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Green light for aerial spraying adjacent to CERES project

A landmark agreement between local aviation contractors, Aerotech Australasia, and the developers of the CERES Wind Farm Project will ensure that aerial spraying services will continue unaffected on adjacent properties.

“This agreement is a win, win, win for local farmers, Aerotech and the CERES Project and shows that by working together, we can achieve really great outcomes for the agricultural community and the renewable energy sector,” said REpower’s Head of Development, Peter Sgardelis.

The coordination agreement ensures neighbouring landowners to the CERES Project can continue to undertake fixed wing agricultural spraying without change to service, quality and cost.

As part of the agreement, any wind turbine within 100 metres of the boundary of an adjacent property will be turned off prior to aerial spraying, with the turbine blades parked and aligned to be parallel to the flight path of aircraft. In addition, if required by Aerotech, wind turbines within 500 metres of the boundary of an adjacent property will also be turned off to eliminate any risk of turbulence.

“The CERES wind farm has been designed to have no overhead power lines to ensure the impact on aerial spraying and other aerial activities is minimized. This new agreement provides for coordination of our activities with Aerotech to ensure aerial spraying can continue safely and reliably,” Mr Sgardelis said. “We will be in contact with adjacent landowners over the next few weeks to inform them of our agreement with Aerotech.”

With no overhead power lines, less than a 1% footprint on the farmland of the 36 land owners involved and over 50 new ongoing local jobs and 500 jobs during construction, Mr Sgardelis said CERES would bring broad benefits for local agriculture and the Yorke Peninsula regional economy.

“We are determined to continue to work with the Yorke Peninsula community to make the CERES Project Australia’s best wind farm with significant regional benefits.”

Mr Sgardelis said the project team remained confident of achieving development approval in the coming months.

ABOUT THE PROJECT

The proposed CERES wind farm will deliver an estimated 600MW of clean electricity directly to metropolitan Adelaide. The project will create significant social and economic benefits to South Australia and the Yorke Peninsula region through investment and jobs, and the establishment of a community support fund to support local and regional programs and projects. The direct local benefits have been estimated at \$8 million per annum for the 25 year life of the wind farm.

The CERES wind farm project team has lodged a project Development Application, and is currently compiling a register of people interested in business and employment opportunities. For more information about the project or to register your interest, please visit www.theceresproject.com.au

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