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Ballyrogan Wind Farm – Community Drop-In Sessions Summary

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1 Community Drop-In Sessions

1.1 Summary of Drop-In Sessions

In June 2025, Squadron Energy hosted two community drop-in sessions for the Ballyrogan Wind Farm.

The first session took place at Alexandra Oval in Ararat from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm as a drop-in event. This allowed community members to engage informally with the project team and ask questions at their own pace. Poster boards, maps of the project area, community surveys and fact sheets were provided to support discussions. Approximately 60 – 80 people attended the session.

Following feedback from this session, the format was adapted for the second event, held at Tatyoon Hall from 3.00 pm to 8.00 pm. Instead of a drop-in style, the session was run as a structured presentation by Squadron Energy based on issues heard at the first session, with opportunity for questions and answers. The same material was available as in the first session and was attended by approximately 100 people.

Details of the sessions are provided in Table 1.

Table 1: Summary of Open Days

	Ararat	Tatyoon
Location	Alexandra Oval, Ararat	Tatyoon Hall, Tatyoon
Date	Thursday, 26 June 2025	Monday, 30 June 2025
Time	10.00 am to 4.00 pm	3.00 pm to 8.00 pm

1.2 Key Themes at Drop-In Sessions

Throughout the two drop-in sessions, members of the community raised various questions about the project and covered various key themes. These themes are captured below.

Table 2: Summary of key themes discussed at the two drop-in sessions

Key Themes	Topics Raised
Stakeholder Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timing of engagement • Communication methods • Neighbour engagement undertaken to date • Complaint procedure and how to provide feedback on stakeholder engagement process • Future open day sessions
Project Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choice of location • Size of project • Turbine size • Turbine model
Fire Risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impacts on aerial firefighting around wind turbines and transmission lines • Fire risk of the proposed battery • Fire risk on total fire ban days
Noise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lived experience with other wind farms • Model of the turbine and effects on noise • Noise modelling process and noise criteria in Victoria • Report results and availability
Land Agreements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caveats • Exit clauses for host landowners • Confidentiality clauses

Key Themes	Topics Raised
Aviation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aviation lighting on turbines and CASA requirements Effect of the wind farm on aerial spraying
Ecology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Impacts on the local environment Transferring local biodiversity knowledge to consultants Survey results and availability
Visual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visual impacts on neighbouring dwellings Visual impact thresholds in Victoria and wind farm design process Visual impact mitigations
Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Impact of the wind farm on the mental health of the community Effects of BPAs on health from blade erosion
Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The breakdown of community cohesion The decline of families in the area and the effect on voluntary services and sporting clubs
EES Referral and the Planning Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Timing of submission Length of the referral Next steps of the planning process
Decommissioning and Recycling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decommissioning responsibilities Squadron Energy decommissioning plan Blade recycling
Transmission Line	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undergrounding Route of the transmission line Farming with the transmission line Distance to Warrak from the transmission line
Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Land and home devaluation The effect of the project on insurance Victorian Planning Provisions amendment VC212 and the ability to build dwellings

2 Community feedback and next steps for Ballyrogan Wind Farm

Squadron Energy is currently compiling and reviewing all feedback received through recent drop-in sessions, as well as any additional submissions. This feedback will inform the business' position and guide the planning of future engagement activities.

Once planning is complete, we will contact the community with details about the next phase of engagement.

Feedback will also be incorporated into the project's Social Impact Assessment, which will support upcoming referrals under the *Environmental Effects Act 1978* and the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act*. These referrals are expected to be submitted in the coming months.

Importantly, community input will help identify potential opportunities and mitigation measures, which Squadron Energy will seek to implement wherever possible. It is also expected to inform the development of community benefit-sharing initiatives and local partnerships as the project progresses.

Ongoing engagement with the community will remain a priority throughout the planning process, with regular updates and further opportunities for input as the project evolves.

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