

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

Thursday 9.30am, 13 August 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 <i>online</i>
Sanjay Goel	SG	Project Director, SQE
Vince Chaplin		UWF Senior Environmental Advisor, SQE
Malcolm Moore	MM	UWF Site Representative, SQE
Maki Okamura	MO	Project Manager, Lumea
Ben Culbert	BC	UWF Safety Lead, SQE
Greg Nicholas	GN	Safety Manager, GE Verona
Gil Demene	GD	Logistics and Planning ANZ, GE Verona

Apologies	Initials	Position
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Observer

Mark Pritchard, Regional Bushfire Controller

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 Pip Smith has tendered her resignation from the CCC. Mr West and members noted with appreciation the contribution by Pip over a long period of time.

Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

GW advised he was now the Independent Chair of the CWO REZ CRG.

Previous Minutes

GW confirmed the minutes of the CCC meeting 14 May 2026 had been circulated and have been uploaded to the Squadron Energy project website.

Safety First Issues

JG indicated that the 80 kmph speed limit for contractors was not being observed and contractors were using Wuuluman Road to go home which is not an authorised traffic route. Members felt that this should become a matter for the DRC Traffic Committee. SQE Action.

Business Arising

At the last meeting bushfire preparedness and access to the wind farm internal was briefly discussed and it was agreed to invite Mark Pickford, Regional Bushfire Controller. Following broad ranging discussions, it was agreed to review and update the UWF Bushfire Management Plan and align the plan with the regional plans and then test the arrangements.

Project Update

SG (Project Director) provided a project update.

- The project is currently 67% completed
- All roads and intersection upgrades are complete
- 65 foundation pours have now been completed
- Preinstallation is well underway – each turbine requires 13 lifts to full installation
- Substation energisation is forecast for end September 2026
- Collector group energisation forecast for end October 2026
- Practical completion forecast Q4 2027
- First two blades have been delivered
- 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 the 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

Environmental Update

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

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

Environmental Performance – Incidents

- 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 WTG008

Environmental Approvals

- Revisions of the Traffic Management Plan (TMP) were approved by DPHI in July and August 2026. The revisions allowed for:
 - Continuation of non-blade OSOM movements through the Mitchell Highway / Goolma Road intersection prior to 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 and Emergency Plan was approved by DPHI in July.

Independent Environmental Audit – No.3

The 3rd Independent Environmental Audit 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

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

- \$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
- On-going 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 advances wastewater treatment facility, with total \$15 m in community benefits over the life of the project
- Skylar and GWO opportunities for ongoing roles across the region. CRWF/UWF/SCWF

RI asked what opportunities are there for Wellington from this investment? BS indicated there will be good flow through to Wellington.

Lumea Update – Transmission Connection Project

Maki Okamura – Project Manager Lumea

- Uungula Switching Station – switching station demobilisation completed
- Uungula Substation –Transformer installation nearing completion, fencing work commenced, high voltage equipment installation in progress
- Uungula Transmission line 7L now completed
- Upcoming works:
 - Energisation of UWF Transmission Line & Substation planned in September 2026
 - Practical completion in October 2026
 - Transgrid demobilisation from site October/November 2026

MO advised this will be her last CCC meeting. GW thanked MO for the concise updates.

Community and Stakeholder Engagement

Jane Sullivan – Community Relations Advisor, UWF

Recent communications:

- OSOM deliveries via Consultation Manager – 3-week schedule is on SQE website
- July newsletter
- Uungula Connect Program – drop-in at the Wellington Office on 20 July well attended
- Mitchell Highway and Goolma intersection upgrade complete
- Out of hours work and blasting notification continue

Discussion regarding eligibility, uptake is slow

Community/Site Visits

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

Complaints

- NIL

Upcoming

- September Newsletter
- Blade delivery morning tea being planned 1st week in September (TBC)

- Sponsorship – new financial year

RI advised a group in Wellington have an old fire truck for restoration. Is a grant possible? JS asked for details for consideration.

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

Gil Demene update.

Project Traffic and Transport Liaison Group

- Regular meetings with 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 (on-going)

- 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 ANZAC day long weekend

Blades

- Blade deliveries commenced on 10 August
- Blades will be transported through the night, arriving at site by 10am.

Tower Sections & Nacelles

- Towers and Nacelles are currently leaving 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)

NIL

Meeting Closed 11:10am

Next meeting

Thursday 12 November 2026