

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 1244

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MR CRANDON ASKED THE MINISTER FOR ENERGY AND WATER UTILITIES (MR ROBERTSON)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise and detail by location what sites have been identified for the construction of wind driven power generation towers (wind farms) in Queensland?

ANSWER:

Development Approval for wind farm projects rests primarily with local councils through the *Sustainable Planning Act 2009*.

Projects are also generally subject to normal state government approval processes for tenure and environmental authority.

The Commonwealth and State and Territory Governments are currently working together to develop national policy guidelines for wind farm developments in Australian.

The existing wind farms in Queensland are located at Thursday Island (0.45kW) and Atherton (Windy Hill – 12kW). The proposed wind projects in Queensland are outlined below.

Project Name	Location
Crows Nest Wind Farm	Toowoomba
Coopers Gap Wind Farm	Bilboa and Cooranga North Region
Windy Hill Wind Farm (Stage 2)	Ravenshoe, Atherton Tableland
High Road Wind Farm	Ravenshoe, Atherton Tableland
Mt Emerald Wind Farm	Arriga
Archer Point Wind Farm	Cooktown
Kennedy Wind Farm	Hughenden