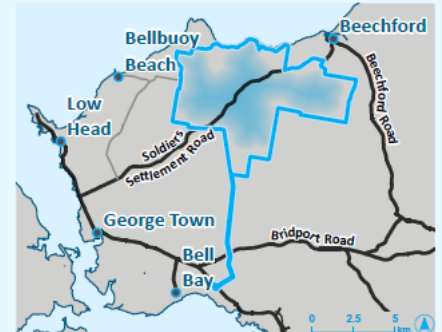
Figure 1: Project team escorting the Hon Nick Duigan, Minister for Energy around the Site.

Project Snapshot


 **Turbines**
Up to 28

 **Installed Capacity**
Up to 224MW

 **BESS**
Up to 100MW/400MWh



Legend

 Bell Bay Wind Farm project extent


 Wind turbine area

Figure 2: Project Overview

Approvals Status

Achieved Project Milestones


Project is declared a Major Project. Gazetted 2 August 2024. Draft assessment criteria prepared and exhibited 4 Oct 2024; Final assessment criteria determined 4 Dec 2024.


EPBC Approval Status


EPBC referral decision (2024/09868) received 5 August 2024. Project to be assessed by Environmental Impact Statement.

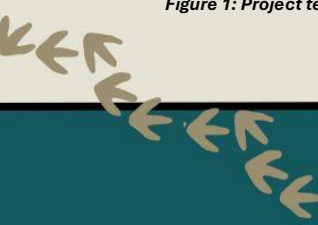
Benefits

 Creates up to **192 JOBS**

 Supports the **200% TRET**

 Powering up to **104,000 TAS homes**

 Generating up to **224MW energy**



Major Project Final Assessment Criteria

On 4 December 2024, the Tasmanian Planning Commission's (TPC) independent panel for the assessment of Bell Bay Wind Farm, in accordance with the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, published the final assessment criteria.

Draft assessment criteria was prepared by the appointed Development Assessment Panel on the 4 October 2024 which was placed on public notice and exhibited until 28 October 2024 before the TPC published the final assessment criteria on 4 December 2024.

The assessment criteria outlines the information we are required to provide to the TPC in our Major Project Impact Statement (MPIS) application to enable their assessment of the Project. We have 12 months or as agreed with the Panel to submit our MPIS.

Major Project assessment process

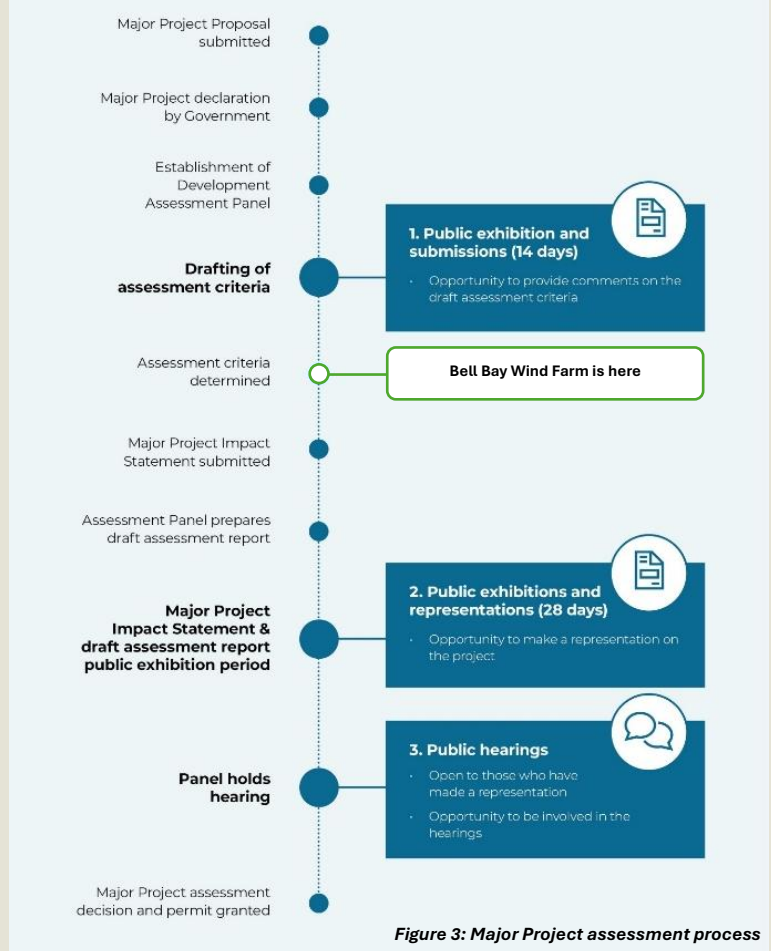


Figure 3: Major Project assessment process

The public will have an opportunity to be involved through the consultation, exhibition and hearing stages of the Major Projects process after the MPIS is submitted. We will continue to provide more detail on how you can engage with the process. Further information about the Major Projects Approvals Process can be found [here](#).

You can also find out more about the TPC's independent panel and track our application progress on the TPC website <https://www.planning.tas.gov.au/>



EPBC Referral

On 17 September 2024, the Australian Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW), in accordance with the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act), issued assessment guidelines for the Bell Bay Wind Farm. We are required to address the guidelines in an Environmental Impact Statement for DCCEEW's consideration and approval.



Figure 4: A LIDAR scanner located on site to capture precise wind measurements.

EPBC assessment process

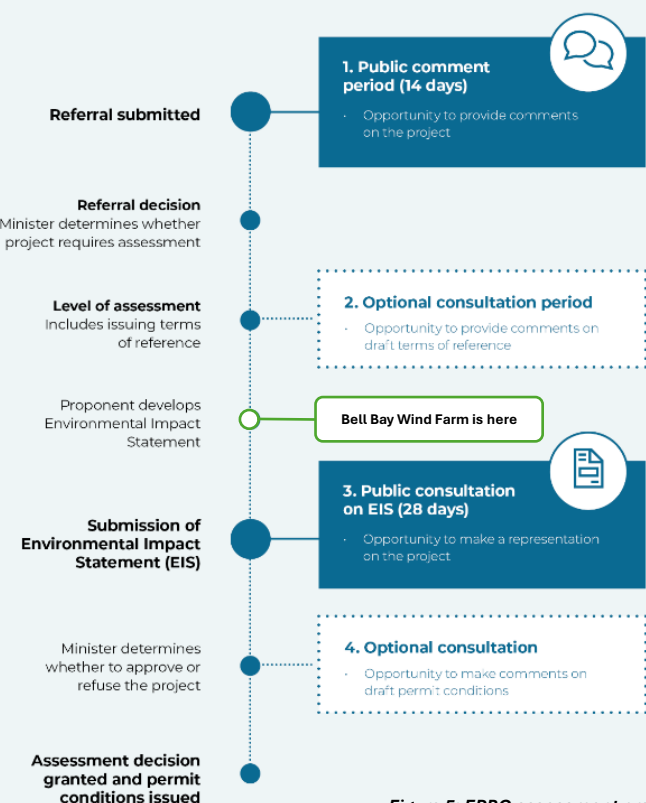


Figure 5: EPBC assessment process

Next Steps

We will continue working closely with community, industry, and other developers as we develop and refine our Project.

Over the coming months, technical experts will continue our impact assessments (required under the State assessment criteria and Commonwealth guidelines) which may further refine our Project layout.

We will share more information on our layout at our next community information session in 2025.

In the meantime, we will keep you informed and updated as we progress the development via our newsletters, our website and online engagement platform.

