

# Marulan Gas Fired Power Station

## Community Reference Group

26 November 2025 - Meeting 3 – 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?

#### What we are hearing — community insights

CRG members provided feedback on themes raised locally, noting:

- Broad support where information is clear and accessible
- Ongoing interest in stack number and height, aviation lighting, and noise and air quality
- Preference for information via Facebook and local groups
- Strong request for simple visual explanations and definition of terms to support community understanding.

Members highlighted opportunities to increase awareness of the updated project communications channels.

#### Project visualisations

Visual modelling presented to the group showed that very few properties are expected to have direct views of the facility, largely limited to upper portions of the stacks. Design considerations such as toned finishes, landscaping and managed lighting will help further reduce visual impact. Project visualisations for near neighbours continue to be worked on.

Network integration and substation coordination were also discussed, including reserved bays within the existing switchyard and future-proofing for renewable integration.

#### Water management

Two viable water supply options were outlined:

1. Wastewater reuse pipeline — drought-resilient and supports town growth<sup>2</sup> (previously discussed as viable option 1)
2. Combination approach — rainwater harvesting + small river allocation + minimal trucking (previously discussed as viable option 4).

Evaporation ponds will be used onsite to safely manage salts from internal recycling processes.

While broader community interest has been limited to date, members observed that benefits associated with wastewater reuse may be well-received locally.

#### Ecological studies

Members received an update on biodiversity investigations, including recorded sightings of Glossy Black-Cockatoo and Gang-gang Cockatoo. Design refinements continue to apply to avoid and minimise impacts. Additional studies are underway across water, air, noise, bushfire, heritage and hazard assessments to support planning approvals.

#### Canyonleigh Road

Road access was acknowledged as a high-priority issue for the local community. The CRG strongly supported a coordinated regional upgrade approach to minimise disruption and ensure safety, noting that:

- Multiple major projects will rely on the road

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- A Goulburn Mulwaree Council-led coordination group has formed
- Further traffic data is required
- Localised flooding concerns will be reviewed onsite with CRG input.

### CRG membership and 2026 forward program

Members in attendance confirmed their willingness to continue in 2026. The proposed schedule includes:

- February 2026 — CRG Meeting 4
- April 2026 — CRG Meeting 5
- Mid-2026 — Benefit-sharing workshops
- August 2026 — CRG Meeting 6

The group emphasised the importance of Goulburn Mulwaree Council participation, with follow-up action agreed.

**Next Community Reference Group meeting:** 26 February 2026.

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