## **Community Newsletter**

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#### **Project update**

Ballyrogan Wind Farm is a proposed renewable energy project located on Eastern Maar Country, approximately 10 kilometres south of Ararat.

We announced Ballyrogan Wind Farm project in late June 2025. As part of our planning process we have worked closely with host landowners and the local community to refine the project design and turbine layout, incorporating the valuable feedback we've received. Project design takes place over a number of years and is ongoing.

In line with this feedback, the project now includes 120 wind turbines—down from the original proposal of 164—which would be capable of delivering up to 1 gigawatt (GW) of clean energy. This may change depending on feedback and technical and environmental assessments.

A 250-megawatt (MW) battery energy storage system is also planned to help improve energy reliability.

Electricity generated by the wind farm would be transmitted via a new 45-kilometre overhead transmission line, connecting to the grid near Elmhurst.

As part of the ongoing refining of the project, buffer distances between turbines and residences have been increased. The updated layout will ensure that all nearby dwellings are located **at least 1.5 kilometres** from the nearest turbine, with most homes positioned **2 kilometres or more away**.

We are also carrying out detailed technical assessments to help minimise potential visual, noise, and light impacts from the project. Turbine placement and design are being carefully considered in relation to nearby homes, and mitigation measures will be included where needed.

Our team is regularly on the ground, speaking with residents and listening to your views. If you have any questions or would like to get in touch, please don't hesitate to contact Squadron's Ballyrogan project team.

## Further community engagement

Our community team will be out and about in the region over the coming weeks, hosting additional engagement activities to hear directly from local residents. We're keen to listen, learn, and continue shaping the Ballyrogan Wind Farm project in partnership with the community.



### **Community sponsorship**

The Ballyrogan Wind Farm community sponsorship program is open and provides funds or in-kind support to community organisations and events in the local area. This sponsorship program runs throughout the lifecycle of the project to the end of operations.

We are proud to support the Ararat Show Society, if you are a part of a local



organisation or event which needs funding, apply now by scanning the QR code or visit

www.squadronenergy. com/community/ communitysponsorship.

#### **Next steps**

Once the updated project design and technical assessments are finalised, we will submit referrals to both the State and Federal Governments to determine the appropriate approval pathways. We anticipate lodging these referrals in late 2025.

When this happens, we'll notify the community and invite further feedback as part of the formal assessment process. The process from now until operations involves the following steps:



EES - Environmental effects statement

EPBC - Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation

ER - Environmental report

PPA - Planning permit application

CHMP - Cultural heritage management plan

WRL - Western Renewables Link

# Livestock grazing and renewable energy infrastructure: what you need to know

The Clean Energy Council (CEC) has released a <u>fact sheet</u> and <u>Energy Fact Check</u> to clarify concerns about livestock grazing near solar panels and wind turbines and raised the issue with Integrity Systems and Meat & Livestock Australia (MLA).

The <u>Livestock Production Assurance</u> program (LPA) has now been updated to reflect that grazing near renewable infrastructure is safe.



#### **About Squadron Energy**

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We are 100% Australian owned and committed to leaving a lasting legacy for the communities where we operate. We have 2 gigawatts (GW) of renewable energy in operation and under construction.

With proven experience and expertise across the project lifecycle, we work with local communities and our customers to lead the transition to Australia's clean energy future.



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