



**April 2023**

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In March 2021, Contact Energy announced a six-year partnership with consultancy Roaring40s Wind Power Ltd to develop a pipeline of wind farm development opportunities to meet New Zealand's growing demand for renewable electricity.

One of the first sites we're looking to develop is a wind farm near Mimihau. The project would consist of approximately 50 wind turbines spread over Jedburgh Station and Venlaw Forest. A wind farm project (known as the Slopedown wind farm) was considered previously at this location more than 10 years ago by a different developer.

We estimate the generation capacity for the project will be between 230–300MW, and the generation output could be in the range 900–1200GWh/annum. This is enough electricity to power 150,000 households per year – making a significant contribution to future electricity demand.

As someone who lives close to the project, we wanted to let you know early in the development process and provide you with the opportunity to discuss the project with us. We can meet you in-person, online or via a phone call – whatever works best for you. To set-up a time, please call us on 021 758 763 or email us at [windprojects@contact.co.nz](mailto:windprojects@contact.co.nz). Feel free to pass on our contact details too.

We will also be holding a community drop-in day in late May/early June 2023. We'll let you know the dates, time and location in the coming weeks.

#### **KEY PROJECT STATISTICS**

- Location: East of Wyndham and Mimihau, in the Southland District
- Energy type: Wind
- Configuration: Approximately 50 wind turbines
- Capacity: 230–300MW
- Annual generation: 900–1200GWh
- Equivalent energy needs of up to 150,000 households

#### **WHO WE ARE**

Contact Energy is one of New Zealand's largest energy retailer and generators. We generated 8.3 terawatt hours of electricity from hydro, geothermal and gas in the last financial year, and have 550,000 customers with electricity, gas and broadband connections. You can find out more about us here: [contactenergy.co.nz/aboutus/our-story](https://contactenergy.co.nz/aboutus/our-story)

Ngā mihi nui,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Matthew Cleland".

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