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Stony Creek Wind Farm development approval

The North Burnett Regional Council may soon be home to its first wind energy project, with the Queensland Government issuing development approval for the Stony Creek Wind Farm.

The project is being developed by Greenleaf Renewables and is expected to begin construction in 2025, pending federal Environment Protection Biodiversity Conservation approvals (expected in late 2023).

Greenleaf Renewables Director Chris Righetti said the company was thrilled to receive state development approval for the 23-turbine project.

“The announcement by the state government is a major milestone in advancing the project to construction,” Mr Righetti said.

“The Stony Creek Wind Farm will generate enough power to supply about 88,000 average Queensland households. The equivalent energy generation from non-renewable sources would emit more than 500,000 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions each year, the same as the output of close to 136,000 cars.

“It will also contribute to the Queensland government’s renewable energy targets of 50 per cent by 2030, 70 per cent by 2032 and 80 per cent by 2035.”

The 165MW project is proposed 11 kilometres west of Biggenden and also includes battery storage.

Greenleaf Renewables Director Tim Gregson said the project was expected to create at least 180 jobs during construction and up to five permanent jobs on site during operation.

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“There will also be a community fund of \$60,000 per annum, which we will work with the local community to develop,” Mr Gregson said.

“This is the first wind farm project in the North Burnett Regional Council region to reach this stage and we thank the Council, landholders and the local community for their support in getting the project to this point.”
