



Upper Hunter Energy Park

PROJECT INFORMATION SHEET

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The Upper Hunter Energy Park (UHEP or 'the Project'), formerly known as Kyoto Energy Park, located on the Mountain Station site on Bunnan Road in Owens Gap near Scone, NSW, was approved on 31 January 2010 by the NSW Government, and has been designed to include a range of energy generation and support facilities. This Project Information Sheet intends to re-introduce the Project and provides an update on its status and latest plans.

The Project

The Project is now owned by Maven Renewable Energy Pty Ltd Australia and is moving through its construction planning. The Project plans to proceed with the development of the following key components:



18 wind turbines



66/33kV substation



An operation & maintenance facility



21km of **33kV** underground cabling connecting Wind Turbine Generators to the Site Substation



13km of **66kV** powerline connecting the site to the existing substation near Scone



Internal access tracks and hardstands

The Project will:



Power an equivalent of **27,000** homes annually



Provide **200** new job opportunities during construction and up to 5 during operations, supporting the regional economy and community



Reduce CO₂ emissions by **135,000** tonnes annually



Have a total generation capacity of **75.6MW**

The Proponent

Since 2022, the development, construction and operation of the Project have been owned by Maven Renewable Energy Pty Ltd, a NSW-based business.

The Project is being coordinated by YZ Consulting Pty Ltd, which is a Newcastle based advisory services business to the renewable energy sector.



How can I be involved?

From early 2025, the local community is being engaged to rebuild awareness of the Project, to provide an opportunity to learn about the changes to the Project and upcoming activities, and to provide the opportunity to get involved with the Upper Hunter Energy Park Community Consultative Committee (CCC) or one of the foundations.

Community Consultative Committee (CCC)

The Upper Hunter Energy Park is committed to re-engaging the community in effective and meaningful ways. In the coming months, we would like to re-establish the Community Consultative Committee (CCC). This will serve as a platform for open discussions among project representatives, community members, the council, and other stakeholders, with the aim of keeping the community informed and engaged on these matters.

Please see the Project website to register your interest.

The Foundations

The UHEP is committed to sharing benefits with the local community. UHEP is working to re-establish local shared benefit schemes for the Project, including the previously planned Moobi Foundation and the Wanaruah Foundation.

The foundations will see annual funding allocated to local community initiatives relating to education, health and wellbeing, community and culture, environment, and the support of businesses in the community. We look forward to working closely with local partners to see these established.

Please see the Project website to learn more or to get involved with one of the foundations.

Work With Us

The Project is expected to be operational for 25+ years. This long-term commitment ensures we continue to create employment opportunities during the operating and maintenance stages of the Project. The Project will provide direct economic stimulus by creating local employment opportunities of 200 jobs during construction and 3-5 ongoing jobs during operation.

Please see the Project website to register your interest.

Project Timeline

The Project is currently working through detailed design and procurement to prepare for construction activities to commence in late 2025.



Phase 1
Project Awareness



Phase 2
Project Investigations



Phase 3
Project Development & Approvals



We Are Here

Phase 4
Post Development Approval and Pre-Construction



Phase 5
Construction & Commissioning



Phase 6
Operations & Decommissioning

FAQs

Why has the Project name changed?

The Project was formerly known as “Kyoto Energy Park” and was renamed Upper Hunter Energy Park in 2018, as by 2018, the original namesake (the Kyoto Protocol) was well superseded by the Paris Accord. Therefore, a name that tied the Project to the region was deemed more appropriate and chosen in consultation with some local residents, Upper Hunter Shire Council, and Office of Heritage.

What is the history/background of the Project?

In 1998, Scone was identified as one of 11 sites suitable for wind farm development in NSW by the NSW Sustainable Energy and Development Authority (SEDA). In January 2007, following the Upper Hunter Shire Council amendments to the Local Environmental Plan to allow development applications for alternative forms of energy generating activities, Pamada Pty Ltd (the former Proponent) began application activities, including a commitment to community consultation with the Scone community. In January 2010, the Project gained approval by the NSW State Government. Construction work commenced on site in December 2014 with an upgrade to the access road to Mountain Station.

What are the reasons for the site selection?

The Project site was selected based on the findings of the Sustainable Energy Development Authority (SEDA) in 1998 that declared the site suitable for wind farm development. In 2007, the Upper Hunter Shire Council amended the Local Environmental Plan (LEP) to allow renewable energy development applications, and Pamada Pty Ltd (the former Proponent) selected the site based on over 10 years of climatic data and technical studies identifying the efficiency and price of infrastructure for overall energy output.

Where will the construction workers live?

Nearby towns offer a variety of short-stay accommodation options. We expect these existing facilities to be sufficient to support the project through the construction.

What will happen when the Project is no longer used?

Unless the components are refurbished or replaced with new available technology (subject to relevant planning approval), the project will be fully decommissioned and rehabilitated. This would include dismantling and removal of all generating components and associated infrastructure (including underground internal cabling and substation) and rehabilitation of associated disturbance areas, including access tracks. The ongoing function of the overhead line connection would be subject to normal network planning and management decisions by the network operator.

Contact Us

As part of the Project development process, we seek to work closely with the local community. Find out more and have your say at the contact details below.

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Mountain Station is a private landholding situated along Bunnan Road in Owens Gap, 10-12km west of the township of Scone in the Hunter Valley of NSW, Australia.

The Project previously received approval for two options for an overhead powerline connection to the existing electricity grid. The Project is proposing a revised power line route for a 66kV line to Scone.

We are currently preparing a Review of Environmental Factors (REF) for the proposed power line route. Later this year, we will submit the REF to Ausgrid, who will own and operate the connection. They will assess the REF in their role as an Authorised Network Operator.

The proposed overhead line route aims to reduce the distance between the wind farm and the nearest connection point, minimise the impact on vegetation and agricultural land uses, and reduce the visual impact on neighbours.

We're enhancing the golf experience by relocating the 11kV line to connect with the planned 66kV line. This improvement will eliminate disruptions, providing a serene environment for golfers to enjoy their game.

