

Australia's Most Powerful Wind Farm Given The Go Ahead

The Victorian Government has given the go-ahead to a \$380 million wind farm at Mount Gellibrand, 15 km east of Colac in the state's south-west. The 116-turbine project has a capacity of 232 MW. The project, backed by German company Pro Ventum International will commence construction late next year. "This project is great for the environment and it's great for jobs because it'll create 120 jobs during construction and 25 jobs permanently," says Victorian Planning Minister Rob Hulls. The company consulted the community widely, says Hulls. "They believe there is enough wind in that area to power this very substantial investment," he says. Hulls says issuing the planning permit is an important step towards achieving the Bracks Government's Victorian Renewable Energy Target which commits energy retailers to buying 10 per cent of their electricity from renewable sources by 2016.

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