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## PUBLIC OPEN DAY FOR PROPOSED ARARAT WIND FARM

Renewable Energy Systems Australia Pty Ltd (RES Australia)<sup>1</sup> today announced its plans to host its second Open Day for the local community to provide details about its proposed Ararat Wind Farm development located seven kilometres northeast of Ararat.

RES Australia confirmed that the Open Day will be held on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2009, between 8.00am and 4.00pm at the Ararat Performing Arts Centre, located in the former Town Hall building in Barkly Street Ararat (corner of Vincent Street).

Sedat Erol, Wind Farm Developer with RES Australia and responsible for organising the Open Day explained that:

*"We are inviting the local community and interested parties to visit our second Ararat Wind Farm Open Day to meet with us, ask questions, learn more about RES and our proposal and provide feedback to ensure that this is a world class project from all points of view."*

The Open Day will provide interested people with preliminary details about the project, including:

- an introduction to RES Australia;
- the development and consultation process RES Australia is following;
- the location, size and area of the proposed Ararat Wind Farm;
- a description of the turbines and the wind farm construction process;
- the environmental studies RES Australia is completing;
- visual photomontages of what the wind farm may look like from a few well known viewpoints; and
- how you can continue to be informed and involved.

Light refreshments will also be provided.

The proposed Ararat wind farm, comprising up to 75 x 2-3 megawatt turbines, will:

- generate clean, green electricity equivalent to the needs of approximately 83,000 – 124,000 homes a year;
- displace approximately 561,000 - 841,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions per annum, the main greenhouse gas;
- unlock \$350 million investment within the Ararat Rural City Council and Northern Grampian Shire Council areas;
- provide jobs during the construction phase, using local people, businesses and expertise wherever possible; and
- contribute to Victoria's renewable energy target.

RES Australia will also continue to keep people informed, particularly those who might be unable to make it to the Open Day, through our website: [www.res-australia.com.au](http://www.res-australia.com.au). Alternatively, people are welcome to contact us directly and we will be pleased to answer any questions about the project they might have.<sup>2</sup>



## **ENDS**

### **Notes to Editor:**

1. RES Australia is an independent wind farm operator in the local market. It is a subsidiary of the Renewable Energy Systems (RES) group of companies based in the UK. RES is one of the world's leading renewable energy developers with offices across Europe, North America and Asia-Pacific. Part of the British Sir Robert McAlpine Group of engineering and construction companies, RES has been at the forefront of wind energy development since the 1970s and has completed more than 4,000MW of wind energy capacity worldwide. The Group has a large portfolio of projects under construction and in development, both onshore and offshore. Drawing on decades of experience in the renewable energy and construction industries, RES has the expertise to develop, construct and operate projects of outstanding quality. Our enviable track record in project delivery has given us a reputation for excellence that is second to none. For more information, visit [www.res-group.com](http://www.res-group.com)

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