

# Marulan Gas Fired Power Station

## Community Reference Group

24 September 2025 - Meeting 2 – Update

### What is the CRG?

The Community Reference Group (CRG) brings together residents, stakeholders and EnergyAustralia. It provides a forum to share information about the Marulan Gas Fired Power Station project, raise questions and ensure community feedback is considered as planning continues.

### What was discussed?

#### Project update

The project is proposed on EnergyAustralia land along Canyonleigh Road and is declared *Critical State Significant Infrastructure*. A Modification Report, which will include updated environmental and technical studies, is due in late 2026. To prepare the Modification Report a Scoping Report has been completed that sets out the studies now underway, including biodiversity, flooding, traffic, air quality and noise.

#### Key issues raised

- Community members asked when a final investment decision would be made. EnergyAustralia explained that the decision will be taken once the approvals process is complete, with timing expected to align with the submission of the Modification Report in 2026.
- Questions were also raised about how large equipment, such as the stacks, would be transported to the site if the project is approved. The project team advised that haulage routes and logistics would be closely studied with movements planned for nighttime to minimise disruption. The community will be given clear advance notice before any oversized loads are moved.
- There was discussion about the technical studies in progress.
- A year-long biodiversity survey is being undertaken to capture seasonal variation and ensure threatened species are identified and assessed. Members also asked about other nearby developments, such as the battery and solar farm project.
- EnergyAustralia noted that Goulburn Mulwaree Council has established a group to examine the cumulative impacts of projects in the region, which will be chaired by Council.

#### Workers' accommodation

- At peak construction, the project will need around 350 workers. EnergyAustralia explained that accommodation options are being looked at both within Marulan and closer to the project site.
- Locating workers in Marulan could benefit local shops and services, but it may also put pressure on local infrastructure. Housing workers near the project site would reduce traffic and safety impacts on town roads but provide less direct benefit to local businesses.
- EnergyAustralia also suggested that temporary workforce accommodation could potentially be repurposed after construction is complete. This could create a longer-term legacy benefit for the community, for example by converting the facilities into general housing or aged care accommodation. The sites near the project are also being explored, both as a possible location for worker accommodation and as a laydown area during construction.

#### Water use

- The project is expected to require around 140 million litres of water each year.
- EnergyAustralia outlined four options currently under consideration.

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- One option is to construct a pipeline to bring recycled water from the new Marulan Wastewater Treatment Plant, which would provide a reliable and drought-proof supply but require upfront infrastructure investment. Another option is to truck recycled water from the Mittagong or Marulan plants, which is reliable but would increase heavy vehicle traffic on local roads.
- A third option involves using rainfall and groundwater from the site, supplemented with recycled water delivered by truck. This would reduce trucking compared with a full trucking option, but it is less drought-resilient. The fourth option combines site water, wastewater and a small allocation from the Wollondilly River, which would provide flexibility and minimise truck impacts, though it would involve drawing on a natural water source.
- EnergyAustralia emphasised that all options are being assessed for environmental impact, reliability and community considerations, with a strong preference for recycling wherever possible. This meeting is considered the first part of consultation with the community on these options.

### How can the community stay involved?

EnergyAustralia will continue engaging with the community through pop-ups, newsletters, social media, local noticeboards and the project website.

CRG members noted the use of Facebook as a key communications tool for the Marulan community and encourage EnergyAustralia to be more active on this social media platform

**Next Community Reference Group meeting:** 26 November 2025.

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