

Question on Notice

No. 758

Asked on 12 June 2024

MR A PERRETT asked the Minister for State Development and Infrastructure, Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister for Racing (HON G GRACE) –

QUESTION:

With reference to the Tuan Forest Wind Farm project and answer to Question on Notice No. 812 of 2023—

Will the Minister advise (a) if the planning and assessment approvals have been completed, (b) if not, what assessment and approvals are outstanding and the expected completion date, (c) what is the new timeline including public consultation to complete the project and (d) if the transmission corridor is finalised?

ANSWER:

Forest Wind is a private wind farm development that is proposed to be built within the existing exotic pine plantations of the Toolara, Tuan and Neerdie State Forests between Gympie and Maryborough.

- a) The project remains subject to State and Commonwealth development and environmental approval processes.
- b) The project requires approval under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Cth). This assessment is not yet complete with the proponent continuing to provide additional information to the Commonwealth. The environmental assessment approvals are anticipated for completion in 2026.
- c) Project timelines are dependent upon the outcome of outstanding assessments, negotiations with landholders for the proposed transmission corridor, and other decisions to be made by the proponent. The proponent continues to engage with the community through a Community Reference Group established for the project.
- d) Negotiations between the proponent and landholders continue to finalise a preferred route for the 65km transmission corridor connection to the grid at Woolooga.