

Lal Lal Wind Farms

Offsite Landscape Screening Program Guidelines



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The Lal Lal Wind Farms is approximately 2,100 hectares in area, located on land at Elaine and Yendon in the Moorabool Shire. The Lal Lal Wind Farms will have a generating capacity of approximately 220MW.

The Planning Permit Amendment for the Lal Lal Wind Farms has been approved by the Minister for Planning, and incorporates a number of conditions or requirements that must be met during construction and operation.

These documents outline conditions of the Landscape Screening Program.

Landscaping Screening Program

The Landscaping Screening Program involves offering landscape screening to all dwellings within 4 km of a wind turbine, where a wind turbine is visible.

Property owners who do not want to determine their eligibility for the program need to 'opt in'.

The offer of the Landscape Screening Program will remain open until 12 months after the commissioning of the last turbine. The exact date for this is yet to be determined, but is likely to be at the end of 2019. It is recommended that you contact the Lal Lal Wind Farms to express your interest.

Am I eligible for the Landscape Screening Program?

The following criteria below determines eligibility to apply for landscaping.

- Do you own the dwelling?
- Do you live within 4kms of the nearest turbine and is it visible from your property?
- Was the dwelling constructed prior to March 2017 when planning permission was granted to the Wind Farm?

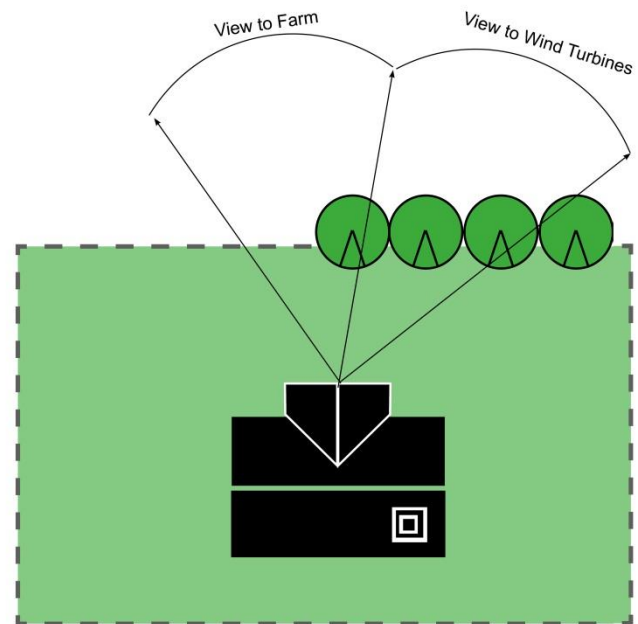


Figure 1: Example of Landscape Screening

Option 1: Payment in lieu of Lal Lal Wind Farms undertaking landscaping?

A one off payment in lieu of landscaping can be offered for the owner of dwellings within 4kms of a turbine. An application form needs to be completed to apply for a payment. This form can be found on the website. Lal Lal Wind Farms staff will assist with your dwelling distance from the nearest turbine.

The following guide of payments, based on dwelling distance from turbines will be applied for this option:-

- 0-2kms \$4000
- 2-3kms \$3000
- 3-4 kms \$2000.

Option 2 Site Inspection, Assessment and Landscaping Mitigation Works

Lal Lal Wind Farms can conduct landscaping on your behalf.

The Landscape Screening Program will strategically use vegetation (i.e. trees and shrubs) to screen visible turbines from affected dwellings. The program involves a site visit and meeting with a landscape consultant, and subsequently, preparation of a dwelling landscape plan.

The dwelling landscape plan:

- Will propose plantings sufficient to screen visible turbines from dwellings;
- Details the proposed landscape works including fencing, gates, ground preparation and proposed planting. These details will be mapped to show the location and extent of planting, including the number of species that will be planted and the expected height and spread of the plants at maturity; and
- A timetable of implementation of the landscaping works, including a planting schedule and timeframes for maintenance of works over a two year period.

An example of how the screening will be achieved is detailed above in Figure 1 on the previous page.

The plan will not include architectural landscaping features, boundary shelter belts, revegetation, land rehabilitation or similar.

The full cost of the design, implementation and maintenance for 2 years of the landscaping under the program is to be met by Lal Lal Wind Farms, as agreed between Lal Lal Wind Farms and the landowner. An appointment can be made with Lal Lal Wind Farms to devise a landscaping plan and then fulfil landscaping requirements.

The Landscape Program does NOT include:-

- Landscaping of paddocks, horse arenas or driveways.
- Existing tree removal for trees that have reached the end of their lifespan. Removal of cypress trees infested with cypress canker virus.
- Exotic plants that would not survive local frosts in winter.

- Landscaping to screen new or existing transmission lines.
- Planting on neighbour properties or on council land.
- Planting within 10 metres of the dwelling in bush fire prone areas (CFA requirement).
- Landscaping for businesses.
- Mature trees that will not survive once transplanted.
- Irrigation and watering systems.
- Payment for existing or pre purchased plants.
- Local pest extermination.
- Planting on council land or other properties not owned by the applicant.

How can I apply?

- Register with the program online, by email or by phone.
- Complete the application form
- Submit by email, by post or in person at the Buninyong Information Centre

What is the 'Program of Works'?

The 'Program of Works' informs the roll out of the landscaping program and a copy is made available on the website.

This document was submitted to DELWP for their endorsement in February 2019 after a series of ongoing discussions with DELWP and the Office of the National Wind Farm Commissioner throughout 2018. The 'program of works' was endorsed by DELWP in April 2019.

What are the conditions of the Planning Permit and "Program of Work" ?

Lal Lal Wind Farms is happy to provide a copy of the Planning Permit and 'Program of Works' where all the conditions for the Landscape Screening program are detailed, also available on the website.

Contact

If you are interested in accessing the Landscape Screening Program please contact us on 1800 187 183 or email info@lallalwindfarms.com.au

