

Community Newsletter

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Image: Artist impression of the proposed Marulan Gas Fired Power Station.

Seeing the potential future

As planning for the Marulan Gas-Fired Power Station progresses, one of the most common questions we hear from the community is: *"What will it actually look like?"*

That's where visual renderings play a key role.

We're preparing a digital visualisation of the proposed power station site – a realistic image that helps the community picture the project within the local landscape. While the design will continue to evolve, this early render provides a valuable and accessible overview of the proposed site layout and infrastructure.

For nearby residents, these visuals are particularly important. They help to:

- Understand how the infrastructure will be arranged, including key buildings, stacks, and access roads;
- Model viewpoints from nearby properties or public areas – offering a clearer picture of potential visual impacts;
- And move the discussion from abstract ideas or concerns to tangible, site-specific information.

In an area like Marulan, where land use and landscape values are important to the local community, providing clear and accurate visuals helps support open dialogue and trust. It also lays the groundwork for transparent engagement, particularly around visual impact assessments and planning approvals.

We'll continue refining the render as more detailed design work is completed. But even in its early stages, the visualisation is a powerful tool to support community understanding, feedback, and participation.

What's more powerful than viewing this early render is seeing an operating gas-fired power station up close—if you're interested in the second tour of the Tallawarra Gas-Fired Power Station, let us know.



What we have heard

25 September

Since 2015, we've been actively listening to the views of the Marulan community, neighbours, and stakeholders about the proposed Marulan Gas Fired Power Station. Recently, we shared a summary of what we've heard to date and invited feedback to validate, discuss, or add to the matters identified.

We sincerely thank everyone for their valuable feedback, curiosity, discussions, and questions, which have helped inform this report and continue to help guide our approach as the project progresses.

Existing feedback validated with dots and discussions with new feedback added in italics:

Energy type and demand ●●●●●●●●

We think batteries would be better than gas to provide stored energy from renewables. *We would like to understand the energy demand for gas in the context of 'net zero'.*

More consultation ●

We now have more information, but we need more time and opportunities to understand the project.

Greater commitment ●●●●●

You have taken a long time to develop the project and we are not sure it will go ahead.

Visual ●●●●●●

We would like to understand what we will see in the landscape, particularly the height of the stacks and *what may be seen at night.*

Air ●●●●●

Fresh air is important to us as a rural community, and we need to know how a power station manages air quality. *We would like more details on air quality modelling.*

Noise ●●●

Our rural community is peaceful, and we need to see noise modelling for construction and operations.

Access, road and traffic ●●●●●●●●●●

Construction would need reliable roads and create a lot of truck movements – we would like to understand safety, maintenance and road upgrades required. *We would like to see Canyonleigh Rd being fully upgraded. We need reliable access for emergency services or a fire response on-site.*

Accommodation ●

Our community is growing fast, and housing is a challenge. We need assurance that the workforce won't impact rent or motel availability. *You would need self-contained utilities as our infrastructure is already at capacity.*

Managing biodiversity ●●●

We enjoy the wildlife and the Wollondilly River and need to understand how these would be protected and how any impacts would be managed.

Water **NEW**

Water is a precious resource here – we would like to understand how you will use, reuse and manage water.

Property valuation **NEW**

We can see potential property value impacts for people who live nearby or with viewpoints and this needs to be part of any compensation.

Cumulative impact **NEW**

We have a lot of development projects proposed around the grid connection that all create impacts.

We will continue to listen to community feedback and share technical insights and put forward topics for discussion including visual, noise, air quality, biodiversity, road access, benefit sharing and tailoring neighbour agreements. We will share with you what we have heard.

Get involved – pop up engagement, talk to the Community Reference Group member, arrange a meeting, nominate for a site visit, become a citizen scientists or email or call us.

EnergyAustralia recognises that we operate and plan for the energy transition on the traditional Country of the Gundungurra peoples and we respect and acknowledge their continued connection to Country and culture.

Explore water options with us

Water is a precious resource, and we are committed to using it wisely and respectfully – reusing water wherever we can. We need approximately 140 million litres of water a year to run the facility, and we are looking at different water sources that can help minimise impacts, provide drought proofing and create operational flexibility.

Learn more about the options at the QR Code. We are sharing our water options with the community to help identify a solution. Help us decide the best option – share your views in-person, online or over the phone.



Explored Option 1 Highland Source Project

Viable Option 2 Wastewater pipeline

Viable Option 3 Wastewater trucking

Viable Option 4 Combo – site water plus wastewater trucking

Viable Option 5 Combo – site water, wastewater and water licence

Canyonleigh Road upgrade planning

As part of the Marulan Gas Fired Power Project, we are working collaboratively with other developers and companies in the area to plan and deliver a coordinated upgrade of the local road network.

We believe in doing the work properly from the start to avoid the cumulative impacts of multiple road upgrades over time. By working together, we aim to minimise disruption and deliver lasting benefits for the community.

Survey works on Canyonleigh Road will soon begin to inform a detailed design. As part of our project, this important route would be fully upgraded, sealed, and improved to address flooding and ensure safer, more reliable access.

We are also exploring opportunities to deliver additional community benefits – such as enhanced access for emergency services or support for Fire and Rescue equipment along Canyonleigh Road. We'll continue to keep the community informed as planning progresses.

Assessing accommodation sites

Thank you for the responses to the Expressions of Interest process to find a workers accommodation site we are now working companies and private landowners to assess multiple sites for their suitability.

Identifying a dedicated temporary accommodation village site this early helps with planning and during construction it will avoid placing pressure on local motels or rental markets to protect housing availability and affordability.

Indicative Project Timings

2009/10	Planning and assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EnergyAustralia purchases the site from Delta Energy
2012	Initial scope	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial project scoping and consultation
2015	Initial approval	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial approval by NSW Government
2019/20	Updated scope	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated scoping and consultation
2024	Extended approval with modification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated approval by NSW Government
2025	Renewed scope	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Renewed scoping and consultation
2026	Environmental Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Technical and environmental studies Ongoing consultation with report on consultation activities
2027	Modification Report and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) exhibition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comprehensive public exhibition of environmental and technical studies and reports Formal stakeholder and community consultation period NSW Government approval pending outcomes of the EIS Final Investment Decision by EnergyAustralia*
2028-2032	Construction window*	
2032	Operational*	

*indicative only, subject to a comprehensive approval process



Getting the facts

We have been out and about engaging with the local community, neighbour and landowners, community groups and both the Goulburn Mulwaree Council and the Upper Lachlan Shire Council answering questions about the project.

Question: "How is this project approved?"

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Answer: Unlike new projects that begin from scratch, the Marulan Power Station already has development approval (originally granted in 2015 and updated in 2024). We are seeking to modify this approval to align the project with today's environmental and energy standards and to extend the approval by 5 years.

As Critical State Significant Infrastructure, a modification is also sought to recognise the role the Marulan Gas Fired Power Station can play in meeting NSW's energy needs when renewable power is not available like during wind or solar droughts.

We are now undertaking technical and environmental studies to prepare this Modification Report which gets submitted to the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure in late 2026 for an approval process that includes public exhibition.

Find out more about our technical and environment studies in the Scoping Report at marulangasfiredpower.com.au

Environmental assessments continue

We continue to undertake investigations that help identify and assess the potential impacts and key issues a project may have on the environment, people, and infrastructure. Here's what to expect:

See

At roadsides or in paddocks:

- People in hi-vis
- Marked utes or four-wheel drives
- Torches and spotlights at night
- Temporary monitoring cameras

Hear

- Drone operations on EnergyAustralia land
- Marked utes or four-wheel drives

Do

When people in hi-vis are about:

- Drive slowly
- Limit hunting activity

Contact
1800 574 947
with any concerns

Engage with us

We are out and about and available to answer your questions and receive your feedback.

September/October

Call for feedback on water options

September/October

Ongoing workers accommodation site investigations

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26 November

Pop-up engagement
Meridian Café 1pm - 4pm

26 November

Community Reference
Group Meeting 2 (5pm)

We're on Facebook

Our new Facebook page is now live!


Follow us at 'EnergyAustralia Marulan Energy Hub' to get the most up to date information.



We're here to help

If you have a question, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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