Capability Statement

Transforming Australia's energy future since 2004



WestWind ENERGY

Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which we work and live, and recognise their continuing connection to land, waters, and community.

We pay our respects to Elders past, present, and emerging, and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples today.

Leading developer

Incorporated in Australia in 2004 at the invitation of the Victorian and Federal Governments, WestWind Energy has established itself as a leading developer of renewable energy solutions.

With proven success delivering quality projects, we are dedicated to supporting the nation's transition to renewable energy.

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ABOUT US

Transforming Australia's energy future since 2004

Located in Gisborne, Victoria, WestWind Energy is recognised as one of Australia's leading wind energy developers.

With more than 2,000 megawatts of projects in operation or under construction, we are the largest wind farm developer by approved megawatts in Victoria. We also have a pipeline of projects totalling a further 9,000 megawatts in various stages of development across Australia.

Our history

The WestWind Energy Group was launched in Germany in 1998. Today, it actively develops, builds, owns and operates renewable energy projects in Germany, Austria, Turkey, Poland, Romania, Canada and Australia.

WestWind Energy Pty Ltd was established in Australia in 2004 at the invitation of the Federal and Victorian Governments. Decades of experience in the local market has shaped our in-depth understanding of the Australian renewable energy sector.

Building on WestWind Energy Group's international expertise and adapting it for Australia has enabled WestWind Energy Pty Ltd to establish a strong reputation for successful development of renewable energy projects, underpinned by industry-leading quality engagement.

WestWind Energy Management has also been established to extend our service offering through to construction, operation and asset management services.

Our priorities

Alongside generating renewable electricity, our goal is to protect biodiversity and culture heritage as we develop our projects.

Of equal importance, we care about the communities where our projects are located. We are committed to engaging proactively from project development right through to the operations phase.

At WestWind Energy, we live our mission and values, celebrate the communities that support us to make it happen, and look forward to continuing to transform the way Australia produces energy.

We truly care about what we do and take pride in working collaboratively to deliver positive solutions now and in the future.

Mission

WestWind Energy is committed to being a driver of change towards a sustainable energy future for our planet. We will do this through the development of cost-effective renewable energy generation and storage solutions, refined through technical excellence, commitment to communities, and cohesive company values.

Our values

- Passion
- Integrity
- Respect
- Teamwork
- Health & Safety
- Sustainability
- High Standards

Distinguished history



2004

WestWind Energy established in Australia

Commenced developing wind farms

2007

Mt Mercer Wind Farm approved

2008

Lal Lal Wind Farm approved

2009

Mt Mercer Wind Farm project sold to Meridian Energy

2010

Moorabool Wind Farm approved

2014

Mt Mercer Wind Farm commissioned

2016

Moorabool Wind Farm sold to Goldwind Australia



2017

Lal Lal Wind Farm sold to Macquarie Capital

Commenced developing Warracknabeal Energy Park and a national pipeline of projects

2018

Golden Plains Wind Farm approved

2019

Lal Lal Wind Farm commissioned

2021

Moorabool Wind Farm commissioned

2022

Golden Plains Wind Farm – East sold to TagEnergy

Announced new strategic partnership with Shell

2023

Announced Normanville Energy Park, Wilkur Energy Park, Cobar Wind Farm, Bottle Tree Energy Park

Bottle Tree Energy Park approved

2024

Golden Plains Wind Farm – West sold to TagEnergy

Announced Lake Victoria Wind Farm, Cameron Downs Energy Park, Wimmera Renewable Energy Solutions, Roma Electrical Transmission Solutions

Experienced team



Tobias Geiger, Managing Director

With more than 30 years' experience in the wind energy sector in both Germany and Australia, Tobi began working for WestWind Energy in 2004 and was appointed General Manager in 2007.

Tobi holds a Bachelor in Aerospace Engineering and is a Chartered Professional Engineer. He is a Member of Engineers Australia and the Australian Institute of Company Directors.



Marla Brauer, Chief Development Officer

As Chief Development Officer at WestWind Energy, Marla is responsible for business operations and the project development pipeline. She has worked in wind farm development in Australia for close to a decade.

With a Master of Business Administration, Marla is also a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.



Angela Stringer, Chief Operating Officer

With strong leadership and operational experience built over decades in the consulting industry, Angela joined WestWind Energy in October 2023.

She holds a Master of Business Administration in Human Resource Management and a Graduate Diploma of Management from the Australian Institute of Business.



Jackson Hill, Head of Commercial & Delivery

Joining WestWind Energy in November 2022, Jackson is a general manager with more than 20 years' experience in all aspects of asset management, including wind farms and aviation in both contractor and client-side capacity.

He holds a Bachelor of Aeronautical Engineering and a Master of Management. In the past, Jackson worked for Vestas managing their fleet of windfarms throughout Australia and Asia with a capacity of more than 6 gigawatts.



Tim Clifton, Head of Engineering & Technology

Joining WestWind in 2018, Tim has over 5 years' experience in technology and civil engineering. He has worked on the development of significant projects including Golden Plains Wind Farm.

Since then, he has expanded his expertise across several states and has developed a team of highly skilled technical experts. Tim holds a Masters in Civil Engineering.



Mark Hudson, Head of Land Tenure, Engagement & Communications

Mark Hudson joined WestWind in January 2023. His experience in project development and engagement spans the renewables, disability and social housing sectors.

Mark is MBA qualified with a passion for authentic community and stakeholder engagement to drive positive long term environmental, social and economic outcomes.



Michael Jones, Head of Development - Vic, SA & WA

Joining WestWind in May 2023, Michael is a developer with 20 years' experience and has held a range of leadership roles across the energy, retail, and industrial sectors.

Michael holds qualifications in Urban Planning, Property Economics, Project Management and Surveying. His experience covers the full spectrum of project and portfolio development, from origination through commercial management, land tenure, community engagement, permitting and into construction.



Shane Quinnell, Head of Development - NSW & Qld

Shane joined WestWind in January 2025 bringing approximately 13 years of international business, project development and commercial experience in renewable energy.

Shane holds a Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) from University of Queensland. He has worked on numerous gigawatts of utility-scale projects, led the full development lifecycle from securement to construction start, and managed commercial transactions. His experience spans major technologies including wind, solar, batteries (BESS), and multiple Australian states.

Our projects

Australian development pipeline

WestWind has a renewable energy development pipeline comprising numerous wind farm projects across Australia. Combined, these represent a diverse project portfolio encompassing more than 9,000 megawatts of potential generating capacity.



Case studies

Golden Plains Wind Farm, Vic (1,330 MW)

Located 60 km north-west of Geelong near Rokewood, Golden Plains Wind Farm is now owned by TagEnergy and Ingka Group and is under construction. When complete it will become Australia's largest wind farm, boasting 215 wind turbines with 1,330 MW installed capacity.

WestWind Energy began monitoring the wind resource at the site in 2006. Since then, the project has been through an extensive planning process including Victoria's highest level of environmental scrutiny - through completion of an Environment Effects Statement. A hallmark of the project is the strong community connection to the wind farm, underpinned by significant investment back to the local community from the project.

Mt Mercer Wind Farm, Vic (131 MW)

WestWind's first renewable energy development in Australia, the Mt Mercer Wind Farm is located 30 km south of Ballarat. It is home to 64 wind turbines with an installed capacity of 131 MW.

First identified in 2004, the project was developed and then sold to Meridian Energy in 2009. By 2014, the wind farm was fully operational. Mt Mercer Wind Farm was sold to Foresight Group in 2022.

Lal Lal Wind Farm, Vic (228 MW)

The Lal Lal Wind Farm is located on two sections of farmland east of the Mt Mercer Wind Farm, near the Victorian towns of Yendon and Elaine.

First identified in 2006, the project was developed with approval for the most efficient wind turbine technology available at the time. It was sold to Macquarie Capital in 2017 and is home to 60 wind turbines with an installed capacity of 228 MW.

Moorabool Wind Farm, Vic (312 MW)

Located 5 km south of Ballan in Victoria, the Moorabool Wind Farm comprises 104 wind turbines over two sections, with installed capacity of 312 MW.

Begun in 2007, WestWind developed the project across the following decade. It was sold to Goldwind Australia in 2016 as a greenfield site. A key feature of this project was the strong collaboration between WestWind Energy and the landholders.

Warracknabeal Energy Park, Vic (1,650 MW)

WestWind Energy began monitoring the wind resource near Warracknabeal in 2017 and is currently going through the environmental assessments, planning and permitting phase. An Environment Effects Statement is being developed for the project, which is the most rigorous environmental process in Victoria.

When complete, the wind farm will be home to up to 230 wind turbines with installed capacity of 1,650 MW, able to meet 13% of Victoria's energy needs.

Bottle Tree Energy Park, Qld (400 MW)

Wind resource monitoring for Bottle Tree Energy Park near Roma began in 2021 and the project has now received development approval from the Queensland Government. Further planning and environmental approvals are currently underway.

Once constructed, the energy park will consist of up to 50 wind turbines with an installed capacity of up to 400 MW, able to power around 200,000 Queensland homes.

OUR CAPABILITIES



Quality service offering

WestWind Energy is a highly respected Australian business with a well-established track record, existing business infrastructure and a first-class industry network.

We have the expertise and experience to manage development and operations of wind energy facilities.

From greenfield site identification, early-stage feasibility studies and wind resource assessments through to planning, construction and operation, we work efficiently and cooperatively with our project partners.

Our highly experienced management team has a skill set tailored to successful project development and operational services, supported by a team of more than 50 employees across Australia.

Why partner with WestWind?

- Extensive expertise spanning the full project lifecycle
- Global supplier relationships
- Tier 1 advisors and consultants
- Detailed knowledge of the Australian market
- Best practice stakeholder engagement
- Decades of market experience
- Highly qualified technical team
- Strong government and regulator relationships
- Diversified pipeline of projects

WestWind Energy has two decades of experience developing wind farms in Australia.

We have a highly skilled team who deliver best-in-class results using cutting edge tools created in-house.

Combined with state-of-the-art meteorological and mapping studies, we identify potential sites with the best natural resource and suitable connection options to the national electricity grid.

WestWind Energy's agility allows us to tailor our services to best meet customer specifications and market needs.

Overseeing the entire project from start to finish provides our team with a deep understanding of project risks and opportunities and ensures fully operational projects are achieved at maximum value.

We develop with the mindset of a project owner and operator.

Our dexterity and focus on excellence and maximum flexibility means we deliver successful projects that are able to respond quickly to the changing requirements of a modern energy market.

Our engagement principles ensure we build meaningful relationships with landowners, local communities, First Nations, investors, governments and authorities along the way.

In all we do, we prioritise health and safety to ensure everyone goes home safe, every day.

This Capability Statement sets out WestWind Energy's quality offering in detail.

Comprehensive expertise

WestWind Energy Management

WestWind Energy has extensive experience developing renewable energy projects in the Australian market.

Through our construction and service offers, the WestWind Energy team builds clean energy assets on behalf of investors and owners across Australia.

We excel at delivering onshore wind projects, carefully balancing safety, cost, risk, and opportunity to drive best-in-class results.

We offer strong project management, accounting and finance, safety and compliance, and stakeholder engagement expertise to support the entire project lifecycle.

This includes investment decision-making, construction, and operation and maintenance of wind farms.

Our broad service offer is complemented by our expansion into other sustainable energy solutions, such as the development of battery storage and transmission solutions.



Whole of project

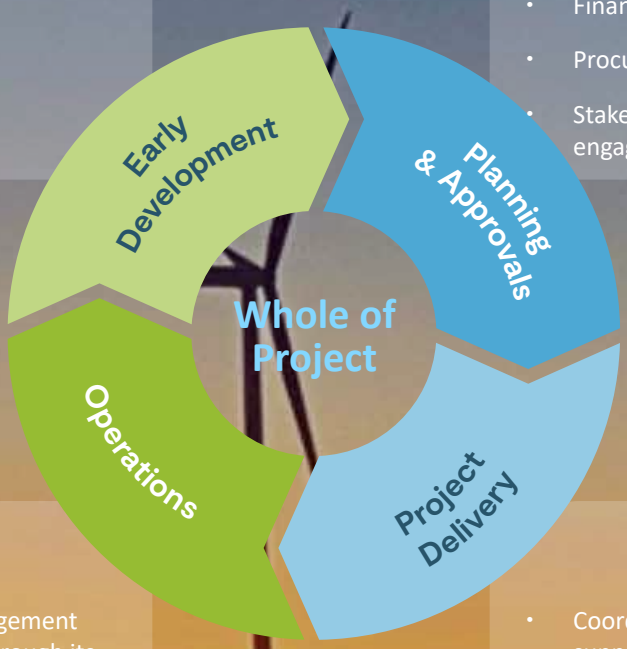
- Experienced management
- Financial and legal expertise
- Community engagement and communications

Early development

- Site selection and viability
- Build host landholder relationships
- Securing land tenure
- Wind resource monitoring and assessment
- Project scope and budget
- Community, government and stakeholder engagement
- Project optimisation and design

Planning & approvals

- Contract management
- Project compliance and regulatory approvals
- Project engineering
- GIS and mapping solutions
- Detail design
- Grid connection
- Financial model optimisation
- Procurement
- Stakeholder and community engagement



Operations

- Full client-side asset management team to manage project through its operational lifecycle
- Ongoing monitoring and optimisation
- Stakeholder and community relations

Project delivery

- Coordinate secondary consents and supplier procurement
- Financial due diligence through to financial close
- Management plans and early works packages
- Full client-side construction project management service offer
- Contractor and supplier management
- Stakeholder and community relations
- Dedicated HSSE professionals with a focus on safety and compliance

Whole of project

Experienced management

WestWind Energy's model is a product of the WestWind Energy Group's extensive wind farm development and operational experience in the Australian market spanning more than 20 years.

At an operational level in Australia the company has a strong focus on project management, with a tailored structure to drive effective project and risk management solutions that respond flexibly to meet each individual project's risk profile and customer requirements.

Senior professional staff take ownership of projects to deliver noteworthy results. This allows experienced project managers to fully focus on individual projects, with support from the team to provide the commercial, technical, administrative and accounting support required.

With our technical, engineering and environmental expertise, WestWind Energy is able to bring extra value to all its projects.

Importantly, WestWind Energy's experienced management team is committed to fostering new talent and providing staff with unique learning and training opportunities to respond to the evolving market.

This is a critical approach in a sector with a shortage of experienced specialist project managers, developers, wind engineers, designers and engagement managers.





Financial & legal expertise

WestWind Energy offers advanced commercial management expertise grounded in financially secure decision making. This is a result of WestWind's significant commercial and finance experience.

A key element for the development of renewable energy projects is the commercial package required for the construction of new generation facilities.

WestWind Energy has the in-house skills and ties - to specialist consultants, manufacturers, legal professionals, banks, finance houses and insurance brokers - to put together solid financing and project delivery arrangements for its projects.

Westwind Energy's commercial team members and specialist advisers work with banks and financial institutions to secure short and long-term funding for wind and other renewable energy projects.

They also negotiate with utilities and large electricity users on power purchase agreements and advise the company on alternative revenue management strategies.

Our legal and planning team advise on compliance with applicable laws, and we work with local experts where appropriate.

We have the experience and capability to prepare and negotiate a wide variety of commercial contracts relating to the development, construction and operation of renewable energy projects.

Community engagement & communications

The WestWind team believes in forging strong partnerships and supporting the communities we serve.

From development through operations, we have a proven track record in engaging landowners, community leaders and businesses.

We believe in proactively sharing information to ensure our projects have a positive impact on the community and achieve the social licence necessary to develop and operate.

Recognised engagement approach

WestWind Energy understands that effective stakeholder and community engagement is fundamental to delivering positive outcomes for wind projects.

Our goal is to work closely with the communities where we develop projects to ensure they receive wide-ranging benefits from the relationship.

Authentic, grassroots engagement is essential. We begin by forging strong partnerships with our host landholders - followed by a comprehensive and inclusive approach for neighbours. Our quality community engagement then aims to go well beyond the levels required under statutory planning requirements.

We adopt holistic engagement approaches to fully appreciate local values and needs and allow the community to help shape project decisions and activities.

We maintain regular communication, ensuring communities are brought along the development journey, and updated throughout the project lifecycle.

Building long-lasting and meaningful relationships that respond to the specific needs in a community ensures our projects deliver a positive legacy.

As a result, wind farms are developed and built in collaboration with the local community who often refer to them as ‘our wind farm’ - one of the greatest compliments for a project developer.



Sharing benefits with the community

Communities that host renewable energy developments have an interest in seeing the development benefit their local community and economy.

WestWind recognises the importance of involving the local community to identify the best solutions for benefit sharing to meet current and future needs, and ensure a broad reach and maximum impact.

Benefit sharing may take many different forms. It is contingent on the local context – the characteristics of both the development and the community.

We know it is essential that benefit sharing occurs in a context of good community engagement so that people see both the processes and outcomes as fair and equitable.

Benefit sharing programs may include neighborhood benefit programs and grant funding, as well as innovative financing methods that support community co-investment or community co-ownership.





Early development

WestWind's solid experience in the market means we are often approached by landholders in regions neighbouring existing wind farms - as well as other regions further afield - to consider new development opportunities.

Our comprehensive approach to identifying potential sites for new developments ensures a viable wind resource, grid connection, cooperative host landholders and the ability to manage project constraints.

Our customised in-house systems mean we can quickly consider the key factors and risks associated with new sites so we can avoid lengthy assessment processes and target our resources on the most viable options.

To achieve project certainty and the confidence to move forward on the most viable projects, WestWind Energy's dedicated and highly experienced land tenure team establishes strong relationships with host landholders so all early assessments can be undertaken.

During this phase we commence our wind monitoring campaign, develop an indicative turbine layout and undertake detailed assessments of the project to understand constraints and risks.

As a result, we quickly develop a complete understanding of the project's feasibility and financial viability.

Project optimisation and design

Using decades of experience and proven methodologies, WestWind can provide project design and optimisation to determine the appropriate wind turbine technology and layout.

Projects are designed around constraints and optimised for energy production, constructability, and bankability through an iterative process that utilises WestWind's competent teams of project developers, wind and civil engineers.

The end result is an optimised project with a solid wind energy resource assessment, a project that can be constructed to a budget with a high degree of confidence in the commercial outcome, and in compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

Planning and approvals

During the planning and approvals phase, WestWind Energy uses its expertise in managing social, environmental, planning and compliance risk to map the path forward for a new wind energy facility development.

Our experienced planning and environmental team specialises in obtaining state and federal environmental and development approvals from statutory decision makers.

We guide development proposals at each stage of the development to manage process and minimise risk.

We provide strategic advice on proposals, manage consultation, assess impact, prepare applications for planning consent and support applications through decision-making and post-decision processes.

Our experienced engineers develop detailed designs for the project that protect environmental values and ensure compliance with relevant rules and regulations.

GIS and mapping solutions

WestWind has a team of Geographic Information System (GIS) specialists that can complete end-to-end GIS solutions.

All types of mapping and GIS production can be provided in both digital and hardcopy form, including:

- Detailed mapping over topographic charts, aerial imagery and other relevant layers
- 3D surface display – contours, feature outline
- Complete raster to vector data conversion service
- Database creation, data integration and data analysis functions
- General cartographic mapping
- GIS attributing of all types of digital data
- Cadastral/Tenement boundary display
- Geological mapping – plan and section.





Project delivery

WestWind Energy Management can support the investor to complete secondary planning consents for the project, procure suppliers and facilitate financial due diligence assessments.

Our project managers and engineers work with an established group of consultants to develop management plans and obtain the secondary consents needed to have the project shovel-ready.

We can also manage early works packages to optimise financial close and project programs, as well as support the financial due diligence process with data room management and technical queries.

WestWind Energy Management's construction team has significant experience delivering wind energy projects in Australia, Asia and South Africa, and with all major original equipment manufacturers (OEMs).

Full client-side construction management

We provide a full client-side construction management team to manage the entire construction process from Notice to Proceed to Facility Practical Completion:

- Our project managers, engineers, and commercial managers oversee the delivery of principal-scope items, manage EPC contractors and owner's engineers, to ensure the project is delivered to the owner's requirements.
- With the capability to perform the Project Director role and with dedicated engagement staff, WWEM is able to manage all stakeholder relations including regulators, financiers, contractors, landowners and community.
- With dedicated HSSE professionals supported by established consultants, and a rigorous process for mapping and managing compliance, we are well placed to deliver the principal's compliance obligations and oversee contractors' compliance with contracted obligations.

We offer a full project management office, including information systems, reporting, finance, and administration to keep the owner appraised of progress, risks and opportunities throughout the process.

We can also provide our own construction management software solutions or use the investor's systems if preferred.

Operations

WestWind Energy Management's asset management team has significant experience operating wind energy projects in Australia and Asia.

Full client-side asset management

We offer a full client-side asset management team to oversee the project across its lifecycle. This commences with the first MWh ensuring a smooth handover from construction into operations.

- Our asset managers, engineers, and commercial managers oversee the asset to the owner's stated objectives including O&M contractor management.
- Our engineers monitor Generator Performance Standards, noise and other technical compliance, and continually review and optimise asset performance.
- With dedicated asset manager, site representative and engagement staff, WWEM is able to manage all stakeholder relations including regulators, financiers, contractors, landowners and community.
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