

Noise Compliance Testing

This factsheet describes Goldwind Australia's (GWA) process for effective management of noise complaints in relation to Moorabool Wind Farm (MWF) and in accordance with the GWA Complaints and Enquiries Policy.

Condition 38 of the Planning Permit for MWF requires a Noise Complaint Evaluation and Response Plan. This factsheet is based on that endorsed plan, which has been endorsed by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP). The following process will be undertaken to verify the noise emissions from the MWF and investigate a noise complaint under the requirements of the Planning Permit.

Moorabool Shire Council (MSC) is the responsible authority for enforcement of the planning permit.

Overview

- During the planning and development stages of MWF, independent and qualified acoustic consultants prepared noise assessment reports including background noise monitoring to model impacts to nearby dwellings in accordance with State Planning Policy.
- From these assessments, MWF is predicted to be compliant with the relevant MWF Planning Permit conditions, including the specified New Zealand Standards for wind farm noise. Once each stage of the wind farm is fully operational, testing will be carried out at certain dwellings to ensure compliance.
- Wind turbines will gradually be commissioned and begin generating electricity over the course of a number of months. Therefore, there will be a delay between the first turbine generating and the compliance testing being carried out. The Planning Permit requires testing to be carried out when the last turbine is operational for each stage of the wind farm.
- Compliance testing will be carried out separately for MNWF and MSWF.

At the appropriate time, noise compliance testing will be undertaken by a separate, qualified independent acoustic consultant to ensure compliance with the MWF Planning Permit. This will be provided to the responsible authority as required.

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