

Moorabool Wind Farm local industry briefing aims to give a boost to local business.

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Approximately 200 representatives from local businesses attended a supplier information briefing in Ballan on the 5th June, coinciding with World Environment Day.

Attendees heard from project owners, Goldwind Australia, who will provide Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) services for the project, and Zenviron who were recently awarded the Balance of Plant contract.

The briefing formed Stage Two of the Local Business Participation Program. Ryan Pearce, Project Manager for Zenviron who presented at the event said, *“The Program is designed to ensure local businesses are well informed about the project and have the opportunity to participate in and benefit from the project. The Program has been undertaken in partnership with the Industry Capability Network (ICN)”*.

Local suppliers were invited to attend the briefing to hear an update on project status and learn more about the available work packages. The forum also covered the process of bidding for contracts or supply opportunities with the major contractors and subcontractors.

Moorabool Wind Farm has adopted a three- s t a g e process to maximise local participation and local economic benefits.

1. Under Stage One of the Local Business Participation Program, Moorabool Wind Farm sought expressions of interest for nearly 40 different work packages. The project has been listed on the ICN Gateway website and companies are encouraged to register their interest. The Gateway will be open until later this month. The details of all companies that registered their interest during Stage One are provided to major subcontractors.
2. Stage Two of the process involved the abovementioned Industry Forum in Ballan.
3. Stage Three is the engagement stage where the main contractor and / or subcontractors engage suppliers and subcontractors. Stage Three spans the full period of the project design and construction and the transition into the operations phase.

The wind farm is expected to create up to 300 direct jobs during construction peaks on site and employ up to 20 permanent staff when operational.

Andrew Kerley, Project Director for Moorabool Wind Farm, said *“The Local Industry Briefing was an excellent event and we were encouraged by the range of businesses and suppliers interested in the project. As owners of Moorabool Wind Farm, we aim to create significant local benefit by facilitating local companies to participate throughout the 18-month construction period and by establishing a local team for the long term operation phase.”*

About Moorabool Wind Farm

The development of Moorabool Wind Farm will consist of 107 turbines and associated infrastructure. It is expected to inject in the vicinity of \$40 to \$70 million into the local economy during construction. The project is expected to involve up to 300 jobs during construction and 20 local jobs during the 25-year operational period of the project. Construction is anticipated to commence this year.

