

At Mortlake South Wind Farm, the start of 2023 will be busy as we continue to prepare for operation.

All new projects that generate electricity go through a connection approval process with the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) before connecting to the grid. Mortlake South Wind Farm (MSWF) continues to progress through AEMO's formal approval process.

ACCIONA Energia is pleased to report that all infrastructure at the wind farm has now been successfully energised, including the 220KV underground interconnector, Substation, Medium Voltage reticulation network and all Wind Turbine Generators.

We are now focused on the commissioning and testing needed to bring the turbines to full generation. This involves progression through a number of hold points set by AEMO. The local community should expect to see more turbines spinning over the coming months, however the specific turbines will change depending on the testing underway. We aim to have the wind farm operational by the middle of this year.

Corrective maintenance on a number of blades at the wind farm has been taking place. Routine inspections identified that some resin in the blades has minor inconsistencies. While these inconsistencies pose no immediate issues, over time they can reduce the lifespan of a blade, requiring premature replacement. We made the decision to proactively correct this, removing the blades to carry out the required work on the ground.

The number of workers on site will gradually increase over the next few months as we continue to commission the wind farm.

Construction activity at the wind farm is ongoing. Road users can expect occasional delays on sections of Grinters Lane, Tapps Lane, and Chamallak Lane due to Oversize, Overmass vehicle movements as we demobilise and reinstate the site. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Lastly, we're delighted to share news of the launch of our scholarship and sponsorship programs for 2023! Funding will be available to provide a scholarship to a local student, and to support community groups who make a difference by enhancing social wellbeing or improving environmental educational, cultural or economic outcomes locally. Find out more at https://community.acciona.com.au

**IMPORTANT SAFETY MESSAGE:** MSWF is an active construction site. Please observe all safety signage. Speeding or entering a works zone poses a danger to you and to others.

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