

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

Thursday 9.30am, 14 May 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
Brad Bliss	BB	Community Representative
Jane Sullivan	JS	Community Relations Advisor, UWF, SQE
Bart Sykes	BS	Regional Economic Development Manager, SQE
Sanjay Goel	SG	Project Director, SQE (MS Teams)
Dean Woods	DW	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)
David Brown	FM	Project Manager, GE Verona (MS Teams)
Gil Demene	GD	Logistics and Planning ANZ, GE Verona (MS Teams)

Apologies	Initials	Position
Pip Smith	PS	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.

Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

John Goodworth advised that he had signed a Neighbour Agreement with SQE.

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 12 February 2026 had been circulated and have been uploaded to the Squadron Energy project website.

Safety First Issues

Brad Bliss noted that an OSOM delivery after the ANZAC day long weekend did not have sufficient distance between the lead escort vehicle and the load vehicle. GD noted this has been rectified for subsequent deliveries.

Business Arising

NIL

Project Update

SG (Project Director) provided a project update.

- Goolma Road & Twelve Mile Road intersection – Work completed, intersection is now active with final documentation being processed and closed out with TfNSW.
- Transgrid/Downer Switching Station is substantially completed along with final connection made to the existing overhead line (OHL). The Substation is advancing with the detailed civil and foundation works. Internal Transmission line stringing of overhead lines is substantially complete.
- Wind farm construction – works have progressed well during this period with 55 foundations now poured and deliveries from Port of Newcastle have commenced to site from Tuesday 28 April 2026.
- Internal reticulation to Wind Turbine circuits is approximately 27% complete.
- Operation & Maintenance area construction is in advanced stages of completion in readiness for Operation Activities mobilisation, currently scheduled for last quarter 2026.
- Mitchell Highway / Goolma Road intersection works commenced 14 May 2026 and is currently scheduled to take approximately 4-6 weeks.
- Reduced speed limit on Twelve Mile Road from 100 to 80 kph is pending.
- First Oversize overmass (OSOM) delivery to UWF commenced after the ANZAC day long weekend.

Environmental Update

Dean Woods (Senior Environmental Advisor) provided an environmental update.

Rehabilitation

- Rehabilitation works and drainage lining continues along the access roads and the WTG sites.
- Re-use of rock and mulch material is being used for batter protection and drainage

- Weed spraying is ongoing.
- Weather summary shows increased from January to March and then stabilised. April rainfall onsite was negligible.
- 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

Environmental Performance – Incidents

- 2/03/2026 – Unauthorised land disturbance
- 21/03/2026 – Hydraulic oil spill GE pad
- 23/03/2026 – small leak from trailer
- 31/03/2026 – during the EMS audit completed 31 March 26, insufficient evidence was available to confirm that all required notifications had been provide to CASA, Airservices Australia and the RAAF prior to the construction of some meteorological monitoring masts.
- 12/04/2026 -fauna strike
- 13/04/2026 – fuel spill 200 litres
- 16/04/2026 – burst hydraulic hose and associated spill
- 22/04/2026dump truck diesel spill
- 26/04/2026 – water cart hydraulic oil spill

Environmental Approvals

- The Traffic Management Plan (TMP) for Non-blade OSOM movements was approved by DPHI on 1 April 2026. A revised TMP for Blade deliveries was submitted for approval in April 2026 for approval.
- A revised Environmental Management strategy and Emergency Plan was submitted to DPHI for approval in April. The Emergency Plan was approved 4 May 2026.

Independent Environmental Audit – No.3

The 3rd Independent Environmental Audit is scheduled to commence 13 May 2026 and pertains to post-approval requirements and compliance during construction of the Wind Farm.

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.
- Facility now occupied and sourcing products locally where possible.

Voluntary Planning Agreement

- Based on the number of WTGs committed at the end of FY at the rate of \$250,000 pa. RI noted DRC are looking to put the UWF VPA under the renewable energy committee.

JG asked if fog lines could be added to TMR with the road maintenance funding. BS & RI indicated planning was underway for this to occur.

LH noted that road maintenance is still an issue of concern.

RI noted that the idea of VPA funds being invested in a Future Fund has been moved in DRC and is being investigated.

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)
- ~95+ local businesses engaged on the project to date
- Better communication is occurring on local input but more to do.
- Members were shown details of Wellington suppliers, Wellington operational suppliers as well as Dubbo and Orange regional suppliers.

Lumea Update – Transmission Connection Project

Maki Okamura – Project Manager Lumea

- Uungula Switching Station – switching station energised
- Uungula Transmission Line 7L – Transmission Line works completed
- Uungula Substation – bulk earthworks almost complete; transformers bund construction well underway
- Transformers arrived in Australia – delivery to site planned May 2026
- Energisation of UWF Transmission Line & Substation planned in September 2026

Community and Stakeholder Engagement

Jane Sullivan – Community Relations Advisor

Recent communications:

- OSOM deliveries via Consultation Manager
- OSOM schedule of deliveries – looking ahead
- Mitchell Highway and Goolma intersection upgrade (commencing 14 May)
- Out of hours work and blasting notification continues

Community

- STEM challenge in Dubbo in March
- International Women’s Day in March
- Try a Trade in Dunnedoo and Dubbo
- Cultural appreciation workshop with local provider Kerryann Stanley on 30 April
- Wellington & Dubbo shows both in May
- Dubbo Council, Forestry Corporation and Southwest REZ visited site in April and May

Complaints

- Two dust complaints received in April

Upcoming

- May/June Newsletter
- Prepare for first blade delivery
- Sponsorship – new financial year

Over Size Over Mass (OSOM) Movements Update – ARES/GE

Gil Demene & Fraser McIntyre update.

Project Traffic and Transport Liaison Group

- Establishment of a Traffic and Transport Liaison Group (TTLG) as required in the TMP – Authority and Agency representatives: TfNSW, EnergyCo, NSW Police and DRC
- Key drivers: Support ongoing coordination and communication regarding transport activities.
- Scheduled regular meetings on a fortnightly basis during initial period then monthly. (Learnings / Challenges)

Key Delivery Learnings (on-going)

- TfNSW and NSW Police – Delivery observation travelling from the Port to site
- Positive, observations noting effective communication, strong traffic management practices, and good communication between escort vehicles and drivers throughout the journey. This included accommodating local road users, such as allowing a livestock vehicle to pass on Saxa Road safely.

Challenges

- Current road network upgrades to interactions (Port to Site)
- Delivery timing taking into consideration safety, communication and minimising impacts to local road users wherever possible. TMP expects 10 hours, currently taking 12 hours.
- Truck fire on Saxa Road resulted in two OSOM vehicles remaining overnight in Dunedoo. While this was an unplanned event, the decision helped avoid additional vehicle movements in the area during the incident response and demonstrated the project team's commitment to safety and coordination with emergency services and relevant authorities.

Delivery Schedule

- Non blade deliveries began after ANZAC day long weekend
- Blade deliveries to commence in July/August

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

Community Feedback (relating to OSOM movements)

- One enquiry received seeking clarification on whether OSOM deliveries utilise pilot escort vehicles at both the front and rear of convoys.
- Ongoing maintenance and reporting requirements.
 - Community feedback and enquiries received in relation to transport activities
 - Regular update on feedback to the CCC / project website
- Regular look ahead delivery schedule.
 - Provided on project website and is distributed to local councils, TfNSW and TMR stakeholders
 - Community members and interested stakeholders are also able to opt in to receive the link directly

General Business (Community Feedback)

LH raised the question as to whether Bushfire vehicles will be able to use internal roads in cases of fire emergencies and what will be the communications process. A map of the internal road roads would be helpful. SG indicated it was appropriate to review the EMP and it was suggested and agreed that Mark Pickford, the Regional Bushfire Controller present to the next CCC meeting regarding the Emergency Management Plan and communications process. **ACTION**

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 raised concern regarding the lack of housing in Wellington. BS noted that Nacap will finish in Q3 2027 and the GE team will follow so workforce numbers should be similar.

Meeting Closed 11am

Next meeting

Thursday 13 August 2026