

# Wind Farm Update



Welcome to the first Community Newsletter for the TRUenergy Mid North wind farm projects.

TRUenergy is the proud new owner and operator of the Waterloo wind farm, near Clare. In the coming year, we are planning to build another wind farm near Burra, and a \$40 million extension to Waterloo.

to provide you with up-to-date information on our projects and operations so that you can make informed decisions about us and what our wind farms mean to you.

Talking with the community about wind farming is very important to us as it helps us gain an understanding of your opinions and concerns. We have also made it our goal

This newsletter is just one of the ways in which we plan to communicate with the local community. You can find more information at [www.truenergy.com.au](http://www.truenergy.com.au).

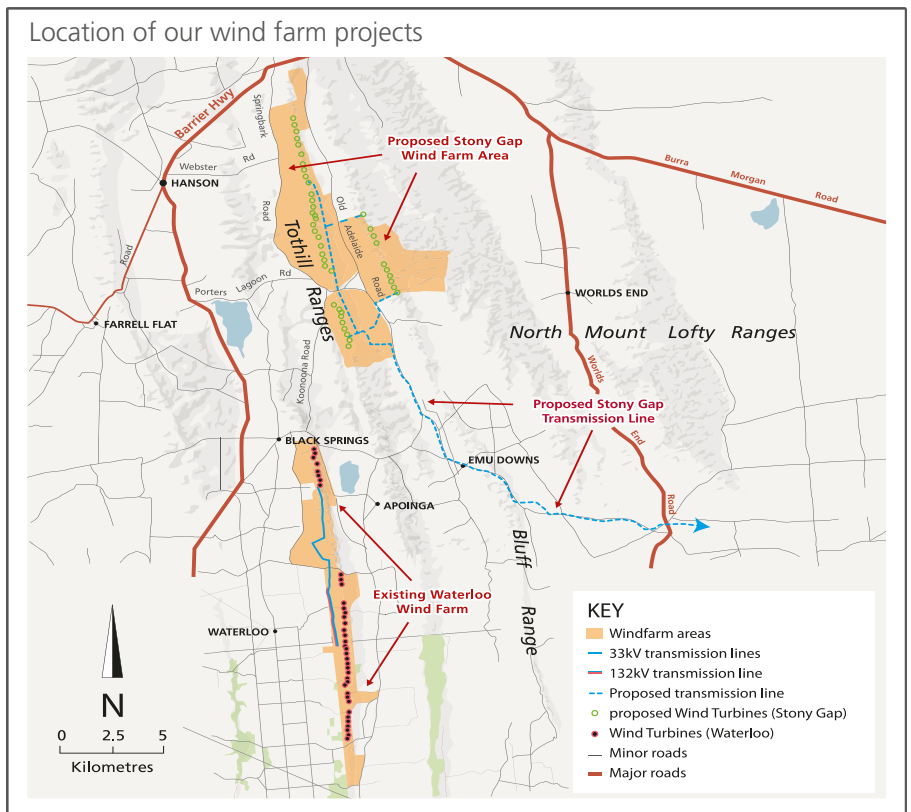
## Who are we?

TRUenergy is one of Australia's largest energy businesses with retail energy customers across the country. We also own and operate a number of energy generation facilities, including wind farms.

In July this year, we took over management of the Waterloo and Cathedral Rocks wind farms in South Australia. Together, these wind farms produce enough clean energy to power 81,000 homes.

Demand for clean energy is growing. As a result, we are now looking to build new wind farms, including the Stony Gap wind farm, near Burra.

This map shows where our existing and planned wind farms are located in the Mid North area.



Location of the Waterloo and proposed Stony Gap wind farm sites



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## Community Information Day

TRUenergy's wind team was excited to be able to meet many people from the Mid North recently at our TRUenergy Mid North Community Information Day. Held at the Burra Town Hall, over 60 locals dropped by to talk with us about our wind farm projects.

Visitors to the Open Day were able to view plans of our proposed Stony Gap wind farm and ask questions of the project team. Also on hand was an expert in wind farm noise, a topic many visitors were interested in knowing more about.

If you missed the Open Day, information is available on our website. Visit [www.truenergy.com.au](http://www.truenergy.com.au).



## Noise

Do wind farms make noise? Can noise from wind farms make you sick? These are questions we are asked by people we talk to every day.

There is a lot of incorrect information about wind farms and noise about. The truth is wind farms in Australia cannot be built unless they meet strict noise laws set by the South Australian government.

Wind farms do make noise. Noise from wind farms however, cannot be substantially louder than everyday sounds people living nearby are used to hearing.

Wind farms also do not produce unique sounds or pressure patterns.

They produce sounds just like other manmade machinery. Scientific studies have found no evidence that these sounds can have a negative effect on human health.

Recently, the EPA measured noise levels at our Waterloo wind farm. The wind farm was found to be compliant with the South Australian noise regulations.

More information on noise is available from Australia's National Health and Medical Research Council. Visit [www.nhmrc.gov.au/your-health/wind-farms-and-human-health](http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/your-health/wind-farms-and-human-health). Alternatively, please talk to us. Email [talktous@truenergy.com.au](mailto:talktous@truenergy.com.au).

## Stony Gap Update

TRUenergy has recently lodged an application with the Goyder Regional Council, seeking approval to build the Stony Gap wind farm, near Burra.

If built, the Stony Gap wind farm will deliver enough clean energy to power nearly 77,000 homes and will inject around \$15.5 million into the local Mid North community. The new wind farm will also create new jobs for local skilled workers.

Our application will be assessed by the Council's independent Development Assessment Panel, who will seek community feedback on our proposal and decide if the proposed wind farm meets all planning and environmental requirements.

We will continue to update you with information on our Stony Gap wind farm proposal as it moves through the development consent process.

Alternatively, visit [www.truenergy.com.au/stonygap](http://www.truenergy.com.au/stonygap) for details.

## Contact us

We welcome your comments and questions. To talk to a member of our wind farm team, please email [talktous@truenergy.com.au](mailto:talktous@truenergy.com.au).

Residents with a specific interest in our wind farms are also invited to participate in our independently facilitated Community Liaison Group. This group meets regularly to get regular updates on our operations and developments. To join, please email the facilitator, [georgina.house@aucongroupp.com](mailto:georgina.house@aucongroupp.com).

