

Synergy supports local wind farm

Energy retailer, Synergy has signed a contract to purchase the energy from a new three-turbine wind farm to be located 4km north of Mt Barker.

Synergy Managing Director, Jim Mitchell said when the 2.4MW wind farm was operational, it would generate pollution free electricity equivalent to reducing greenhouse gas emissions by more than 8,000 tonnes annually.

“This is a terrific local project, supporting the Mt Barker community, and most importantly, producing emissions free electricity.”

Advanced Energy Resources is the major equity partner in the wind farm, and the project developer is SkyFarming, with a number of smaller local investors also participating.

Mr Mitchell said as the off-take partner, Synergy was enabling the project to proceed.

The project is supported by the Australian Government through the Renewable Remote Power Generation Program. The program is implemented by the Office of Energy in Western Australia.

“This is a further demonstration of Synergy’s support for small-scale, commercial renewable energy projects, just as Synergy supported the re-opening of the Pemberton Hydro Electric plant by purchasing the renewable energy generated from that facility.”

The Pemberton Hydro Electric plant, which was built in 1934, was re-opened in May this year after being decommissioned in the 1950’s.

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