



## Media release

### **WestWind Energy Development Pty Ltd partners with Shell to accelerate investment in Australian renewable energy projects**

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- Strategic partnership established between WestWind Energy Development Pty Ltd (WestWind) (51%) and Shell Energy Operations Pty Ltd (49%) to grow and accelerate the development of wind energy projects in Australia
- The partnership intends to progress and grow WestWind's existing 3,000 MW pipeline of Australian renewable energy projects over the coming years
- WestWind has almost two decades' experience developing major wind energy projects in Victoria at Mt Mercer, Moorabool and Lal Lal and is developing Golden Plains Wind Farm, the largest wind farm project in Australia, with equity investor TagEnergy.

WestWind Energy Pty Ltd (Westwind Energy) today announced a new strategic partnership with Shell to support its development of wind energy projects in Australia. Shell will take a 49% interest in WestWind and invest in growing and accelerating the company's pipeline of new wind energy developments.

Under the partnership, WestWind plans to deliver the existing 3,000 MW pipeline of renewable energy capacity across NSW, Victoria, and Queensland, significantly faster than under the current development plan.

WestWind Energy Australia Managing Director, Tobias Geiger, said "This is an exciting day for WestWind Energy and, more importantly, for Australia's transition to a clean energy economy.

"In partnership with Shell, we can accelerate our development of wind energy projects in Victoria and grow our NSW and Queensland portfolio. We will now be able to grow our team to undertake a larger number of projects, and progress them faster," Mr Geiger said.

Shell Australia Country Chair Tony Nunan said: "Our first wind investment in Australia is a significant step in our goal to build a low carbon integrated business in Australia, in line with our customers' evolving energy needs.

“We are looking forward to working with WestWind to build a portfolio of wind projects to complement Shell’s investments over recent years across large scale solar, carbon trading and energy retailing,” Mr Nunan said.

The new partnership will be entirely focussed on future projects. The Golden Plains Wind Farm will remain separately owned by WestWind Energy with equity investor TagEnergy.

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**About WestWind Energy Development Pty Ltd**

WestWind Energy’s mission is to be a driver of change towards a sustainable energy future for our planet. WestWind Energy’s contribution is through the development of cost-effective renewable energy generation and storage solutions refined through technical excellence, commitment to communities and cohesive company values.

**About Shell**

Shell’s Renewables & Energy Solutions business was created in 2016 and leads the development and growth of Shell’s integrated power business, including low-carbon sources like wind and solar, new mobility options like electric vehicle charging, and lower-carbon fuel options, like hydrogen, for industry and road transport. [www.shell.com/res](http://www.shell.com/res).