Community Newsletter

December 2024







Project update

As we approach the end of 2024, the Boorolong Wind Farm team – Kate, Kristy, Hayden and Mackenzie - would like to extend our thanks for your continued interest and involvement in the project. We wish you a safe and happy holiday season, and we look forward to continuing our collaboration in the year ahead.

Since our last edition:

- We have met with many of our stakeholders to gather and provide information, understand concerns and receive feedback on the project. This is an ongoing activity we always welcome your feedback.
- We are reviewing and adjusting the wind turbine layout to ensure it aligns with the NSW Government's new Renewable Energy Planning Framework (see below for more information).
- We are investigating access route options for over-size and over mass (OSOM) vehicles which will bring the wind farm components to site during construction.

Key areas of interest

Through our recent conversations in the Boorolong area, several key matters relating to hosting a wind farm in your community have been raised. These include health, biodiversity, wildlife, waste, resources, efficiency, noise and agricultural land use.

We will be working hard in 2025 to provide the community with as much information as we can to help address or clarify these issues, as well as provide more details around the Boorolong Wind Farm project.

Members of our project team are regularly in the New England region and are happy to meet with the community regarding the project. If you would like to meet with us, please reach out by emailing boorolongwind@squadronenergy.com or calling 0483 923 676.

Renewable Energy Planning Framework

In November, the NSW government released its <u>Renewable Energy Planning Framework</u> which sets out revised guidelines to support the development and assessment of large-scale renewable energy projects.

The Wind Energy Guideline includes technical supplements for the evaluation of visual and noise impacts. The guideline also provides updated information on the way developers should share the benefits of projects with surrounding communities.



Updated project layout

The project team are completing a full review of the wind turbine layout. We are making changes to ensure it aligns with the Renewable Energy Planning Framework. The review considers noise and visual impacts to residences as well as biodiversity, constructability, accessibility, wind resource, and other constraints.

The review of the layout is an iterative process, and further community consultation will start in early 2025.



Community sponsorship

Our sponsorship program is open and we encourage local groups to apply. The program allows us to actively engage with the community and provide financial support, partnering with local groups and organisations to deliver events, programs and infrastructure.

In 2024, Boorolong Wind Farm has proudly supported:

- Cultural Camps Aboriginal Corporation, Anaiwan Cultural Camp
- The Armidale School Annual Fundraising Dinner
- **UNE Farming Futures Careers Fair**
- Pacific Nomads Rugby U18 Boys Team
- Guyra Anglers Club, Gone Fishing Day at Malpas Dam

If you are interested in applying for sponsorship, please visit www.squadronenergy.com/communitysponsorship



Company update

It has been a busy year for Squadron Energy. We are 100% Australian owned with 1.1 gigawatts (GW) of renewable energy in operation and 900MW under construction.

Find out more about our progress this year in our Year in review and our FY2024 Sustainability Report.

Our impact to date

7m tonnes of emissions avoided

2,100 direct jobs created

\$350m regional investment

Current status

Operational:

1.1GW

In construction:

900MW

wind farms

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