

Marulan Gas Fired Power Station

Community Reference Group

Meeting 1 – Update

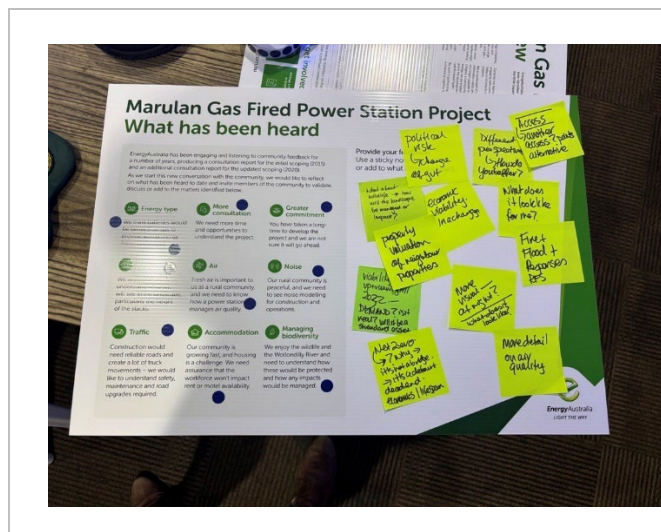
What was discussed?

Project overview

EnergyAustralia provided an update on the project, which will provide backup energy when renewables like wind and solar can't meet demand. It was indicated that the power station won't run 24/7 – it's designed to operate during peak times or when needed to keep the energy system stable.

Why is the project needed?

A community member asked about the need for gas in the energy transition. EnergyAustralia explained that the project is part of providing "firming" energy to support renewables. The Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) forecasts that about 15 gigawatts (GW) of gas-powered generation will be needed nationally to back up renewable energy when there are wind or solar droughts and to manage extreme weather events. This includes replacing old gas plants and building new ones.



Community Concerns

Key concerns raised by CRG members included:

- Air quality
- How the plant would affect the local environment and habitat
- Noise levels, when the plant would operate, and whether it would change over time
- Visual impacts, including the size and appearance of the plant and stack
- Impacts on property values
- Pipeline routes and who controls land access
- How the project fits into the bigger energy system

How can the community stay involved?

EnergyAustralia is committed to regular, open engagement. CRG members asked for more plain-language information and regular updates. There will be:

- Community newsletters
- Meetings with neighbours and landowners
- Local pop-up information sessions
- Regular updates via a website and social media presence to local councils and the broader community

Site Visit: A site visit to the Tallawarra Power Station (a similar gas-fired plant) is planned for 18 July 2025.

CRG members and interested community representatives are welcome to attend and nominate by 10 July 2025

Next Community Reference Group meeting: 24 September 2025.

For more information visit: www.marulangasfiredpower.com.au or email: community@energyaustralia.com.au