

Mincha Wind Farm

Frequently Asked Questions



How can I get updates on the project?

We welcome the input and involvement of local residents and will continue holding regular community engagement sessions and keep everyone updated as the project progresses. Please let us know the type and form of information you'd prefer.

Community information sessions will be advertised on the project website, through local media, and via the project mailing list. Outside of these sessions, the project team can be contacted by phone or email using the details provided below. If you would like to receive project updates and be notified of future engagement opportunities, please contact the team to join the mailing list. We are also available to meet with landholders and community members to discuss the project and answer any questions. Please contact us to arrange a suitable time.

How to apply for small grants and sponsorships

We have established the Mincha Small Grants and Sponsorship Program to offer grants of up to \$4,000 to support sponsorships and initiatives in the local area. To apply:

- Complete the application form (available on the [website](#))
- Email your application to mincha@europeanenergy.com



LINK TO WEBSITE

Contact Us

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Who is European Energy Australia?

European Energy was founded in Denmark in 2004 and has grown to be a global renewable energy leader with more than 900 staff around the world. We opened our Australian office in 2022 and are working on about 15 projects locally.

Our approach is based on collaboration, transparency and respect for the communities where our projects are located. This will result in opportunities for local businesses, community groups and neighbours to the proposed project.

Where is it?

The Mincha Wind Farm Project is located primarily in the region of Mincha within the Loddon and Gannawarra shires. We are currently in the early stages of developing the project, conducting investigations and technical studies.

What work is being done on the project currently?

The project is currently in early development. Activities in this phase include wind speed monitoring, ecological assessments, and technical studies such as noise and visual impact assessments, as well as preparing applications to relevant approving authorities.



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What is the approval process for the project?

European Energy Australia has been in discussions with the Victorian Government on the appropriate approval pathway for the project. The investigations that we are currently undertaking will help inform the approval pathway and the level of environmental assessment required. The community will be consulted throughout this process.

How many wind turbines will there be?

At this early stage of development, the draft layout contains 40 wind turbines. This may change as the project design is progressed.

How high will the turbines be?

The project is proposing wind turbines with tip heights of up to 256 metres.

What would the wind farm look like?

You can visit our website to view the latest preliminary project layout. The project is proposed to include wind turbines, substations, and a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) located on agricultural land and designed to operate alongside existing farming activities. The electricity generated by the project would be connected to the National Electricity Market via a new connection to the existing 220 kV Kerang–Bendigo transmission line. An overhead transmission line within the project area would connect different parts of the project to this existing transmission line.

How much electricity will they generate?

If approved, the project could generate 280 megawatt, enough to power approximately 250,000 homes.

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What are the potential impacts of the project?

The potential impacts of the project will be assessed during the investigation and approval phase. There will be further field studies and engineering studies before these can be assessed. Consultation is a key input into assessing impact.

How will the wind farm affect land values?

Recent examples in Victoria and New South Wales indicate that land values are not adversely affected by wind farm development on neighbouring properties. Any impact is usually temporary, minor and during the construction of the project.

What are the human health risks to me and my family?

There have been numerous studies on the links between wind turbines and human health that do not show any direct evidence of impact from infrasound and Electromagnetic Frequencies (EMF). These will be explored further during the approval process to ensure that the health of local residents and the community are protected.

Will this project increase my insurance costs?

The Insurance Council of Australia has stated that renewable energy projects are not the cause of rising insurance costs for host or neighbouring properties. Extreme weather events, natural disasters, inflation and rising business costs are responsible for rising premiums for insurance.

Can the Country Fire Authority (CFA) fight fires around and within the wind farms?

The CFA has prepared guidelines for the design and operation of renewable energy facilities. There are some cases where tracks and associated infrastructure have assisted with access by ground crews. Aerial fire fighting operates under visual flight protocols.

What is the risk of the turbines starting fires?

There is no record of lightning strikes to wind turbines causing a wildfire in Victoria. The turbines are fitted with automatic shutdown systems in the event of a fire and are monitored, operated and shut down according to storm events.

What impact will it have on biodiversity and native wildlife?

Detailed ecological assessments will continue as the project design progresses. The results of these assessments will inform the design, with the aim of avoiding and minimising environmental impacts.

