

# Crookwell 3 Wind Farm

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## Project Status

Crookwell 3 Wind Farm is currently operating at full capacity, generating electricity with its 16 turbines, and is nearing completion of Hold Point 2. It is estimated that these final tests will be approved by AEMO in January. The handover process to the Operations Team is also scheduled to begin in January 2025.

### Project timeline summary

- **Construction Recap**
  - ✓ Civil works completed in August 2023.
  - ✓ Cable installation completed in 2023.
  - ✓ WTGs assembly completed in November 2023.
- **Current Phase**
  - ✓ CER (Clean Energy Regulator) has approved the accreditation.
  - ✓ Hot Commissioning – Three collector groups have been commissioned.  
CG6 (19/08) - CG7 (12/08) - CG (11/09).
- **Dates for the Hold Points**
  - ✓ HPO (2WTGs) from 06/08/2024 to 26/08/2024.
  - ✓ HP1 (9WTGs) from 27/08/2024 to 04/11/2024.
  - ✓ HP2 (16 WTGs) from 05/11/2024 to 31/01/2025.



Full view of Crookwell 3 – Photo taken by Emily Hanna

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# Opening Ceremony

On December 12th, we celebrated the opening ceremony of Crookwell 3 Wind Farm. The event was attended by GPG management, employees, contractors, local authorities, landowners, neighbours, and members of the local community. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate a significant milestone for GPG Australia and to hear from our CEO, Francisco Bustio; Angus Holcombe, Commercial & Operations Manager at Telstra, the project off-taker; and Upper Lachlan Shire Mayor, Paul Culhane.

The activities also included a ribbon-cutting ceremony and a site tour for both the management team and all GPG employees. We thank everyone who attended and contributed to the project and this fantastic event.



From left to right:  
Gema Deus (GPG),  
David Santo Tomas  
(GPG), Francisco Bustio  
(GPG), Angus Holcombe  
(Telstra), Paul Culhane  
(Council), Alfonso  
Monedero (GPG),  
Guillermo Alonso  
(GPG), Pedro Serrano  
(GPG).

From left to right,  
the members of  
the Crookwell 2  
and 3 Wind Farms'  
Community  
Consultation  
Committee: Shaq  
Mohajerani (GPG),  
Marco Romero  
(GPG), Kirsty  
Levings (GPG),  
Peter Gordon (Chair of the Committee), Paul Culhane (Council), Haridian Fuentes (GPG), Graham Young (GPG), Katrina Nixon (Community Rep).



GPG employees  
enjoying the site tour  
at Crookwell 3.

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# Community Engagement & Benefit Sharing

## Community Engagement and Benefit Sharing Summary

During the Construction Phase of Crookwell 3 Wind Farm, our Community and Stakeholder Engagement Team has been working with the rest of the team involved in the Project and all our stakeholders. Below a summary of all our activity:

- Community Engagement & Benefit Sharing Officer dedicated to the project
- Project Email Address and 1800 Number
- Project Website
- New GPG Australia Website will be available in some months – All information and documentation on the project will be available in the new website
- Construction Start Open Days (one virtual and another one in person)
- Meetings with key stakeholders (host landowners, neighbours, Council, etc.)
- Participation in the Community Consultation Committee (CCC)
- Construction Updates available in our Project Website
- Newsletters available in our Project Website
- Complaints Management: 11 complaints received (all actioned)
- Neighbour Benefit Program: 9 deeds signed (to current date)
- Visual Mitigation Program: 14 deeds signed (to current date)
- Sponsorships & donations (Crookwell Community Trust, Rotary Fund for Flood Victims, etc)

## Landscape Screening Program

As part of the requirements under the Development Consent for Crookwell 3 Wind Farm, GPG is implementing its Landscape Screening Program. This program provides our neighbours who live within a 4km radius of the wind farm with landscaping options to mitigate the view of the turbines. We have contacted all the neighbours who are eligible in a radius of 4 km surrounding the wind farm. If you would like to find out more information, please email us at [crookwell2and3windfarms@globalpower-generation.com.au](mailto:crookwell2and3windfarms@globalpower-generation.com.au).

## Community Consultative Committee

Last September, we held the last meeting of the Crookwell 2 and 3 Windfarms Community Consultative Committee. The minutes are available on our website: [crookwellthreewindfarm.globalpower-generation.com.au](http://crookwellthreewindfarm.globalpower-generation.com.au).

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# Do You Know About?

## How does site selection, design and management reduce impact?

- 1. Site selection and design:** By identifying sites with minimal environmental value and low biodiversity sensitivity, developers can reduce the risk of environmental impact. Projects spend years surveying possible locations to identify sensitive environment and biodiversity values. The data obtained during surveys informs the design of the project to minimise impact. For example, choosing precise locations for individual wind turbines to avoid birds and bats. Additionally, implementing best management practices during construction and operation, such as minimising noise and light pollution, can reduce disturbances to sensitive species.
- 2. Minimising land clearance:** It is integral for developers to demonstrate how they will avoid, minimise and mitigate actual or potential risks to native plants and animals by reducing the amount of land that needs to be cleared.
- 3. Restoration:** Measures such as habitat restoration, revegetation, and reconnecting or creating new wildlife corridors can help reduce habitat fragmentation and maintain connectivity for wildlife populations.
- 4. Environmental offset:** If projects can't avoid an impact, then it's often a requirement they offset this loss. This may entail establishing a specific area of land in the same region for the impacted species or creating an entirely new one and actively managing that parcel to ensure the desired outcome is being achieved.



## Contact Us

For any queries, complaints or to be included in the distribution list of our newsletter and fortnightly construction update please get in touch with our Community & Stakeholder Engagement Officer Marco Romero on:

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