

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

Thursday 9.30am, 12 February 2026

SQE Office, 16 Maughan Street, Wellington, NSW 2820.

Attendees	Initials	Position
Garry West	GW	Independent Chairperson
Lindsay Hough	LH	Community Representative
Councillor Richard Ivey	RI	Dubbo Regional Council Representative
John Goodworth	JG	Community Representative
Kath Elliott	KE	Head of Stakeholder and Community Engagement, SQE
Jane Sullivan	JS	Community Relations Advisor, UWF, SQE
Bart Sykes	BS	Regional Economic Development Manager, SQE
Mark Hunt	MH	UWF Acting Project Manager, SQE
Vince Chaplin	VC	UWF Senior Environmental Advisor, SQE
Malcolm Moore	MM	UWF Site Representative, SQE
Catherine McGufficke	CMcG	Stakeholder and Community Manager, Lumea (MS Teams)
Maki Okamura	MO	Project Manager, Lumea (MS Teams)
Scott Sartori	SS	Project Manager, UWF, NACAP
Shaun Smith	SS	Land, Environment & Cultural Heritage Manager, UWF, NACAP
Mitchell Kresin	MK	Project Manager, GE Verona
Gil Demene	GD	Logistics and Planning ANZ, GE Verona
Stephen Spiller	SS	ARES Group

Apologies	Initials	Position
Pip Smith	PS	Community Representative
Brad Bliss	BB	Community Representative

Observer

NIL

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 welcomed Jane Sullivan

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 20 November 2025 had been circulated and have been uploaded to the Squadron Energy project website.

Safety First Issues

Lindsay Hough noted the causeway had been repaired but still not 100%. Garry West indicated he had received positive feedback from members resulting from SQE updates on concrete pours and blasted providing a safe environment for landowners.

Business Arising

NIL

Project Update

MH (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 commenced in July 2025 with traffic control now in place. Works are progressing as planned with a completion expected March 2026.
- Transgrid/Downer are now well established on site with works on the Switching Station, Substation and transmission tower erected. Stringing of overhead lines commenced in January on site.
- Wind farm construction – works have progressed well during this period with 32 foundations now poured and deliveries to Port of Newcastle of components for 24 complete turbines in advance of delivery to site commencing in March 2026.
- All vegetation clearing is complete and all 75 kms of access tracks are in various stages of construction. Blasting program is now 85% complete and works have commenced on the installation of the underground cable reticulation between the wind turbines.

Lumea Update – Transmission Connection Project

Maki Okamura – Project Manager

Uungula Switching Station

- Installation of high voltage equipment complete
- High voltage equipment commissioning has commenced
- Fencing installation has commenced.
- Energisation planned in March 2026

Uungula Transmission Line 7L

- All towers installed
- Stringing works has commenced

Uungula Substation

- Civil earthworks well underway
- Transformers arrived in Australia - currently in storage

Transformer deliveries to site planned March/April 2026 and Transmission line stringing completed in April 2026.

Environmental Update

Vince Chaplin (Senior Environmental Advisor) provided an environmental update.

Environmental Approvals

- Traffic Management Plan (TMP) must be approved before OSOM movements permitted. UWF high-level TMP (includes the ARES OSOM TMP)
- ARES TMP has been revised to accommodate 'short' component (non-blade deliveries) arriving first.
- UWF TMP sent to Department of Planning (DPHI) and TfNSW (NHVR and Development renewables sections) on 20 January 2026.
- Submission of the TMP is required 6 weeks out from the first OSOM deliveries which equates to 3 March 2026

Twelve Mile Road Causeway

Delays in December/January resulted in completion in February

Metmasts – Aviation Authority Reporting commences

- 3 metmasts at full height in December 2025. Some works still required.
- 150m above ground level to reflect turbine hub height being ~800m AMSL
- Triggers monthly / progressive reporting to Airservices, CASA and RAAF

Independent Environmental Audit

The 2nd Independent Environmental Audit has been conducted in accordance with the Conditions of Approval

- 1 X non-compliance water-suppression on Downer's rock-crushing plant

- 1 X opportunity for improvement use of dust suppression product on site roads

GW stressed dust suppression is important as local concerns are being raised.

RI asked how much water is being used for dust suppression? VC advised that 25ml being used per day in total for civil works and dust suppression. 14 water trucks are in operation.

Economic and Employment Development Opportunities

Bart Sykes - Regional Economic Development Manager (Central West Orana)

Accommodation in Wellington

- Bellhaven – 100% First Nations renovation project and local to Wellington and Dubbo.
- Occupation from 16 March 2026. Squadron taking 6 rooms and TSI subcontractor taking remaining 25 rooms. It will be a fully catered facility.

Squadron Link

- Still progressing. Drone surveys and final design are complete. Contracts are close to finalising with the provider and the electrical contractor to build the network. Announcements are expected shortly along with final detail on the service.

Business Uplift Sessions

- In person sessions are complete and the consultant is working one on one with local businesses on tenders and everything from capability statements to tender documents. Haroca (civil works) and BLK Power are two examples.

Local Content / Economic Development

- Continuing to promote local opportunities, updating online databases and linking local business to not only UWF but also the Spicers Creek Wind Farm (SCWF)

Community and Stakeholder Engagement

Jane Sullivan – Community Relations Advisor

Recent communications:

- Out of hours work and blasting
- Helicopter stringing
- Newsletter – February 2026 on the website
- Twelve Mile Road causeway completion
- Upcoming consultation: Mitchell Highway and Goolma intersection upgrade

Community

- Probus – Wellington RSL on 6 February – Project update

Complaints

- NIL

Recent sponsorships include \$2,000 PCYC Wellington Competition

List of local suppliers tabled (see presentation on website)

Over Size Over Mass (OSOM) Movements

Stephen Spiller update.

- ARES will broadcast updates of OSOM deliveries through local radio, newspapers and social media.
JG suggested a letterbox drop for Twelve Mile Road residents as well.
- ARES representatives can attend CCC meetings during the process with GE and SQE to update the committee regularly
- ARES will follow the approved Traffic Management Plan at all times and be considerate of local traffic
- ARES will distribute communication contacts, radio channels etc to residents.

Delivery Schedule

- Non blade deliveries will begin in late March
- Blade deliveries will commence in July

Blades

- Blades will be transported through the night, arriving at site by 10am.

Tower Sections & Nacelles

- Towers and nacelles will leave Newcastle early morning and arrive at site by 1pm

Other Components

- Other components will depart Newcastle at 9am and travel during daylight hours

The proposed delivery rate is 2 complete turbines per week, total OSOM transport to be approximately 9 months.

It is proposed to provide the schedule 6 weeks ahead.

LH advised stock movements are often on B-doubles and on Monday morning and Wednesday morning.

Reference was made to a previous TMP Planning meeting where sale day and school bus issues were raised. It was resolved that another workshop be arranged for Twelve Mile Road residents as the road doesn't have areas where local traffic can avoid OSOM movements. ACTION: Jane Sullivan and Kath Elliot

General Business (Community Feedback)

JG raised concern that Twelve Mile Road does not have fog lines which is a potential traffic hazard. RI will raise the issue with DRC.

RI indicated that the VPA with DRC needs modifying to better reflect support to local projects. BS undertook to discuss with Council.

LH asked if funds could be allocated to Wuuluman Roads as they are in very poor condition. RI to investigate DRC maintenance schedule.

Meeting Closed 10.55am

Next meeting

Thursday 14 May 2026