

KAIWERA DOWNS WIND FARM

July 2026 Newsletter

The wind farm this month.



WELCOME

Welcome to this newsletter, where we share updates on the Kaiwera Downs stage 2 wind farm construction.

We're nearly there. Thanks to our incredible hard-working teams and making the most of some favourable weather, construction is nearly complete: on track and on budget.

Everything that needs to be built is now standing up on the hill. We're now doing final testing and commissioning on the remaining turbines so they can be connected to the substation for electricity generation.

The new substation is doing its thing, and in April we sent the first electricity generation off into the Grid.

We have constructed 34km of roading network connecting the turbines around the wind farm site. We'll also be finishing fencing and rehabilitation works to enhance the project site environment before the wind farm is completed.

We want to thank the community and road users once again for your patience over the past few years. We're just about in business!

Please forward this newsletter to anyone who might be interested.



WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT

The second stage of the wind farm increases the total capacity for Kaiwera Downs wind farm from 43MW (stage 1 – enough electricity to power ~20,000 homes) to 198MW.

The full wind farm (both stages) generate enough power for the equivalent of ~93,000 homes.

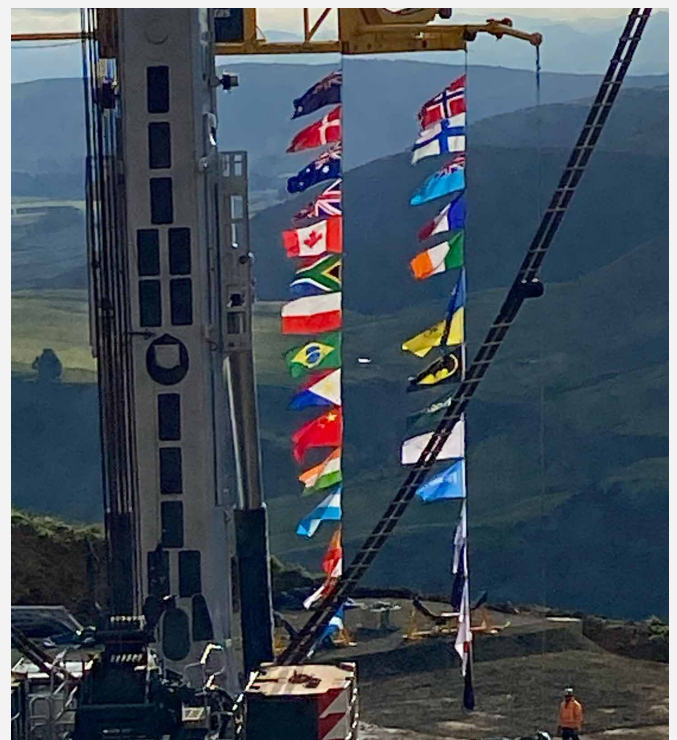
The final blade lift, over 30 nationalities and 129 full time equivalent employees worked on the project over the past 2 years. Estimated spend into the Southland economy of \$100M.



OUT AND ABOUT IN YOUR COMMUNITIES

We are delighted to once again support Gore District Council's Matariki celebration, Kāhui Whetū. The event is all about whanaungatanga (connection and strengthened relationships) with the prettiest lights turning Gore Gardens into a wonderland. If you see a yellow jacket giving out Mercury branded jelly beans on Thursday 9 July, come over and say hello!

Now that the big team effort has got us to this stage, there will be less Mercury folk around the place but we'll still be out and about. The community fund will operate for the lifetime of the wind farm (next funding round open end January 2027) and we're delighted to keep supporting projects and groups in communities around the wind farm.



GETTING IN TOUCH

If you have questions or concerns please let us know: kaiweradownswindfarm@mercury.co.nz

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