

CWP Receives Approval for Sapphire Renewable Energy Hub

Newcastle, Australia. The company behind the 270 MW Sapphire Wind Farm has today received planning approval from the NSW Department of Planning and Environment for a c.200 MW solar + storage project, which will expand the wind farm to a wind, solar and battery hybrid project called the **Sapphire Renewable Energy Hub**.

The Sapphire Wind Farm commenced construction in January 2017 and is expected to be fully operational in coming months. Construction of the solar and battery infrastructure is anticipated to commence construction in early 2019 and will take approximately 14 months.

CWP's Head of Development, Mr Ed Mounsey, said that the expanded project will bring next big wave of renewable energy investment to the New England region, together with renewable energy leadership.

"Construction of the wind farm has created 150-200 FTE jobs over an almost two year period. Construction of the solar and battery infrastructure will create a further 150-200 FTE jobs and will extend the benefits for local businesses."

"The New England region is unique, in that there is a natural correlation between the generation profiles of wind and solar. Combining wind and solar together with battery storage will allow large-scale, dispatchable renewable energy to be exported from the region", Mr Mounsey said.

"The Sapphire Renewable Energy Hub will be the largest such project in the world. This is the future of energy generation in Australia, being constructed right now."

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For more information about the Sapphire Renewable Energy Hub project:

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