

> Australia's newest wind farm to drive 90% ACT renewables target

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In a signing ceremony in Canberra this week, Siemens Ltd and Neoen Australia signed an historic contract to build Australia's newest wind farm, which will help the ACT government meet their 90% renewable energy target by 2020.

ACT Minister for the Environment Simon Corbell said the Hornsdale wind farm was an important part of the ACT's plan to supply 90% of its electricity needs from renewable sources by 2020.

"As one of the winners of our first wind auction, Hornsdale plays a critical role in helping the ACT achieve its 90% renewable target," Mr Corbell said.



Simon Corbell, ACT Minister for the Environment, at the signing of the Hornsdale wind farm contract.

When up and running the Hornsdale wind farm will supply about a fifth of the territory's electricity needs.

It's pleasing to see some of the world's leading renewable energy companies in Neoen and Siemens partnering to deliver this important project."

Siemens has more than 30 years experience in wind power and has built around 13,000 wind turbines around the globe with a total capacity of 21 GW.

Siemens Australia is the turn-key builder of the wind farm and local Head of Energy David Pryke said the project demonstrated a win-win for all stakeholders.

"The new Hornsdale wind farm is good for the economy, good for the environment and, importantly, good for the Australia," Mr Pryke said.

"What matters to Australia also matters to Siemens and I'm delighted that Neoen entrusted Siemens to build and maintain the Hornsdale wind farm," said Mr Pryke. "And through this project we can demonstrate what can be achieved when combining Siemens' global technology with the ACT's commitment, Australia's natural resources and Neoen's vision."

This project really considers the bigger picture as it supports the Renewable Energy Centre of Excellence at the Canberra Institute of Technology, it includes employment, training and investment in both the ACT and South Australia and provides benefits to the Hornsdale community for the life of the project..

Franck Woitiez, Managing Director of Neoen Australia, commented that: "Since 2012, Neoen has developed directly and indirectly, more than 1.5GW of Renewable Energy projects in Australia. The Hornsdale Wind Farm is our second project starting construction this year, and the quality of the relationship with all the Stakeholders, added to the exceptional wind resource at Hornsdale have turned it into a winning project under the ACT Wind Auction, an attractive asset for our shareholders and an great business opportunity for Siemens."

Construction on the project will begin immediately. Siemens will provide the full turn-key project solution for the wind farm including 32 Siemens 3.2DD-113 wind turbines complete with associated civil and electrical infrastructure. Siemens will also maintain the wind farm for Neoen on a long - term maintenance contract signed simultaneously with the EPC contract.

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