



New South Wales Government

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SILVERTON WIND FARM SECURED

Minister for Lands Tony Kelly today welcomed the signing of crucial agreements securing jobs and investment in western NSW.

Mr Kelly said this is an important step in securing development of the largest wind farm in the Southern Hemisphere to be built on 32,000 hectares of Crown Land.

“We’ve now finalised negotiations to allow the execution of that agreement with the wind farm proponents – Silverton Wind Farm Developments Pty Ltd,” Mr Kelly said in Parliament today.

“This agreement provides Silverton Wind Farm Developments with secure and guaranteed Crown leasehold title to the land they need for the project to move forward.”

Mr Kelly said that pastoralists who currently hold leases in the project area have also agreed to the terms of Consent Deeds that provide their approval for the wind farm to proceed.

“This agreement from the pastoralists represents another important step for the project to proceed while ensuring they can continue their grazing activities on the land.

“The first stage of the wind farm will see the construction of 282 wind turbines which will generate enough green energy to power about 200,000 households.”

Broken Hill City Council General Manager Frank Zaknich said that this project will have a significant positive impact on the region’s economy.

“There will be substantial direct and indirect benefits to the Broken Hill and Silverton communities as a result of this project,” Mr Zaknich said.

“As a result of this investment there will be a number of employment opportunities created in a number of local sectors including construction, Property and Business Services, Retail Trade and Wholesale Trade.”

Mr Kelly said the project was part of the Rees Government’s ongoing commitment to creating and securing jobs in rural and regional NSW during tough economic times.

“This project is great news for the people of NSW - delivering more than 800 jobs for western NSW, a \$2.2 billion investment, and delivering green energy to three states.”

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