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RDA Yorke & Mid North

**Barn Hill Wind Farm Project**  
Information session for local contractors and  
workforce

19<sup>th</sup> June 2025

**Welcome**



Regional Development Australia Yorke and Mid North along with AGL and Vestas acknowledge the Narungga people of whose ancestral land and waters we stand on today and pay our respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging, and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

# Who is Regional Development Australia Yorke and Mid North?

RDA Yorke and Mid North is a not-for-profit incorporated association who works with regional stakeholders and partners to grow the economic prosperity and improve the liveability of the communities of the Yorke and Mid North region.

RDA Yorke and Mid North works with Government, businesses, community groups and individuals.

RDA Yorke and Mid North together with AGL and Vestas have held this event this evening to inform you about the Barn Hill Wind Farm Project and the potential work opportunities available for local contractors and workforce.

RDA Yorke and Mid North has created a **registration platform on our website** where local contractors and workforce can register their interest for local work opportunities with renewable projects such as Barn Hill.

The information provided, should you decide to register, will build a **database of local workers and contractors** that can be passed on to the relevant stakeholders where appropriate.

TO REGISTER GO TO [www.yorkeandmidnorth.com.au](http://www.yorkeandmidnorth.com.au)



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# LOCAL PROCUREMENT FOR RENEWABLE PROJECTS

## BACKGROUND

RDA Yorke and Mid North is working with renewable energy projects through two streams of local procurement activity. We have developed a secure online registration platform where contractors and workforce can upload their information once (and update as needed), which can be provided to proponents, procurement and recruitment teams as required.

## EXPRESSING YOUR INTEREST

Anyone interested in registering with RDA Yorke and Mid North for future opportunities in the construction industry can fill in the expressions of interest below.

**WORKFORCE:** [For workers, please complete the registration form here.](#)

**CONTRACTORS:** [For contractors and businesses, please complete the registration form here.](#)

# Renewable Energy Projects - Expression of Interest for Workforce

## Participant Details

! This question requires an answer.

\* 1. Applicant Name:

First Name

Last Name

- What tickets and licenses you have
- What type of work you are looking for on the project
- If you are interested in upskilling

# Renewable Energy Projects - Expression of Interest for Contractors

\* 1. Business Name:



\* 2. ABN:



Barn Hill RDA Event

***Vestas***®

Vestas Australia & New Zealand

16 July 2025

*Photo: Yandin Wind Farm  
Vestas V150-4.2 MW*

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# At Vestas, **safety** is the first priority

## Mission

At Vestas, we strive to prioritize safety and health in everything we do. Not only because it's the right thing to do, but because we genuinely wish to see every employee go home to their loved ones at the end of the day, in the same state they arrived.

We expect everyone to be a safety leader, and use our *Life Saving Rules* and, *Walks and Talks* to set and reinforce the health & safety behaviour we want to see in Vestas.

## Vestas **Five Safety Principles**



At Vestas, Safety is the **first priority**. There is nothing more important than every person going home safe.

Every person has the authority to **STOP** any activity that can't be undertaken safely and to then actively participate in developing a safe way to complete the work.



## Vestas Life Saving Rules



# The undisputed **global leader** in wind energy



**+35,000**

employees

Every day, our employees help create a better world by designing, manufacturing, installing, developing, and servicing wind energy and hybrid projects all over the world



**+50,000**

turbines under service

Our service technicians keep the world spinning by servicing a global portfolio of more than 156 GW - the largest fleet in the world



**+189 GW**

installed wind turbine capacity

We have installed more wind turbine capacity than any other company in the world, with installations in 88 countries



**455m**

tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e to be avoided of WTGs produced in 2024

Our total aggregated installed fleet annually help the World avoid emissions of 239 million tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e

# Who are Vestas **Australia & New Zealand**

- Only global player
- EPC and S&I Project Delivery
- Long Term Service
- 800+ People

## Track Record

**6.6 GW** Installed & Operating

**476 MW** additional non-Vestas under service

**2.6 GW** Under construction

1,333 MW | Golden Plains 1 & 2 | TAG Energy

506 MW | Wambo 1 & 2 | Cubico & Stanwell

285 MW | Lotus Creek | CS Energy

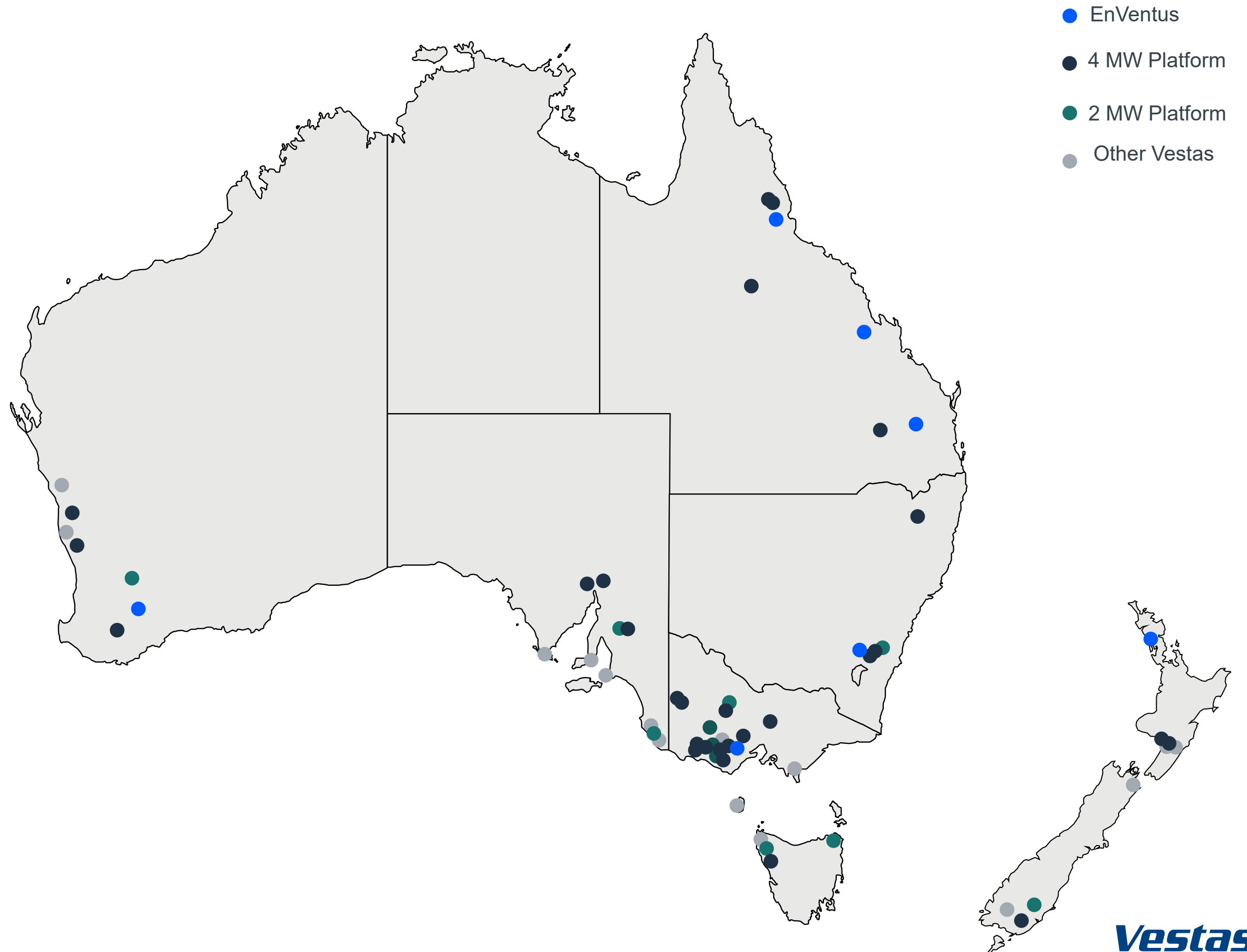
155 MW | Kaiwera Downs 2 | Mercury

108 MW | Warradarge 2 | Enel & Synergy

105 MW | King Rocks | Synergy

77 MW | Kaiwaikawe | Mercury

**8.9 GW Vestas turbines in total**



# Our local footprint near **Barn Hill Wind Farm**

Operating in Australia for over 30 years – longest operating OEM in Australia

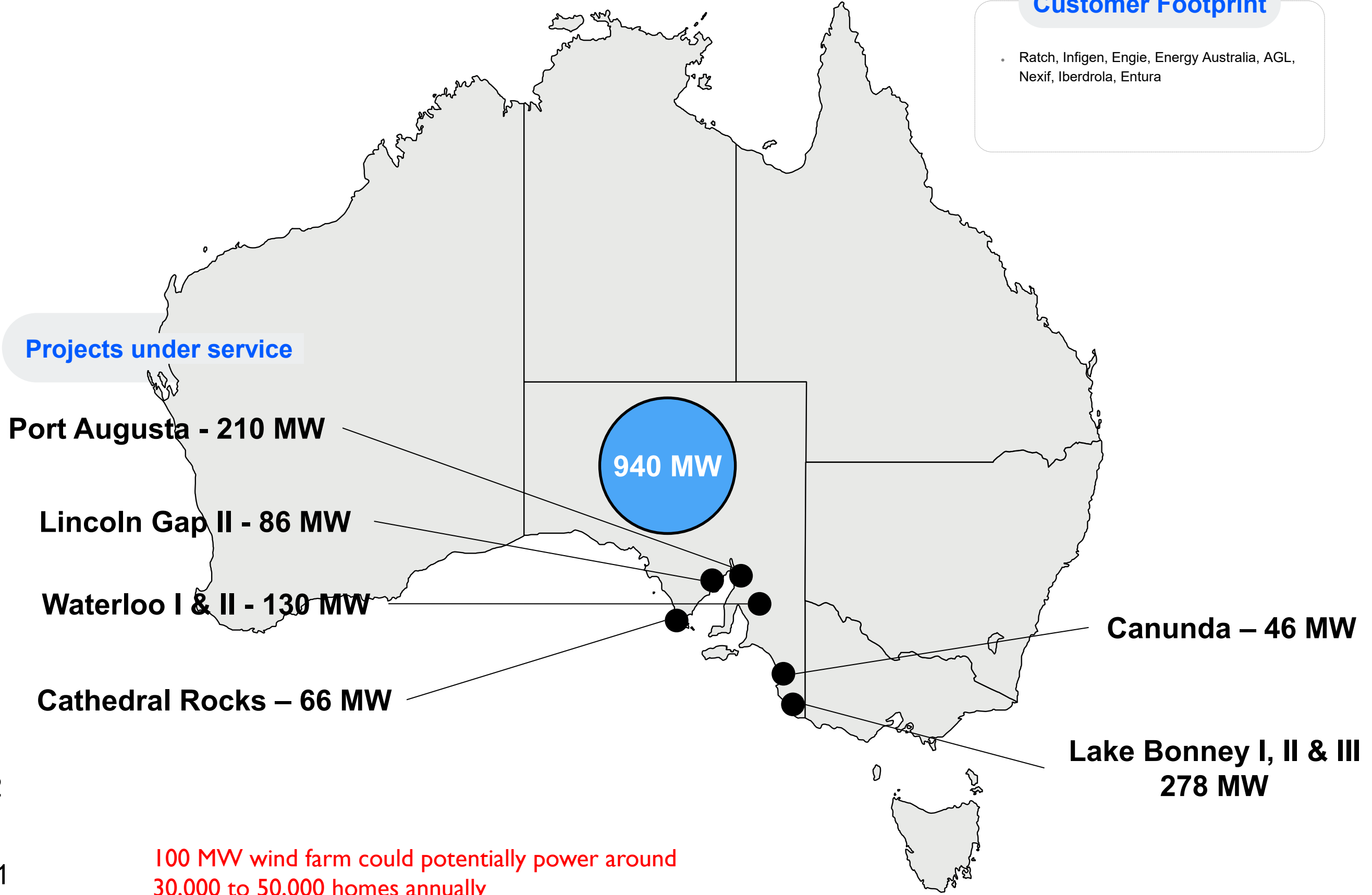
Built Starfish Hill Wind Farm – South Australia’s first commercial wind farm

Circa 8.9 GW of renewable energy under construction and service in Australia

Achieved 940 MW in SA with plans to grow our footprint across South Australia

**Customer Footprint**

- Ratch, Infigen, Engie, Energy Australia, AGL, Nexif, Iberdrola, Entura



100 MW wind farm could potentially power around 30,000 to 50,000 homes annually

**Project Port Augusta**  
V150-4.2, 210 MW, practical completion 2022

**Project Lincoln Gap II**  
V136-3.6, 86.4 MW, practical completion 2021

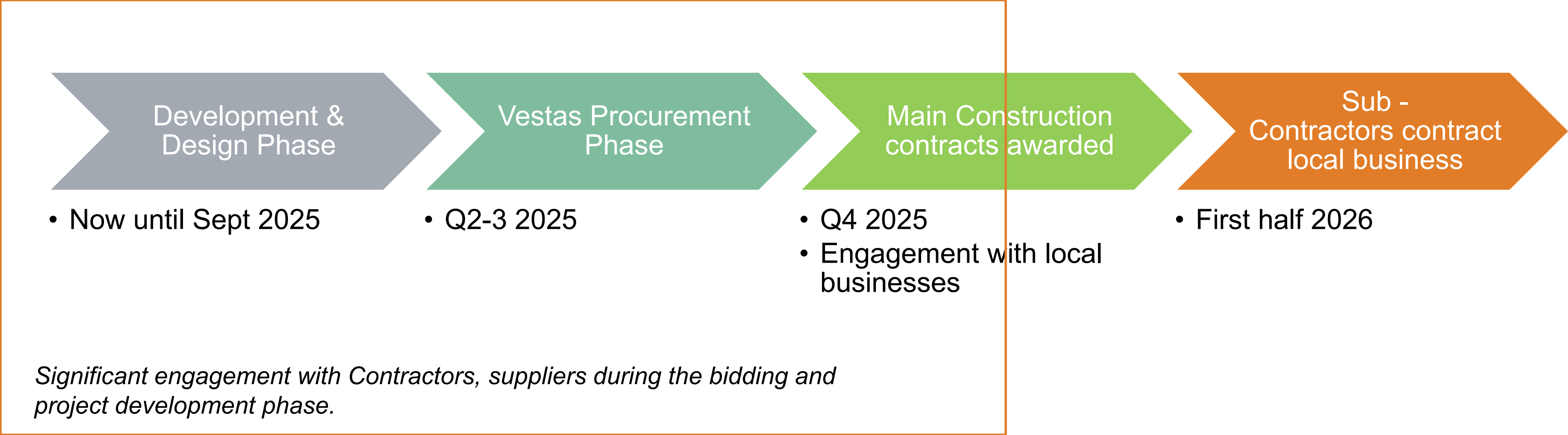


# Potential Local Business Opportunities

-  Venue hire
-  Catering
-  Accommodation
-  Transport services
-  Manual labour
-  Community engagement/liaison
-  Fencing
-  Vegetation and screening
-  Feedback provision (for bioenergy)
-  Groundworks
-  Media
-  Photography and printing

# Pathway to Local Engagement for Construction Phase

## Registering as a Supplier with Balance of Plant Sub-contractors



Expression of interest can also be made via the Vestas website:

[Supplier Enquiry Form](#)

# Balance of Plant Work Packages/Employment Opportunities



## Electrical Subcontractor

- **Supply, Installation, Commissioning & Service**
  - WF Substation
  - MV Collector system
  - HV Transmission line
  - Electrical structure
- **Main equipment**
  - Power transformer
  - HV and MV equipment
  - Control, protection equip.
  - MV cables
  - Optical fibre
  - HV cables
  - OPGW

- **Potential Employment / Roles Opportunity**
  - Leading hands
  - Machine operators
  - General labourers
  - Dump truck drivers
  - Water cart operators
  - Administrators



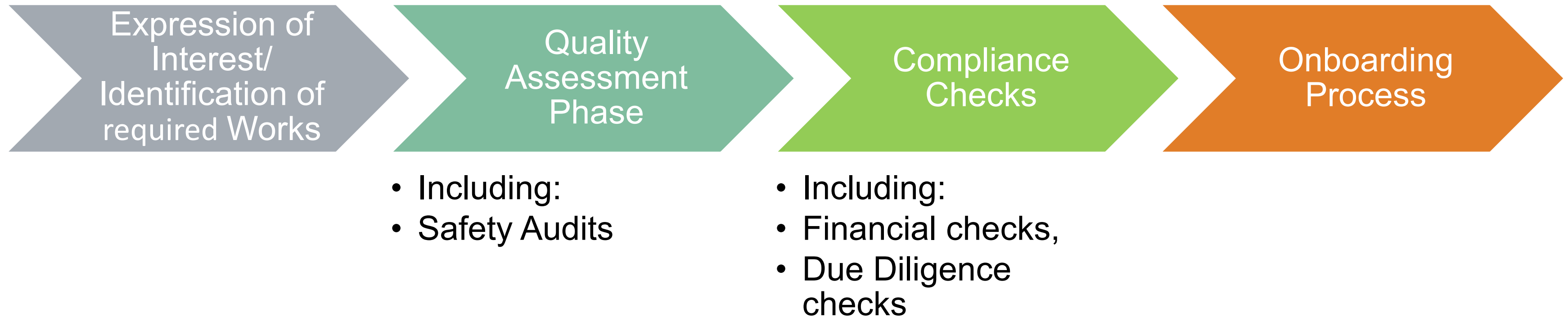
## Civil Subcontractor

- **Supply & Construction & Service**
  - Road works (unsealed access tracks)
  - Crane Hardstands
  - Wind Turbine Reinforced Concrete Foundations
  - Substation Reinforced Concrete Foundations
  - Drainage
- **Main Material**
  - Gravel/Pavement materials
  - Bulk Earthworks
  - Concrete
  - Water
  - Steel Reinforcement

- **Potential Employment / Roles Opportunity**
  - Civil Engineers
  - Civil Supervisors
  - General Labourers
  - Leading Hands
  - Machine Operators – rollers, diggers, backhoe operators
  - Truck drivers
  - Water cart operators
  - Administration positions
  - Environmental Professionals

# Pathway to Local Engagement for Service & Maintenance Phase

Registering as a Supplier directly with Vestas



# Employment Opportunities – Service & Maintenance Phase

Site roles - Guaranteed local job opportunities with the right skill set

## Electrical Service Technician

- Electrical License "A Grade" MUST HAVE AUSTRALIAN A GRADE ELECTRICAL LICENSE - CURRENT and experience in Maintenance of heavy machinery
- Exposure and experience to HV highly desirable
- You must have the right to live and work in this location to apply for this job.
- Demonstrated commitment and adherence to safety and environmental requirements
- You will be a strong team player with clear communication.

## Mechanical Service Technician

- Mechanical (or Electrician) trade certificate and experience in Maintenance of heavy machinery
- Exposure and experience to HV highly desirable
- You must have the right to live and work in this location to apply for this job.
- Demonstrated commitment and adherence to safety and environmental requirements
- You will be a strong collaborator with clear communication.

[Service Technician - AU Job Details | Vestas](#)

# Additional Employment Opportunities

## Learning roles

- Inhouse apprenticeships program – Partnered with MEGT Australia apprenticeships organization

## Administrative roles

- Stock keeping
- Site Administration

**If you are interested in any other positions with**

## **Vestas**

- Please visit our Vestas Career Page ( Australia & Global opportunities)

[Vestas Careers](#)



23 July 2025

# Longevity at Lake Bonney/Canunda



Employee	Years Tenure
BK	20
DG	20
GMc	20
RS	18
AC	18
DE	18
TL	18
CW	18
IG	17
JH	17
MW	17
JL	13
JR	12
BC	12
DV	11

# Our sustainability strategy

## Sustainability in everything we do



### Carbon neutrality

Carbon neutral company by 2030 – without using carbon offsets

Reduce CO<sub>2</sub>e emissions in the supply chain by 45% per MWh generated by 2030



### Zero-waste

Producing zero-waste wind turbines by 2040

Circularity roadmap launched in 2021 also includes Operational Circularity:

- Repair and refurbishment of components through regionalised repair infrastructure
- Improved material recovery aiming for a recycling rate of 94% by 2030



### Social responsibility

Safest, most inclusive and socially-responsible company in the energy industry

Participating member of the UN Global Compact



### Leading the transition

Towards a world powered by renewable energy

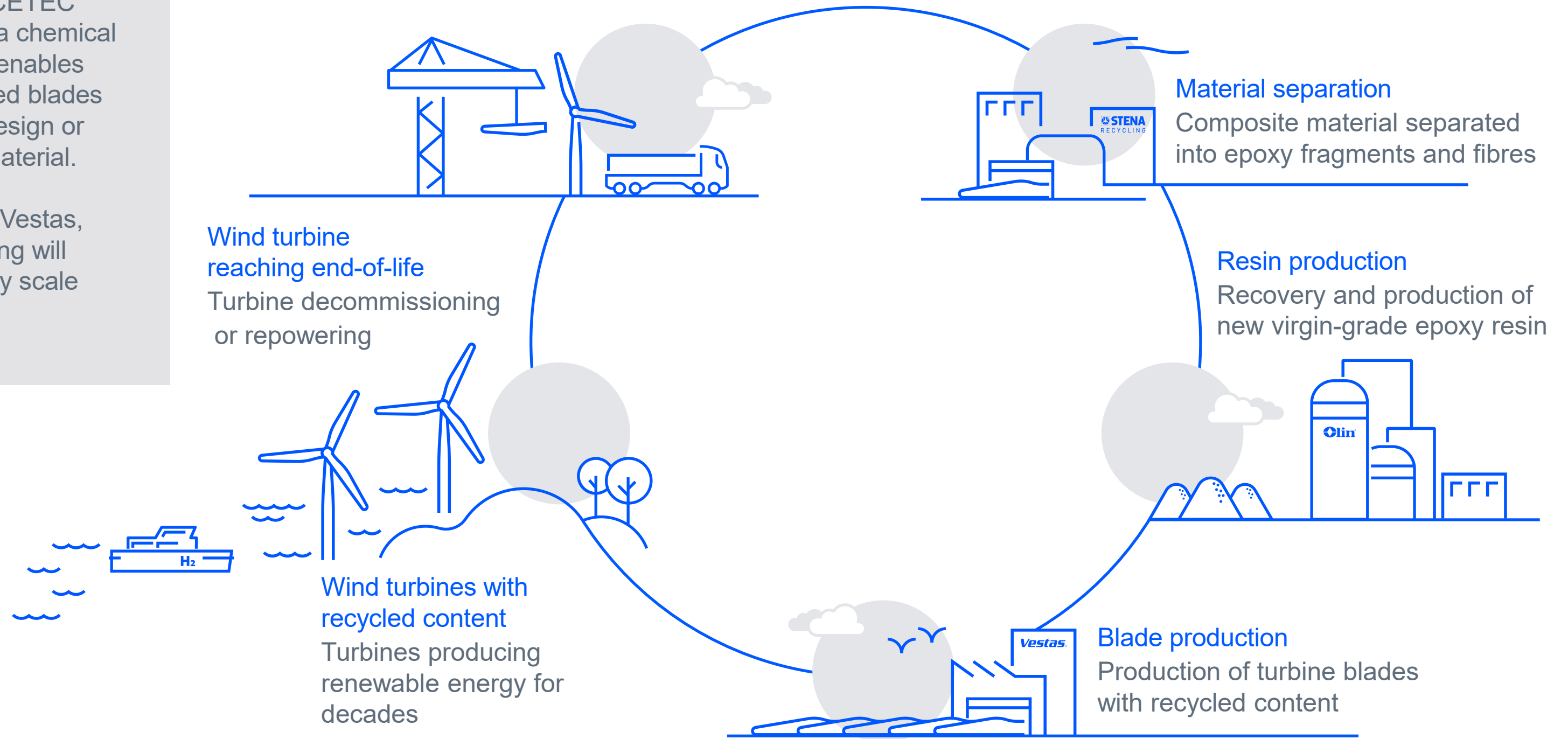
Proud to be ranked the most sustainable energy solutions company in the world and #3 overall by Corporate Knights Global 100

# Blade Circularity

New discovery enables **recycling of all epoxy-infused blades**, both for legacy and current models

A breakthrough in the CETEC project has resulted in a chemical solution that efficiently enables recycling of epoxy-based blades without changing the design or composition of blade material.

A partnership between Vestas, Olin and Stena Recycling will explore how to optimally scale the solution.



# Community benefits and initiatives

Initiative	Benefit
Grant High Year 10 Immersion Week activity	Yearly for the past 8 years
Tenison Woods Career night	Yearly for the past 4 years
Foodbank SA	Twice yearly donation – last donation 68kg = 137 meals created
Biggest Morning Tea	\$2200 raised
Blue Turbine for Mental Health Project	Shining a light on Rural Mental Health
Community Day – Millicent	2023 and 2024 - to be

**Mental health tribute**

In a moving tribute to suicide prevention and mental health awareness a single wind turbine at Lake Bonney was illuminated in a captivating spectacle on Sunday.

This was the fourth light up event that has been gaining the attention of onlookers since the concept was first sparked in 2022.

The initial concept of lighting up the wind turbine blue was initiated by Vestas service technician John Hutchinson for the Beyond Blue campaign.

In a unique twist, the most recent illumination saw the turbine also lit up yellow.

The colours are significant to two separate campaigns - Blue for Beyond Blue and yellow for R U OK? Day.

The event was hosted by the Wattle Range Suicide Prevention Network as part of a series of events coinciding with R U OK? Day, which was held last Thursday.

"A very big thankyou to John Hutchinson, Vestas and Iberdrola for working with our network for the fourth time last night to bring more awareness around the R U OK? conversation," A WRSPN spokesperson said.

"It was a spectacular sight when the blue turbine turned yellow for R U OK?"

"Thanks to Tracey Wanganeen who is an R U OK? ambassador and who shared an exercise to help people know the four steps for checking in with friends and family as the turbine turned yellow behind her.

"Lots of conversations were had around the fire bucket.

"Thanks to Cooneys & Co for keeping us warm with coffee and soup and cupcakes. Thanks also to Steve Chapple for all the great photos."

Meanwhile, those who went out to have a look and got snap happy have the chance to win tickets to the 2024 Teagles Excavation Pines Enduro.

Iberdrola has donated two VIP entry, food and drink tickets for the event being held at Millicent this weekend, September 20-22.

Photos to be submitted by 12pm today to John at [johnh@vestas.com](mailto:johnh@vestas.com). The winner will be selected by Iberdrola at close of business.

Pic: Steve Chapple

2022/2023/2024 Blue Turbine Project

Shining a light on mental health in the community

R U OK day?



2 NEWS

**Turbine tribute shines bright**

Blue hue attracts onlookers to Lake Bonney Wind Farm

From front page

Mrs Chapple considered the evening a great success and thanked a number of supporters for offering their assistance, particularly the team at Vestas.

"It was a perfect location. A huge thank you goes to Vestas for inspiring us and organising everything that needed to be done to make it happen," Mrs Chapple said.

Another supporter of the event was Tracey Wanganeen from Standby Support After Suicide.

Attendees were presented with a practical four step R U OK? Guide to asking if someone is okay.

The four steps start with asking if someone is okay, followed by listening, encouraging action and checking in.

"We all have mental health. It's not just about mental illness," Mr Wanganeen said.

More than 30 blue bonnies were generously hand knitted and donated by the Millicent Craft Group with proceeds going to the Network.

Mrs Chapple said bonnies were still available at Alternate Life in Millicent.

Meanwhile Millicent Shares a Plate provided hot minestrone soup with funds raised being returned to the organisation.

In future the Network is hoped to light up other local landmarks with the blue theme to continue raising awareness of mental health.

The initial concept of lighting up the wind turbine was initiated by Vestas service technician John Hutchinson to highlight mental health.

"My initial thought was to have one turbine blue among 130 turbines, to have one standing out, a bit like mental health," he said.

"When you do not notice if someone needs to be helped out.

"It's good to bring the topic up, it's about sparking those kinds of conversations," he said.

The network is also holding its last Conversations About Suicide workshop this Sunday (September 15).

This is the final call for interested persons to take part in the free workshops raising awareness of a major and preventable cause of death.

For more information and to register email [wattlerangesps@gmail.com](mailto:wattlerangesps@gmail.com) or contact the WRSPN on Facebook.

**POWERFUL MESSAGE:** Marg Chapple, Adam Coombe, Sam Tincknell, Krystal Madden, John Hutchinson and Ben Gower were on hand to witness the powerful lighting up of a single wind turbine. Pic: Steve Chapple



# RIDING TO FIGHT KIDS' CANCER

2023/2024  
Raised \$5670.50



# Engineering Challenge 3 schools Gearbox building competition



FRIDAY, AUGUST 2, 2019 BORDERWATCH.COM.AU

## Students gear up for challenge

### Technology skills put to the test

A PATH to the future is being paved for Limestone Coast students, with three schools preparing for the inaugural Sustainable Engineering Challenge.

Tenison Woods College, St Anthony's Catholic Primary and Mary MacKillop Memorial schools' Year 6/7 students will sharpen their technology skills and work together to construct a gearbox and wind turbine as part of the challenge, which celebrates Catholic Schools Open Week.

Following the partnership formed between Tenison and energy companies Vestas and Infigen in 2018, the college hopes the opportunity will continue to engage diverse, critical thinking and provide authentic learning for students. Teams of four will test their designs and compete for prizes provided by Vestas and Infigen,

including an expenses paid trip to Melbourne to visit head offices and various Victorian sites.

College science and mathematics coordinator Jason de Nys said the event was a fantastic opportunity for regional catholic schools students.

"Students will have a chance to demonstrate their problem solving skills and to learn more about sustainable engineering from professionals in the field," Mr de Nys said.

"We are really looking forward to seeing the different approaches the students take in finding the best solutions."

Students will be judged by Vestas service technicians and representatives.

Each team will be judged on their design process, gear ratios, collaborative efforts,

engineering journal, gear speed and more.

Lake Bonney Wind Farm Vestas service technician John Hutchison is one of the judges on the day and will host information sessions relating to his occupation and technical aspects of a wind turbine.

Mr Hutchison said he looked forward to witnessing the innovative ways students calculate gear ratios, as well as their hands-on learning.

"I hope to share an insight to my own day-to-day tasks, inspiring these students to consider a career in a sustainable job of the future," he said.

The challenge will be held at Tenison Woods College on Monday.

**GEARING UP:** Tenison Woods College student Breydon Verryt-Reid is on-site at the Lake Bonney Wind Farm with Vestas service technician John Hutchison.



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Following this evening I will send everyone that has provided their details a reminder about how to register an **expression of interest with RDA Yorke and Mid North** for this project and any other projects in the region.



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# Regional Renewable Projects

