

# Hopetoun Power Project

**T**he Hopetoun Power Project aims to deliver high standards of reliability and quality whilst also maintaining high safety and environmental standards.

## Approvals received

Our renewable energy partner, Verve Energy, has obtained environmental approval to construct and operate a new power station and second wind turbine near Hopetoun. The proposal was advertised in early August and no objections were received.



▲ The second wind turbine to be installed in Hopetoun will be similar to the existing one.

The Shire of Ravensthorpe has also approved an amended development plan for the new location of the turbine and power station, around 200 metres from the original sites.

## Location

The new wind/diesel power station will be located on general farming land off Steeredale Road, approximately 4 kms from Hopetoun.

## Construction set to start

The approvals received from the Environmental Protection Authority and Shire allows construction of the new wind/diesel power station to start soon. The new power station will comprise a second 600 kW wind turbine (the same as the existing Hopetoun wind turbine) and six special low load diesel generators.

Grant funding towards the wind turbine and associated "renewable enabling" equipment has been approved from the Federal Government's Renewable Remote Power Generation Program.

Verve Energy will build, own and operate the power station and sell the electricity to Horizon Power to retail to our customers in Hopetoun.

## Interconnection Works

In preparation for the commissioning of the new power station, Horizon Power will be carrying out some cabling work in Hopetoun. This work will commence

## Planned Timetable

Date	Milestone
September/October 2006	Earthworks commence
mid October 2006	Commence interconnection works
December 2006	Wind turbine installation
February 2007	Target Commissioning Date

in mid October and be completed by mid December. Work will take place on the eastern side of Ravensthorpe Road between Callum Street and Senna Road, to the power station site off Steeredale Road.

Power supply to customers will not be affected whilst this work is being done.

During the testing and commissioning of the power station in February 2007, there will be some power supply interruptions which are unavoidable. Further information will be provided closer to the time on the dates and estimated duration of the outages.

## Community Visit

Representatives from Horizon Power and Verve Energy will attend the Tuesday, 26 September meeting of the Hopetoun Progress Association to discuss the new power facility. All residents of Hopetoun are invited to attend.

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