

**Minutes of Uungula Windfarm  
Community Consultative Committee (CCC)**

**Thursday 11.30am, 20 November 2025**

**UWF Project Site Office, 1360 Twelve Mile Road, Wuuluman, NSW 2820.**

<b>Attendees</b>	<b>Initials</b>	<b>Position</b>
Garry West	GW	Independent Chairperson
Lindsay Hough	LH	Community Representative
Pip Smith	PS	Community Representative
Councillor Richard Ivey	RI	Dubbo Regional Council Representative
Mark Hunt	MH	UWF Acting Project Manager, Squadron Energy
Sara Wilson	SW	UWF Senior Community Relations Advisor, SQE
Vince Chaplin	VC	UWF Senior Environmental Advisor, Squadron Energy
Malcolm Moore	MM	UWF Site Representative, SQE
Maki Okamura	MO	Project Manager, Lumea (MS Teams)
Shaun Smith	SS	NACAP

<b>Apologies</b>	<b>Initials</b>	<b>Position</b>
John Goodworth	JG	Community Representative
Brad Bliss	BB	Community Representative
Keiyana Guihot	KG	Community Representative
Kath Elliott	KE	Head of Stakeholder and Community Engagement, SQE
Bart Sykes	BS	Regional Economic Development Manager, Squadron Energy
Catherine McGufficke	CMcG	Stakeholder and Community Manager, Lumea (MS Teams)

**Observer**

Mrs Dawn Hough

**Introduction and Welcome**

GW welcomed everyone to the meeting and acknowledged the traditional custodians of the country on which the meeting is being held. Acknowledged Elders past, present and future.

GW advised John Southwell has stepped aside as a CCC member for the duration of the wind farm construction having taken up a sub-contractor role.

GW noted Rebekah McLachlan has left SQE and Sara Wilson is covering the position until a new Community Relations Advisor is recruited.

Prior to the meeting members undertook a site tour.

### **Declarations of Conflicts of Interest**

John Southwell has advised he is now a sub-contractor for the Project during the construction.

### **Previous Minutes**

GW confirmed the minutes of the CCC meeting 21 August 2025 had been circulated and have been uploaded to the Squadron Energy project website.

### **Safety First Issues**

Members noted the traffic control in place as a result of a truck incident on Twelve Mile Road. MH advised the controls will remain in place until repairs are completed by DRC.

### **Business Arising**

GW noted that under condition of consent B7 of the project's NSW planning approval, Squadron Energy can approve out of hours works proposed by the construction contractor, provided noise is assessed as inaudible to non-associated landowners. CCC members have been advised, as part of this internal approval, SQE must notify non-associated neighbours prior to the OOHW commencing. Nacap will undertake noise monitoring during the concrete pouring activity to ensure noise levels are within the range to be deemed inaudible. If there is any complaint from a non-associated neighbour about noise, Nacap must immediately attend the neighbour's property and conduct noise monitoring to check the noise level. If the noise is exceeding the approved limit, Nacap will undertake an assessment which will include identifying and implementing measures to ensure the noise limits are compliant with the approval.

GW also asked CCC members to be notified when blasting is scheduled and at which location and a location map be provided to members.

### **Project Update**

MH (Acting Project Manager) provided a project update.

- Twelve Mile Road – Completely handed over to Dubbo Regional Council (DRC). The consortium will remain responsible for maintenance during the Project construction timeframe.
- Goolma Road & Twelve Mile Road intersection – Work has commenced end of July with traffic control now in place. Works are progressing as planned with the traffic flow stitched permanently this week and completion expected January 2026.
- Transgrid/Downer are now well established on site with works on the Switching Station and transmission tower pads well underway. The first Transmission tower was completed on 4 August 2025, with stringing lines to commence after Christmas.

- Wind farm construction – works have progressed well during this period with approximately 8.5 kms of access tracks capped and complete. All vegetation clearing is complete and all 75 kms of access tracks are in various stages of construction. Blasting program continues across the Project site and 16 foundations have been poured.
- Blasting – current status 80% complete for foundations and 85% complete for access tracks.
  - Planning approval permits blasting only between 9am – 5 pm weekdays and 9am - 1pm Saturdays and no blasting on Sundays or public holidays. Noise and dust limits must be met, with compliance reporting to the EPA.
  - UWF Drill & Blast Management Plan outlines the full methodology, safety protocols, and environmental controls for blasting at UWF. Key elements include:
    - Blast hole drilling under approved SWMS (Safe Work Method Statements)
    - Exclusion zones and signage during operations
    - Weather controls, including lightning tracking and adverse weather protocols
    - Blast fume mitigation, addressing Nox emissions and personnel training, and
    - Storage and handling of explosives in compliance with legislation.

### **Lumea Update – Transmission Connection Project**

MO reported that the Uungula Wind Farm Connection project will connect Uungula into the National Electricity Market.

To do this they will construct:

- 330/33kV substation
- 11.6km 330kV single circuit transmission line linking the substation to the switching station
- 330kV switching station
- An overhead cut-in connection from the switching station to the existing TL 79, including installation of new greenfield tower mid span and tower structure strengthening works.
- 18km of UGFO (underground) from Uungula Switching Station to Wellington West 330kV Substation.

High Voltage equipment installation has commenced at the Switching Station. The Auxiliary Services building has arrived and installed. Outage works on the existing TL79 was completed in September and October and the cu-in tower has been installed.

Transmission Line 7L – all vegetation clearing has been completed, and tower installation works are approximately 50% complete.

Substation topsoil stripping has been completed, and civil earthworks are well underway. Installation of Site Amenities have been completed.

Local business engagement occurring with Micky D's Cleaning, Coates Dubbo and their subcontractors; Strait Up Cranes; A1 Earthworks/Maas Group; Local vehicle services; Hot Engineering; KB Concrete, DeWitt Surveying and plumbing packages with local plumbers.

There will be varied heavy (10-15) and light vehicle (15-20) movements over the next 3 months.

During September 2025 substation possession of the site received and works commenced. Practical completion is expected in February 2027.

Upcoming works include:

- January 2026 – commencement of stringing works
- March/April 2026 – transformer deliveries to site
- April 2026 – energisation of the Ungula Switching Station (UGS)

## **Environmental Update**

VC (Senior Environmental Advisor) provided an environmental update.

### Environmental Incidents

- Minor fluid spills (heavy plant)
  - Impacted soils disposed of as per EPA requirements
  - Spill cleanup supplies replenished
- Kangaroos strikes enroute to site

### Environment Performance

- ERSED controls have worked well
- Dust control has been challenging with strong Spring winds
- Rehabilitation progressing. But need a little rain
- First Independent Audit recently completed with dust control being the only issue requiring attention. Five water trucks operating on site.
- Independent audits proposed every 6 months.

### Environmental Inspections / interactions

- Microbats around the Site Compound
- Eastern Rosella 6 eggs being protected
- Pre/post rainfall inspections occurring
- Department of Planning (Compliance) visit 13 November

### Out of Hours Works (OOHW)

#### Goolma Road / Twelve Mile Road

- Contractor: Divalls -until December 2025 (every second weekend due to 10:4 roster)

### Concrete Works on site

- 11 turbine bases poured to date

### OSOM Movements planning

- EnergyCo upgrades from Port of Newcastle to Golden Highway
- Mitchell Highway / Goolma Road and Goolma Road/Twelve Mile Road upgrades on track
- DPHI to be provided with updated Traffic Management Plan (TMP)

Delivery of blades to site expected to start in March 2026 and take around six to eight months.

### **Economic and Employment Development Opportunities**

Malcolm Moore (UWF Site Representative) on behalf of Bart Sykes provided an update.

#### Accommodation in Wellington and Dubbo

- Bellhaven – 100% First Nations renovation project and local to Wellington and Dubbo.
- Contractor to operate the facility appointed.
- Occupation from January 2026, providing 32 beds

Noted approximately 80% of workforce when working on site is staying in Wellington. RI noted Maranatha site has possibly 100 dongas planned.

### **Community and Stakeholder Engagement**

Sara Wilson reported recent communications:

- Out of hours work and blasting
- Goolma Road and Twelve Mile Road upgrade
- Upcoming consultation: Mitchell Highway and Goolma intersection upgrade
- Twelve Mile Road truck incident notification

#### Community

- School visits – Civil Construction Pathways Program
- Women in Construction and Women in Renewables – 10 graduates to date
- Upcoming: Try A Trade day 2 December

#### Complaints

- Use of Twelve Mile Road for Out of Hours Work

Recent sponsorships include the Binjang Community Radio, Trek4Kidz Starlight Foundation, Wellington Show Society, Macquarie Valley Veterans Cricket, Wedgetail Junior Rugby League, Wellington Amateur Swimming Club, Wellington High School and Community Christmas in the Park in Wellington for a total of \$27,725.

SW committed to providing list of local suppliers and percentage local employment at next meeting.

### **General Business (Community Feedback)**

RI noted that the Project is bringing benefits to Wellington.

Also asked about progress of proposed SquadronLink (internet service). SW committed to providing an update at next meeting.

LH asked if SQE have decided to instal smoke cameras? MM advised SQE were not proceeding with this request due to privacy issues.

Meeting Closed 12.40pm

**Next meeting**

**Thursday 12 February 2026**