Project update

October 2025





At a glance



262k Expected homes

Expected homes powered



480MW

Expected capacity



262k

Expected tonnes of emissions avoided

Project update

Technical assessments are continuing on the project to refine layout and design. The number of turbines has been reduced to 80 since the Scoping Report was submitted in February 2025. Turbines have been removed to avoid impacts to biodiversity, as well as consideration of potential construction constraints and in response to community feedback. The <u>website</u> has been updated to show the revised layout.



Biodiversity assessments

Vegetation surveys began in 2024 to assess the extent, type and condition of native vegetation across the project's development footprint. The surveys are being carried out within an ecological survey corridor. Animals are also assessed across the site and a total of 89 bird species, and 13 microbat species were recorded during the first year of bird and bat surveys.

Large patches of remnant woodland create important habitat connectivity for animals. The positions of turbines in the landscape are being assessed to minimise vegetation disturbance and reduce collision risk for birds and bats.

Eight turbines were recently removed from the design after vegetation surveys confirmed remnant patches of critically endangered ecological community and associated increased wildlife activity.

Spring is a busy period for ecologists who are frequently on site. Playback recordings are being used to identify presence of owl species. Ground searches, spotlighting and thermal imaging are being used to detect large, tree dwelling mammals. Surveys for other species such as orchids and frogs are conducted under specific weather conditions to increase the likelihood of detection.

Next steps

Technical assessments to inform the Environmental Impact Statement are continuing. Consultants have been onsite in August and September to conduct flood modelling, hydrology and land surveys. The socio-economic impact assessment is underway and Aboriginal cultural heritage surveys will begin shortly with Registered Aboriginal Parties.

The project team are regularly in the area, please contact us if you have any questions about the project or to arrange a meeting.

Community sponsorship

Squadron Energy is proud to have supported the **Golf NSW 2025 World Sand Greens Golf Championship (Men)** held in Binalong in September.

Our sponsorship program is ongoing and we encourage local groups to apply. If you are interested in applying, the application form and sponsorship guidelines can be found on the <u>community sponsorship</u> page.



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