



Community Newsletter

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Designing with nature in mind

The people who call this region home have always known the value of the landscapes that surround us — for their natural beauty, rich biodiversity and the role they play in the region's identity. We understand these are living ecosystems, not blank canvases for development. Ecology has guided our planning from the very beginning.

Ecological studies help identify what's important in the environment so the project can be designed to avoid, reduce, or manage any impacts. Over the past 12 months — across all seasons — qualified ecologists have undertaken detailed flora and fauna surveys. Their findings are already helping to shape the projects design.

What we found:

- Native vegetation that contributes to local landscape character
- Habitat supporting the endangered Gang-Gang Cockatoo
- Remnant White Box–Yellow Box–Blakely's Red Gum Grassy Woodland ecological community
- A newly identified orchid species requiring careful management

What we have changed:

- Refining layouts to avoid sensitive vegetation
- Reducing the project footprint where possible
- Establishing protection zones around key habitat areas
- Investigating options to protect and potentially propagate the orchid species

The community deserves confidence that this project meets the highest environmental standards. That's why we are seeking independent review and expert advice on how to effectively help to avoid, minimise and manage ecological impacts — *and why we are referring relevant matters under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act).*

Local knowledge and scientific expertise go hand in hand. We are working directly with the Australian National Botanic Gardens and local Landcare Australia networks to explore practical options such as seed banking, propagation and strengthening long-term land management for the benefit of the broader region.

Local gardeners, horticulturalists and community members with knowledge of native species are an invaluable part of this conversation — and we want to hear from you as caring for biodiversity is strongest when it draws on local expertise alongside national advice.

Working respectfully with Traditional Owners

The land within the project area holds deep cultural meaning and enduring connections to Country. Recognising and respecting that connection is an essential part of responsible planning.

We are delighted to be undertaking this study and field work with 15 Registered Aboriginal Parties and Traditional Owners, which will help to:

- Identify cultural values across the project area
- Inform avoidance and mitigation measures in project design
- Ensure assessment is culturally respectful and compliant

This work is about listening and learning. On other projects, similar studies have uncovered artefacts and culturally significant places that reflect connection to Country spanning thousands of years. These findings remind us that the landscape carries stories far older than any new development.

We will continue to keep the community informed and will always seek appropriate consent before sharing any information about cultural findings.

Marulan Business Impact Survey

Marulan’s businesses are a backbone of community. We know that major projects can bring new demand for goods and services – from groceries and meals to trades and accommodation – but can also place pressure on staffing, supply chains and overall local capacity. We want to understand both sides of that equation.

That’s why we’re asking local business owners to share their perspectives through a short survey. We may also reach out directly to make sure we hear from a broad cross-section of the business community.

If you’d like to have your say, please get in touch with our team – your input is genuinely valued.

Indicative Project Timings

2009/10	Planning and assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy Australia purchases the site from Delta Energy
2012	Initial scope	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial project scope and consultation
2015	Initial approval	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial approval by NSW Government
2019/20	Update scope	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update scoping and consultation
2024	Extended approval with modification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update 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
2026-2027	Modification Report and Report submission	<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 Modification Report and public exhibition • Final investment decision by Energy Australia
2028-2032	Construction window*	
2032	Operational*	

* Indicative only, subject to a comprehensive approval process

EnergyAustralia recognises that the proposed site for the Marulan Gas Fired Power Station is on the traditional Country of the Gundungurra peoples and respects and acknowledges their continued connection to Country and culture.



See You at the Goulburn Show 7–8 March

Drop by our stand in the undercover area near the Peden Pavillion to:

- Meet the project team
- Learn more about the project
- Share your feedback
- Register to take part in our local business survey or an upcoming Tallawarra Gas Fired Power Plant tour

If you can't attend or would prefer a one-on-one conversation we're also meeting directly with neighbours, landholders and local businesses. To arrange a discussion, please contact the project team.

Community Reference Group welcomes Councillors

We recently welcomed Cr Bob Kirk and Cr Christopher O'Mahony from Goulburn Mulwaree Council to the Community Reference Group (CRG).

The CRG continues to provide an important forum for:

- Sharing project updates
- Testing ideas and approaches
- Raising community concerns
- Strengthening transparency
- Meeting summaries are published on our website.

Site office

We are building a small, contained temporary site office on our land off Canyonleigh Road.

The site office will:

- Support local project activities
- Be modest in scale
- Operate within standard planning controls

Canyonleigh Road Developer Reference Group Established

With several projects progressing in the Canyonleigh Road area, a Developer Reference Group has been established to improve coordination and reduce consultation impacts for nearby landowners.

The group brings project teams together to align engagement timing where possible, share information and avoid unnecessary duplication in communication.

It also provides a forum to discuss shared infrastructure matters — including potential upgrades to Canyonleigh Road — so impacts and solutions can be considered more holistically.

While the projects remain separate, this coordinated approach aims to minimise disruption and support more efficient planning for the community.



Engage with us

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

February 2026

Pop up engagement at the Meridian Cafe Community Reference Group Meeting #4

March 2026

- Goulburn Show
- Business Impact Survey

April 2026

Pop up engagement at the Meridian Cafe Community Reference Group Meeting #5

May 2026

- Multiple pop-up engagements

June 2026

Tours – Tallawarra Gas Fired Power Station

August 2026

Community Reference Group Meeting #6

September 2026

Modification Report submitted

Getting the facts

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

Why is the project submitting a Modification Report? 1

The energy system has evolved since the original approval in 2009. The Modification Report will:

- Reflect changes in the National Electricity Market
- Update technical and environmental studies
- Consider capacity refinements
- Ensure the project aligns with current policy and regulatory settings

The Modification Report will be publicly exhibited before any decision is made.

How Will Community Feedback Influence the Project? 2


Community feedback plays a direct and documented role in helping shape the project. It helps:


- Inform environmental mitigation measures
- Influence design refinements
- And is captured in the Consultation Report submitted with the Modification Report


The Consultation Report provides a clear line of sight between what we have heard from the community and stakeholders, and how that feedback has been considered and addressed in the project.

We are here to help

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

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