

Marmadua Energy Park Newsletter

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At a glance:

Project status

The Project has been formally called in for assessment by the Deputy Premier and Planning Minister. Cubico welcomes the opportunity to engage closely with the Deputy Premier to demonstrate how the Project is designed to deliver sustainable energy for Queensland while minimising impacts and supporting tangible co-benefits for the local community and region.

The Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water has issued final guidelines for the preparation of a Public Environment Report (PER). The Project team is now progressing the PER to provide transparent and robust verification of how environmental impacts will be managed.

Ongoing support is being provided for local initiatives, alongside planning for upcoming community events to continue meaningful engagement.



Location

North of Kumbarella State Forest, about 22km from Tara and 37km from Dalby, in the Western Downs Regional Council Local Government Area.



Turbines

Up to 110 (subject to approvals) with turbine tip height up to 260 metres



Grid connection

Via the existing Braemar to Bulli Creek 330 kV transmission lines – No new overhead transmission lines required.



Generation

700 MW that could power up to 480,000 homes per year



Community grants

Immediate access to pre-development fund for local businesses, organisations and community members – Community Benefit Fund in place for the life of the Project.



Job creation

Up to 480 during construction, 15 permanent roles once the Project is operational



Project lifespan

Up to 35 years

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Scan the QR code to visit the Project website

If you have any questions or feedback about the Project, or would like to join our mailing list, please reach out to us via:

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Welcome to the second edition of the Marmadua Energy Park Newsletter

We're pleased to be back with further news on how our proposed project is progressing

Since our last edition, the several important updates have occurred, including:

- The Project has entered the 'Ministerial Call-in' process under the Queensland Planning Act. This means the assessment of the Project will now be undertaken by the Deputy Premier. See further information below.
- The project continues to progress through the EPBC process, having received its Public Environmental Report Guidelines from DCCEWW. More details follow.
- The Project team will continue to keep you informed as these processes move forward and will share more detailed information as it becomes available.

Supporting life-saving skills in our region

Cubico Sponsors LifeFlight's First Minutes Matter Program

We're proud to share that Cubico Sustainable Investments is sponsoring LifeFlight's incredible First Minutes Matter program – a free trauma training initiative designed to empower everyday Australians with the skills needed to respond confidently in an emergency.

Whether it's a snake bite, choking incident, or cardiac arrest, the first few minutes after a trauma can make all the difference. This program, developed by LifeFlight's expert aeromedical team, gives participants practical tools to manage critical medical situations until professional help arrives – especially important in regional and remote areas.

By supporting First Minutes Matter, Cubico is helping ensure our local communities are safer, stronger, and more resilient. We believe everyone should feel empowered to step in and help when it counts most.

To get involved and learn more, visit lifeflight.org.au/first-minutes-matter to explore the online course and workshop opportunities near you. Together, we can help save lives – one trained community member at a time.

We remain committed to building a community benefits program that reflects local priorities.

We'll be at the Dalby Country Markets on Sunday 13 July, and the Dalby Delicious and Delightful Festival on 22 and 23 August. We hope to see many of you there. As always, we welcome your feedback and questions – they help us build a stronger project for everyone involved.

If you have any questions or you'd like to meet with the Project team on **1800 282 246** or email marmadua@cubicoinvest.com.

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Project Update

The Marmadua Energy Park continues to progress through key environmental and planning approvals, including detailed assessments of ecology, water, and social factors such as workforce accommodation.

These assessments help ensure the Project is developed responsibly, with a focus on minimising environmental impacts and addressing community needs. As we move forward, we remain committed to balancing the Project's benefits with the priorities of the local community.

Development Application and Proposed Ministerial Call-In Response (State Permitting Process)

The Project submitted its Development Application (DA) in December 2024, which was prepared in line with the State Code 23 guidelines for wind farm developments. The application includes detailed assessments of environmental, technical and social factors. These assessments cover key aspects such as ecology, noise, traffic and visual impacts to ensure the Project aligns with state planning and development requirements.

Recently, the Project's DA has been 'called-in' by the Deputy Premier.

What does this the call-in decision mean for the Project?

The Project being called-in means that the Deputy Premier has exercised his powers under section 103 of the Planning Act 2016 to call in, assess and hold final decision on whether to approve the development application made for the Marmadua Energy Park. The Project will now work closely with the Deputy Premier and the Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning in their assessment of the Project's DA.

The Project team has already completed a significant body of work to demonstrate that it complies with the updated version of the State Code 23, v 3.2 and is confident this assessment process by the Deputy Premier and the Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning will yield a positive outcome for the project, the community and the state of Queensland.

As part of this process, the Project team will continue to work closely with the Western Downs Regional Council (WDRC) and local residents to address local concerns and ensure the project aligns with the WDRC's strategic objectives.

We are committed to ongoing engagement with the community and will continue to provide updates and seek feedback, particularly on initiatives such as the community benefits program.

Indicative Project Timeline

2023 to 2024

2024 to 2027

2027 to 2030

2030 to 2065

At the end of the Project's life

Community and stakeholder engagement continues throughout the life of the Project

Early engagement activities focus on gaining feedback on the Project and its benefits.



Initial concept design and preliminary investigations

Site selection, early engagement and preliminary studies commence.



Environmental planning and approvals

Apply for relevant approvals at Commonwealth, State and Council levels for the Project.



Construction and commissioning

Procurement and local supplier opportunities, grid connection, construction and commissioning of the wind farm.



Operation and maintenance

A wind farm is expected to have an operational life of up to 35 years.



Decommissioning and rehabilitation

At the end of the Project's life, the Project owner is responsible for decommissioning the site.

EPBC Referral (Federal Permitting Process)

In September 2024, the Marmadua Energy Park was referred to the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act). The referral process assesses whether the Project is likely to have a significant impact on matters of national environmental significance and determines the level of assessment required.

The proposal was made publicly available for a 10-business-day consultation period in January 2025, allowing community members to review and provide feedback directly to the Department. Following its review, DCCEEW determined that the Project is a 'controlled action' requiring assessment through a Public Environment Report (PER). A copy of the decision notice is available on the [EPBC Public Portal](#) for those interested in reviewing the determination in full.

Submission of a Public Environment Report is an additional formal process to confirm and build upon the extensive avoidance, mitigation and engagement measures already embedded in the Project's design. This assessment will provide

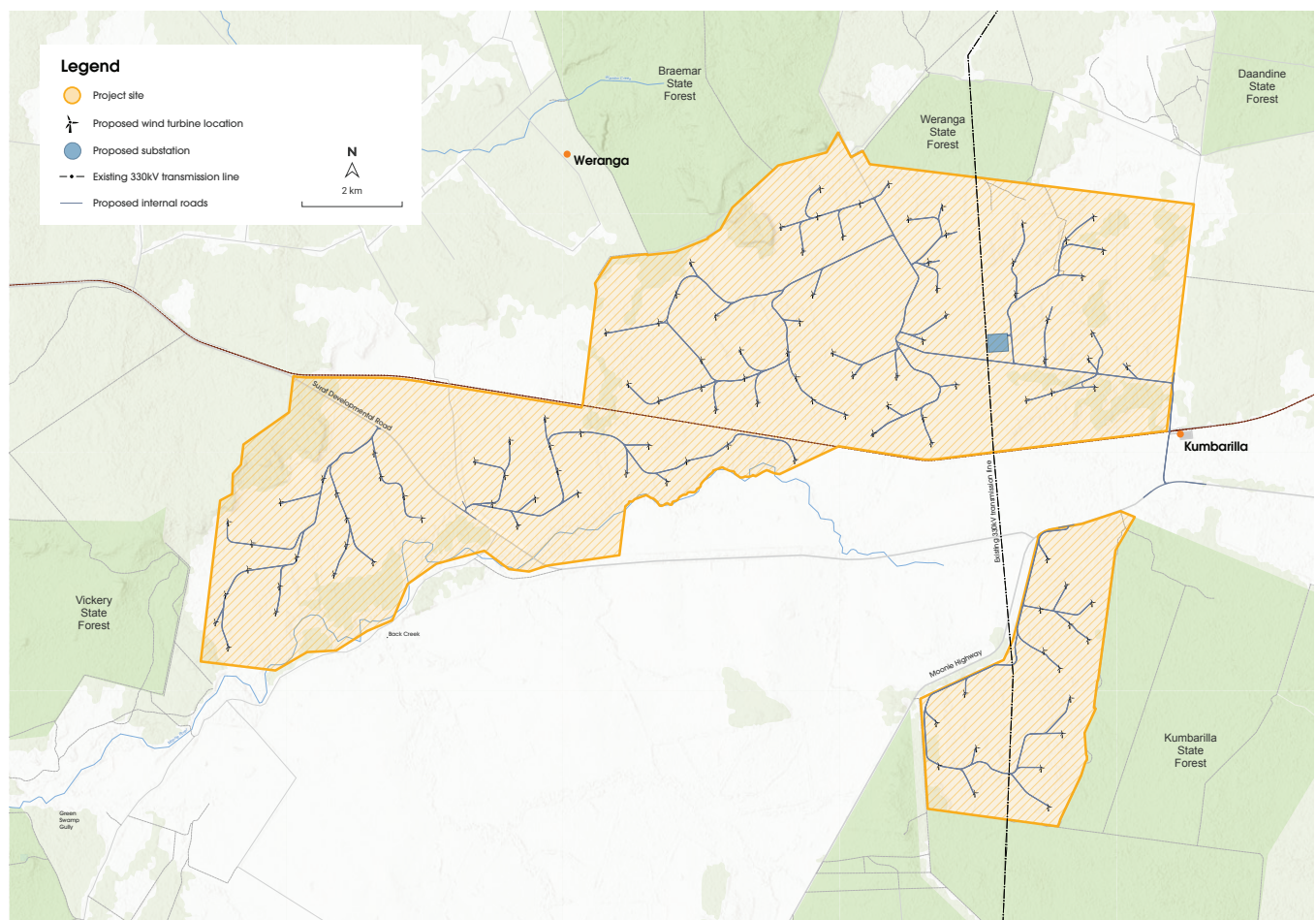
another opportunity to validate these efforts and address remaining key environmental matters through further studies and transparent reporting.

Final guidelines for preparing the PER were issued by DCCEEW on 28 May 2025, following a draft guideline consultation period in April 2025. The Project is now progressing with the development of its Public Environmental Report in accordance with the finalised guidelines issued by DCCEEW.

Proposed Turbine Layout

The turbine layout map below shows the proposed locations of wind turbines for the Marmadua Energy Park. This layout has been designed with careful consideration of environmental, visual and technical factors to minimise impacts and optimise energy generation.

Please note that this is a proposed layout and may be subject to further refinement as the Project progresses through the environmental and planning approvals process.



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Engaging with the local community

The Marmadua Energy Park team remains committed to open and transparent communication, prioritising discussions with residents closest to the site while also expanding our outreach to the wider community as the Project progresses.

Our engagement activities for the Marmadua Energy Park include:

- near-neighbour meetings and 1:1 meetings
- community surveys
- pop-up stalls
- online webinars
- community information sessions
- updates via our Project website
- phone calls.



Upcoming Engagement Opportunities

Let's Chat - 1:1 Conversations Welcome

We're committed to open and ongoing conversations about the proposed Marmadua Energy Park. If you'd like to learn more, ask questions, or share your thoughts, we're always available for a one-on-one chat. Just give us a call or send an email, and we'll arrange a time that works for you.

Dalby Country Markets Sunday, 13 July

We will be attending the Dalby Country Markets which are held on the second Sunday of every month at Anderson Park - we look forward to seeing you there.

Dalby Delicious and Delightful Festival 22 and 23 August

Cubico is proud to support this fantastic local event and looks forward to engaging with residents throughout the weekend.

April Tara and Dalby Markets

We were pleased to connect with members of the Weranga, Tara, Dalby and surrounding communities at two pop-up community information sessions hosted by the project team - first at the Tara markets, then at the Dalby markets. A big thank you to everyone who came along and contributed to productive conversations about project planning, future works and opportunities for ongoing benefit sharing.

It's always a privilege to connect with the people who make this community what it is. We're looking forward to being back this July!

Community Grants and Sponsorships

Christmas Tree Expo

We're excited to be partnering with the **Tara Futures Group** for the 5th Annual Christmas Tree Expo!

This year's theme is all about creativity – design and decorate your own alternative Christmas tree or craft a festive table centrepiece that brings the holiday spirit to life.

Let your imagination shine and keep an eye out for more details, including great prizes to be won!

Tara Bowls Club Ladies Day

We're also proud to be partnering with the Tara Bowls Club as a sponsor of Ladies Day at the upcoming November Carnival!

This promises to be a fantastic community event celebrating local spirit and sportsmanship. Stay tuned for more details coming soon.



Did You Know?

The Clean Energy Council has published a range of fact sheets that provide valuable information about renewable energy projects, including wind farms. These fact sheets address common topics and questions, such as how wind farms can coexist with traditional farming practices, the recyclability of turbine components, and the benefits renewable energy can bring to local communities.



Scan the QR code to access these resources or visit the Clean Energy Council's website:
www.cleanenergycouncil.org.au/factsheets



Cubico recognises the First Peoples of this nation and their ongoing connection to culture and country. We acknowledge First Nations Peoples as the Traditional Owners, Custodians and Lore Keepers of the world's oldest living culture and pay respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.



What's important to your community?

Scan the QR code to share your feedback in our community survey or visit:
www.surveymonkey.com/r/KS6MWVD

If you're interested in being involved and staying up to date on the Marmadua Energy Park project, please contact us at:

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