

Question on Notice
No. 257
Asked on Tuesday, 19 March 2024

MR J LISTER ASKED MINISTER FOR ENERGY AND CLEAN ECONOMY JOBS
(HON M DE BRENNI)

Will the Minister advise if the Minister or the department has dealt with, or is dealing with, Wind Prospect Pty Ltd, or its representatives, concerning wind farm or renewable energy developments or development opportunities (a) near Allora, or (b) elsewhere in my electorate of Southern Downs?

ANSWER

I am advised that the Department of Energy and Climate has no record of any dealings with Wind Prospect Pty Ltd.

I can advise my office has contacted Wind Prospect Pty Ltd only as a result of the member's question. Information was sought regarding Wind Prospect's activity in Allora.

In this, my office received the following public statement from Wind Prospect Pty Ltd:

"Wind Prospect, is an experienced renewable energy project developer, would like to address recent media reports concerning the development of a proposed wind farm east of Allora. There are no plans for a wind farm development in the vicinity of Allora and Wind Prospect has no intention of investigating this area further.

As part of our standard practice, Wind Prospect has conducted preliminary enquiries with several landowners in the Allora area as part of an initial scoping phase. This process is essential as we explore potential locations throughout Queensland to host renewable energy projects to help Australia reach its clean energy targets.

Wind Prospect is committed to following a thorough and transparent process in evaluating various locations. Early communication and engagement with local communities, landowners and stakeholders are an integral part of this process."

No other engagement with Wind Prospect Pty Ltd has taken place.