



# Spicers Creek Wind Farm

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## At a glance



**395k+**

Expected homes  
powered



**700MW**

Expected capacity



**650k**

Expected tonnes  
of emissions  
avoided

## Project update

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2026.

As we continue work on secondary approvals, contracting and project financing in readiness for wind farm construction, we have several project updates to share with you.

Since our last newsletter:

- the advanced wastewater treatment facility as part of our partnership with Dubbo Regional Council is nearing completion
- detailed design is continuing and we are working with councils in readiness for public road upgrades
- we are planning to move our temporary workers accommodation closer to the wind farm site.

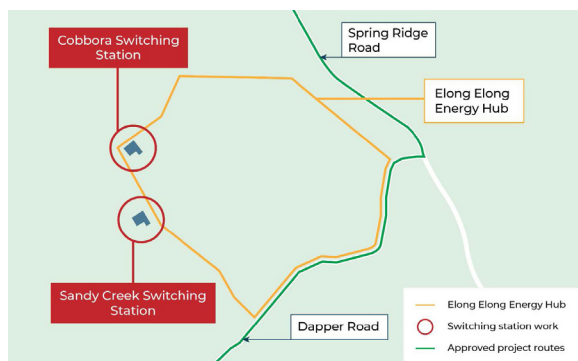


## Renewable Energy Zone update

ACEREZ has started construction work on the Sandy Creek and Cobbora Switching Stations which are adjacent to the Elong Elong Energy hub site.

Also, in a landmark moment for Australia’s first renewable energy zone, ACEREZ has recently completed construction of their first 500kV transmission tower.

For more information on the Central-West Orana Renewable Energy Zone transmission project, visit the [EnergyCo website](#) or the [ACEREZ website](#).



Credit: ACEREZ



Australia’s first REZ transmission tower completed.  
Credit: EnergyCo

## Procurement

### Contracting

We are currently working through the tendering process for multiple packages of work to build Spicers Creek Wind Farm.

Following the Request for Proposal process in 2025 and the Request for Tender process earlier this year, we are preparing to select contractors for the main packages of work later in 2026. The first package to be awarded will be the local road upgrades associated with the project site entrances and public roads within the project site. This will start ahead of the main wind farm construction.

Civil and electrical design work has been progressed by our shortlisted contractors, supported by survey and geotechnical investigations throughout the wind farm site and on the local roads and intersections.

## Dubbo advanced wastewater treatment facility

Construction of the advanced wastewater treatment facility - a Squadron Energy and Dubbo Regional Council public private partnership to assist with water security in the region - is nearing completion and the facility is due to be operational in June 2026.

Once completed, the facility will be capable of treating up to 700 megalitres of water per year, with up to 250 megalitres per annum available during the construction of Spicers Creek Wind Farm.

This is a great example of how renewable energy companies and local councils can work together to deliver long term benefits for the community.

## Temporary Worker Accommodation

Spicers Creek Wind Farm currently has approval for Temporary Worker Accommodation (TWA) in Keswick Estate, 5km from Dubbo CBD.

During the wind farm procurement processes, potential construction partners provided feedback that there are significant productivity opportunities by locating accommodation closer to site, to reduce fatigue, travel time and road safety risks associated with daily travel between Keswick Estate and the wind farm site.

As a result, we have recently re-assessed our accommodation strategy and are planning to lodge a modification to the existing development consent to locate TWA adjacent to the approved Spicers Creek Wind Farm site.

The proposed Temporary Workforce Accommodation would:

- Accommodate up to 600 non local construction workers at the peak of construction
- Be located on privately owned rural land adjacent to the approved wind farm
- Be accessed via a new access track off Sweeneys Lane at Elong Elong, around 680m from the Golden Highway–Sweeneys Lane intersection
- Operate temporarily during the construction phase only and be removed following construction.

As part of this modification application, we are preparing an addendum to the original Social Impact Assessment (SIA). This will be conducted by Umwelt consultants in accordance with the NSW Social Impact Assessment Guideline (DPHI, 2026).

The SIA will document any new or changed social impacts that may occur as a result of the establishment and operation of the TWA, as compared to impacts assessed in the Project's Environmental Impact Statement and previous SIA.

To inform the SIA, Umwelt and Squadron Energy are seeking input from the local community to understand potential concerns and opportunities associated with the TWA. This input will be considered in the SIA as part of the Modification Report, which will be considered by the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) in determining the approval of the TWA for the wind farm.



We encourage those interested to share your feedback via the short [online survey](#).

The Spicers Creek Wind Farm team held a workshop in Elong Elong on Monday 20 April to hear from the community about the impacts and benefits of relocating the temporary worker accommodation nearby. Almost 45 people attended. Our thanks to the community for their welcome, openness and participation. The team is now collating a report of the meeting outcomes and will provide this to the Elong Elong community in the coming weeks.



# Community

## Sponsorships

Spicers Creek Wind Farm is pleased to support:

- Tour de OROC – fund raiser for Macquarie Homestay
- Tunes on the Turf 2026, Dunedoo Sports Club
- Dunedoo Central School - Art for Youth Gulgong Fishing Club
- Central West Working Horse Association Inc - 10th Anniversary event
- Gulargambone Working Dogs training school
- Dunedoo Rugby League and Junior League – uniforms
- St Michael’s Catholic Primary School Dunedoo – athletics equipment

Community sponsorships remain open. For more information and to apply, visit [squadronenergy.com/community/communitysponsorship](https://squadronenergy.com/community/communitysponsorship)



## 2025 end of year get together

Thank you to everyone who came along to our end of year get together at Gollan Hall in December 2025.

Squadron’s General Manager Development, Al Smith, and the Spicers Creek Project Team - Trish, Kristy and Mackenzie - were delighted to attend and once again celebrate the year’s achievements with the local community in appreciation of their ongoing support.



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