

UUNGULA WIND FARM: COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Company Update – August 2026

AGENDA

1. Previous meeting minutes
2. Project update
3. Environmental update
4. Economic development
5. Transmission Connection Project Update
6. Community and stakeholder engagement
7. General business





1. Previous Meeting Minutes

- Minutes distributed

One coordinated operating picture

Align Squadron Energy, GE Vernova and NSW RFS before elevated fire weather affects site operations.

01 PREPARE Before the Bushfire Danger Period

Confirm RFS/LEMC consultation, site familiarisation, emergency contacts, access routes, water points, APZ condition and workforce briefings.

02 MONITOR Every operating day

Communicate the Fire Danger Rating at pre-start, monitor Total Fire Bans and active incidents, and reassess ignition-risk activities.

03 RESPOND Fire on or near site

Raise the alarm, call 000, activate the Chief Warden and ERT, account for personnel and follow RFS direction.

RFS remains the lead emergency service for bushfire response.



**SITE
COMMITMENTS**

Emergency access • water supply • trained
response • clear command

1 Oct–31 Mar

Bushfire Danger Period

50,000 L

Combined water supply

1,000 L

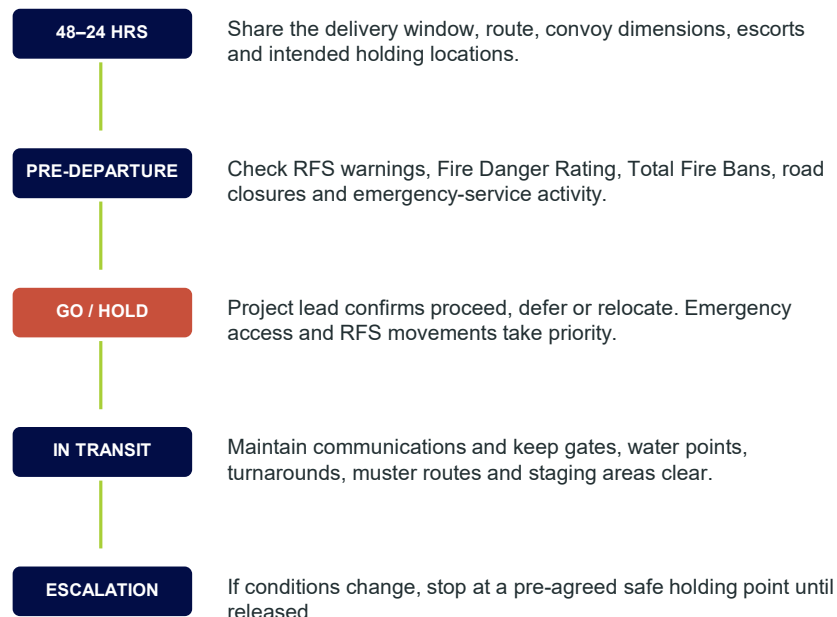
Rapid-response unit

3 monthly

Emergency drills

OSOM deliveries: keep emergency access available

A practical protocol for movements during the Bushfire Danger Period and periods of active fire operations.

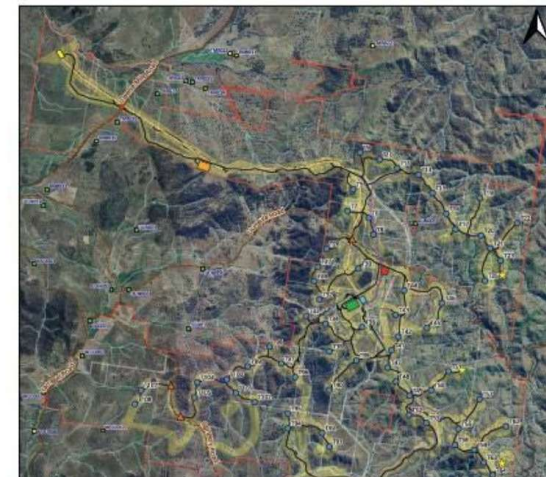


Agreement sought: notification trigger • RFS contact • holding areas • release authority

SITE ACCESS AND EMERGENCY ROUTES

DISCUSSION MAP

Figure 2 Uungula Wind Farm Project Layout



Primary access: Twelve Mile Road | Alternatives: Uungula Road and Ilginery Road

PROJECT / OSOM

Plan, notify, monitor and hold convoy

NSW RFS

Advise on operations and access priority

CHIEF WARDEN

Authorise response and account for personnel

Work collaboratively with RFS to close identified gaps

Convert plan alignment matters into agreed, site-specific controls before bushfire conditions affect operations.



OUTCOME SOUGHT

One agreed protocol for notification, access, OSOM movements and emergency response.

01

Align the plans

Confirm both plans use consistent RFS terminology, current contacts, notification triggers, site access arrangements and project interfaces.

02

Agree notification triggers

Confirm the nominated RFS contact, advance-notification requirements and triggers for ignition-risk work or elevated fire weather.

03

Confirm access and OSOM controls

Agree emergency access priority, safe convoy holding areas, go/hold authority, water points and emergency staging locations.

04

Test the arrangements

Complete joint site familiarisation and a bushfire exercise, then update maps, contact lists, training and both emergency plans.

RFS input requested: contact point • thresholds • access priority • holding areas • exercise participation



2. Project update

Sanjay Goel – Project Director

- The project is currently 67% completed
- All roads and intersection upgrades are complete (TMR/Goolma Road and Mitchell Highway/Goolma Road)
- 62 foundation pours have been completed
- Preinstallation is well underway - each turbine requires 13 lifts to full installation
- Substation energisation forecast end September 2026
- Collector group energisation forecast end October 2026
- Practical completion forecast Q4 2027
- Blade deliveries 1

Oversize overmass (OSOM) deliveries

Blade deliveries commenced on 10 August with 2 blades now delivered to site.

Deliveries will continue **6 days per week, with 26 deliveries per week,**

OSOM vehicles operate under approved traffic management, accompanied by pilot and/or police escorts as determined by NHVR permits.

A successful blade trailer trial run was held on Wednesday 29 July 2026

897 components in total will be delivered to site (69 turbines x 13 pieces)

Positive comment from Muswellbrook Council – first blade movement through Denman went smoothly and they were pleased to note TfNSW were following so they can see for themselves why community are concerned around timing of movement.



Blade movement – Port of Newcastle to UWF



Leaving the Port



Jerry's Plains

3. Environmental Update

Vince Chaplin – Senior Environmental Advisor

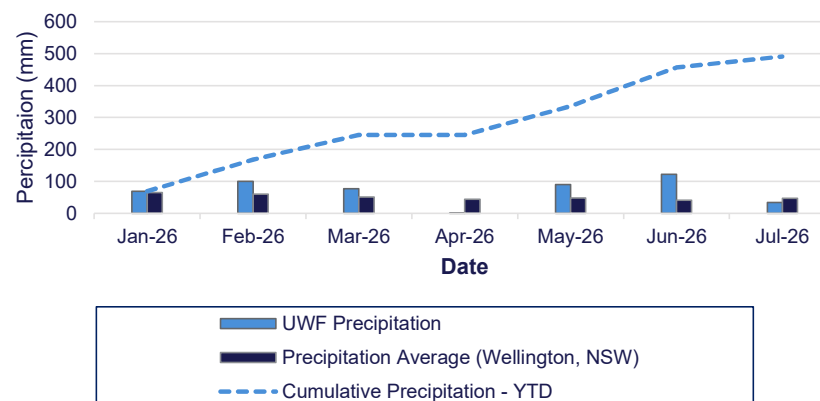


Rehabilitation

- Rehabilitation works continued progressively across completed access tracks, turbine work areas and sections of the underground electrical collector network.
- Disturbed areas, including creek crossings and drainage lines, were stabilised and re-established following construction.
- Rock and mulch materials continued to be reused for erosion protection, drainage management and long-term site stabilisation, supporting rehabilitation outcomes while reducing waste.



Weather Summary (UWF Main Compound)

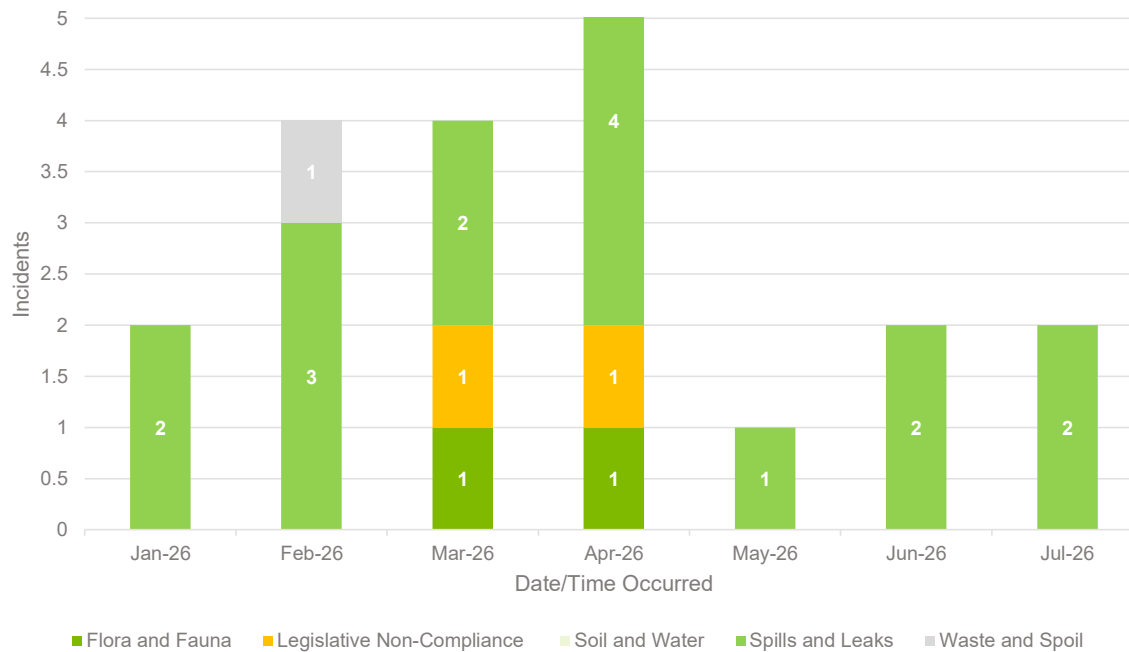


Environmental Update

Vince Chaplin – Senior Environmental Advisor



Environmental performance – Incidents



Date/Time Occurred	Summary
17/05/2026	Hydraulic oil spill (3L) from crane at WTG06.
16/06/2026	Minor diesel spill (<3L) occurred at WGT099 while undertaking mechanical works.
17/06/2026	Minor diesel spill (<5L) occurred at WTG094 when refuelling a Moxy truck.
5/07/2026	Hydraulic oil spill (15L) from excavator whilst rock breaking.
27/07/2026	Hydraulic oil spill (8-9L) from transport dolly at WTG 008.

Environmental Update



Vince Chaplin – Senior Environmental Advisor

Environmental Approvals:

- Revisions of the Traffic Management Plan (TMP) were approved by the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) in July 2026 and August 2026. The revisions allowed for:
 - the continuation of non-blade OSOM movements through the Mitchell Highway Goolma Road intersection prior to Transport for NSW (TfNSW) issuing practical completion;
 - the commencement of blade deliveries following TfNSW issuing practical completion for the Mitchell Highway Goolma Road intersection.
- The revised Environmental Management Strategy was approved by DPHI in July 2026.

Independent Environmental Audit (IEA) – No. 3

The 3rd IEA site inspection occurred on 13 May 2026. The final audit report was received in June 2026 and submitted to DPHI. The audit found:

- 2 non-compliances, both self-reported within the audit period, and
- 1 opportunity for improvement

The recommendation was to conduct maintenance, repair, or replacement of all degraded silt fences and sediment controls identified across the transmission tower alignment and around stockpiles.

Uungula community investment / Regional Economic Development



- **\$43.5 million** in road upgrades, improving safety and access for the local community
- **260 jobs** created, including construction roles and opportunities for regional trades
- Ongoing income for landholders through host and neighbour agreements
- **\$~50 million** invested in local contractors and local spend during construction. More than **90** local businesses engaged on the project
- **\$5.2 million** in legacy projects - Bellhaven upgrade / DRC partnership on advanced wastewater treatment facility, with total **\$15 million** in community benefits over the life of project.
- Skylar and GWO opportunities for ongoing roles across the region. CRWF / UWF / SCWF



5. Lumea – Transmission Connection Project update



Maki Okamura – Project Manager Lumea

Uungula Wind Farm Transmission Connection Project

August 2026



Uungula Switching Station (UGS) – Completed



Switching Station UGS

- Switching Station Demobilisation completed

Uungula Substation (UGW) – Progress Photos



Substation UGW

- Transformer installation nearing completion.
- Fencing works commenced.
- High Voltage Equipment installation in progress.

Uungula Transmission Line 7L – Completed



Transmission Line 7L

- Transmission Line works completed.

Project activity

Please note...this timeline is subject to change

Upcoming works

- **September 2026:** Energisation of UWF Transmission Line 7L and Substation.
- **October 2026:** Practical Completion.
- **October/November 2026:** Transgrid Demobilisation from site.

6. Community and stakeholder engagement



Jane Sullivan - Community Relations Advisor, UWF

Recent communications:

- OSOM deliveries via Consultation Manager – 3-week schedule is on the Squadron Energy website. Blades are now included.
- July newsletter.
- Uungula Connect Program – drop-in at the Wellington Office held on 20 July which was well attended. We are encouraging
- Mitchell Highway/Goolma Road intersection upgrade complete.
- All OOWH and blast notifications continue.

Community/Site Visits:

- Senior Government Secretaries visit to site on 31 July 2026.
- RDA Orana Youth Form in Dubbo on 20 August 2026.
- Minister Sharp visited UWF on 12 August 2026.

Complaints: Nil

Upcoming:

- September newsletter
- First blade delivery morning tea - first week in September (TBC)
- Sponsorship - new financial year budget so will be offering local sponsorship

OSOM MOVEMENTS UPDATE - ARES/GE



Project Traffic and Transport Liaison Group (TTLG)

- Regular meetings with the Traffic and Transport Liaison Group (TTLG) conducted - Authority and Agency Representatives: TfNSW, EnergyCo, NSW Police and DRC
- Key drivers: Support ongoing coordination and communication regarding transport activities.

Key Delivery Learnings (ongoing)

- TfNSW and NSW Police – Delivery observation travelling from the Port to site.
- Port to REZ Intersection upgrades now completed for permitted use.

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. Consideration of nightly movements being discussed with NHVR.
- Rail maintenance corridor shutdowns now stopping OSOM movements through a period of days each month.

Delivery Schedule:

Non blade deliveries began after the ANZAC day long weekend.

Blades

Blade deliveries commenced on 10 August.

Blades will travel through the night, arriving to site by approx 10:00am

Tower Sections & Nacelles

Towers and Nacelles are currently leaving Newcastle in the early morning to arrive at site by 1:00pm.

OSOM MOVEMENTS UPDATE – ARES/GE



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 can opt in to receive the link directly.

7. General Business

