



COWELL WIND FARM POWERS UP 12 May 2005

Member for Flinders Liz Penfold said the possibility of overcoming the inadequate power supply to Cowell could be one of the positive spin offs from the nearby Mount Millar wind farm, now under construction.

"I strongly support a spur line from the Mount Millar wind farm's substation into Cowell township as a means of overcoming the outages and breakdowns that residents frequently experience," she said.

"It would provide the additional capacity needed as the town expands in the future, and would be a cost effective means of overcoming long standing recurring problems."

Mrs Penfold has been a strong promoter of wind farms for many years since before she entered parliament 11 years ago.

"Research has determined that we have some of the best sites in the world for wind farms because of the southerlies that blow almost constantly," she said.

"It is gratifying to at last see this clean green technology being used to generate power and jobs on Eyre Peninsula. Several locals will have permanent jobs maintaining the equipment."

Mrs Penfold praised Tarong Energy for using local companies and contractors for much of the work after taking part in a project information day held in Cowell.

"I commend Tarong Energy and Electranet for providing the comprehensive display of the actual components in pieces on trucks, plus a story board and pamphlets giving wide-ranging details of the project and its technology," she said.

"The information day was a great public relations exercise by the companies, and was a beneficial learning experience for the public and students," Mrs Penfold said.

Mrs Penfold also looked at site of the proposed ferry terminal at Lucky Bay and visited Cowell Area School during her visit to the area.

She said the ferry proponent is now waiting for government approvals in order to begin the service to Wallaroo.

The ferries are expected to be in place around Christmas time providing transport across the gulf to Wallaroo every two hours for up to 60 vehicles and 300 passengers.