

# Mount Emerald Wind Farm Update



## Local companies participate in construction of Mount Emerald Wind Farm

Construction has commenced on the \$360 million Mount Emerald Wind Farm with several businesses from the wider Cairns region already engaged to conduct preliminary works ahead of more expansive works after the wet season.

Cairns-based Koppens Developments completed the construction of a concrete protection structure over SunWaters irrigation works before Christmas while Mareeba's Gregg Construction has provided plant and equipment this month for the establishment of a laydown area at the entrance to the project.

In between times, Mbarbarram Aboriginal Corporation has undertaken Cultural Heritage surveys and assisted 4 Elements Consulting with environmental surveys. These surveys are completed prior to any areas of the site being opened up for construction work.

Local companies looking to participate in the project are encouraged to register their interest via a new dedicated Industry Capability Network (ICN) webpage.

[www.gateway.icn.org.au/project/3884/mount-emerald-wind-farm](http://www.gateway.icn.org.au/project/3884/mount-emerald-wind-farm)

ICN is a federal government-funded local participation agency.

Construction contractors Vestas, CPP and Catcon are using ICN's Gateway to advertise a long list of work packages and supply opportunities including plant and equipment hire and servicing, concrete pumping, quarry product supply, cranes, hardware, accommodation, cleaning, fuel supply, liquid waste disposal, and potable water supply.

## Blasting notice

With the start of major construction works, there is a possibility for small scale blasting.

Such activities will occur between 9 am and 3pm, Monday to Friday.

All blasting activities will be conducted in accordance with all applicable laws.

## Preliminary construction works update

Construction of a temporary site compound was the focal point of activity this past month. Office facilities were installed and a carpark established. Compound electrical and plumbing works were completed and temporary power is in place.

Clearing, weeding controls and other environmental requirements in accordance with management plans are being implemented and maintained as necessary.

A temporary washdown facility has been set up for all vehicles, machinery and plant moving between locations.

Construction of the main access road to the Mount Emerald Wind Farm site is ongoing with clearing and profiling works underway ahead of a new road being laid.

Works have also commenced on some of the access tracks to the turbine locations which branch off the main access road.

Environmental work has seen identified threatened plant species successfully translocated to areas outside of the construction footprint while the tracking campaign for the Northern Quoll has continued.



## Team profile



**Kim Forde – Community Engagement Facilitator, Ratch Australia Corporation.**

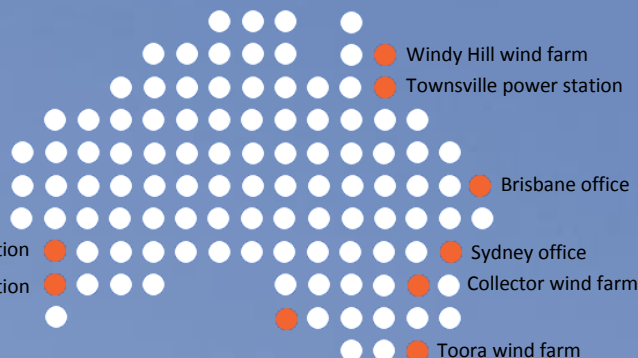
Kim has lived in the Cairns region for more than 25 years and is Ratch’s “representative on the ground” for the Mount Emerald Wind Farm.

She has been involved with the project from the very beginning and provides a vital conduit between the local community and stakeholders, and Ratch.

Describing herself as “21<sup>st</sup> century green”, Kim has a strong track record for finding a balance between development and eco-protection.

She combines qualifications in education and science and has worked with enterprises such as Qld Dept. of Main Roads, CRC Rainforest, Stanwell Corporation, Ergon Energy, and many local government councils to reduce their environmental impacts.

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