Energy Australia

What We Heard

Marulan Gas Fired Power Station Modification Report Public Exhibition

November 2026

EnergyAustralia is progressing the development of a gas fired power station at Brayton, about 12km northeast of Marulan. The project was approved in 2009. A Modification Report has been prepared to seek approval for changes to the project, and to assess the potential effects of those changes.

This report looks at the key engagement outcomes during the EIS Modification Report public exhibition community and stakeholder engagement program which took place in October and November 2026.

1. What we did

The Modification Report engagement program was designed to inform and engage near neighbours, the broader community and businesses. The focus was on raising awareness of the Modification Report and support public participation in the submission process during the public exhibition period. The engagement program was undertaken in line with the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure's (DPHI) ***Undertaking Engagement Guidelines for State Significant Projects*** document.

The public exhibition ran from Thursday, 15 October to Thursday, 12 November 2026. Over this four-week period, a range of engagement activities were delivered, including pop-up stalls, stakeholder briefings, social media outreach, phone calls and email exchanges. These activities provided opportunities for people to speak directly with the project team, ask questions and access the Modification Report materials. Activities were supported by anytime feedback channels and promoted through social media and print advertising.

2. Engagement Snapshot

12 Conversations	4 drop-in sessions	16 drop-in attendees
89 subscribers informed via direct mail out	50 letters sent to inform neighbours	619 newsletters to people 10km around the Project
1 Social media post	11 Community Reference Group members informed	1 Newspaper advertisement
3 mentions in media outlets	1 Stakeholder meeting	2 Email enquiries

3. Why we did it

The purpose of the engagement during the Modification Report public exhibition was to:

- ensure community and stakeholders could get accurate information about the Project
- provide opportunities for people to ask questions and better understand the Modification Report
- provide guidance for people on how and where to make a submission on the Modification Report.



Figure 1 Engagement at Canyonleigh Community Hall

All submissions received are considered by the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure as part of the assessment process and are used to inform the final determination, including any approval conditions if the Project modification is approved.

4. How and who we spoke to

A range of opportunities were provided for community members, businesses, interest groups and government stakeholders to learn about the Project and share feedback. Engagement was delivered through both in-person and digital channels to maximise accessibility. Interactions focused on interpreting the Modification Report content, dissecting key technical topics, describing the exhibition process and empowering people to make an informed submission.

Table 1 Engagement activities for the public exhibition period

Date and venue	Activity description	Key metrics
Thursday 22 October 2026 Meridian Café, Marulan	Three-hour drop-in session hosted at popular local café	4 Attendees
Tuesday 27 October 2026 Canyonleigh Community Hall, Canyonleigh	Three-hour drop-in session hosted at a public venue close to sensitive receivers	1 Attendee
Saturday 31 October 2026 Big Hill Rural Fire Brigade, Headquarters, Brayton	Three-hour drop-in session hosted at well known venue close to sensitive receivers	7 Attendees
Wednesday 4 November 2026 Meridian Café, Marulan	Three-hour drop-in session hosted at popular local café	4 Attendees
Thursday 5 November 2026 Online	Online meeting with Spark Renewables, proponent of the proposed Wattle Creek Solar Farm project close to the Marulan Gas Fired Power Station	5 Attendees
Thursday 5 November 2026 Online	Online webinar advertised for general community	0 Attendees

5. What We heard

We've grouped the feedback from the drop-in sessions into the key themes below.

Table 2 Key community feedback themes raised during the public exhibition period

Theme	What we heard	Times raised
Traffic and road use	Concern about traffic impacts, including traffic on Brayton Road and trucks using local roads to avoid the highway inspection station.	4
Location and proximity	Interest in where the Project is located in relation to homes, and concern about its distance to Tarlo bush reserve.	4
Support for the Project	Support for the Project, including comments on the need for more coal and gas. One supporter asked whether a plumbed gas supply would be available to their home.	3
Cumulative impacts	Concern about the combined impacts of multiple projects in the area, including Gunlake Quarry.	2
Noise and lighting	Interest in noise impacts, and concern about street lighting at a nearby intersection and lighting and noise near homes.	2
Emissions	Interest in emissions from the plant and whether ethane is part of the gas mix. One resident noted they're already affected by debris and material from the Hume Highway.	2
Worker's accommodation	Concern that the worker's accommodation won't support the local economy, that the benefits of a nearby workforce haven't been communicated, and about its proximity to homes.	2
Communication and engagement	Interest in what other community members think and concern about a lack of communication by the Project.	2
Water	Questions about water use and why creek levels are monitored away from the site.	1

6. Next steps

DPHI will consider the submissions received and we'll respond to the issues raised. The Minister for Planning is the approval authority for the proposed modifications. If the modification is approved, engagement continues in the lead up to and throughout construction and operation. That includes:

- mail outs to near neighbours
- information sessions and pop-up engagements
- regular Community Reference Group meetings
- project newsletters, website updates, fact sheets and FAQs
- briefings for councils and key stakeholders
- a complaints management system and a dedicated phone number for construction enquiries and complaints.



Figure 2 Engagement at Meridian Café.