



# Marmadua

## Energy Park



## Welcome to the latest edition of the Marmadua Energy Park Newsletter

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The Marmadua Energy Park is a proposed 700MW renewable energy project located approximately 22km from Tara and 37km from Dalby, within Queensland's Western Downs Regional Council area.

The project site spans predominantly cleared land used for cattle grazing and broadacre cropping, which reduces the need for vegetation clearing. It was selected for its strong wind resource, low environmental sensitivities and proximity to existing transmission infrastructure. The project will be designed to integrate with existing land uses where possible.

The Marmadua Energy Park project comprises up to 100 wind turbines and a battery energy storage system (BESS), generating enough clean energy to power around 480,000 households.

Once operational, Marmadua Energy Park will supply clean, reliable power to homes and businesses across Queensland, supporting the state's renewable energy targets and transition to net zero. Construction is targeted to begin in 2027, with operations expected from 2030.

### The project at a glance



Up to 100 wind turbines



Generating up to 700MW  
of clean energy



Potential for Battery Energy  
Storage System (BESS)



Up to 300 jobs during  
construction, 15 ongoing  
roles



Pre-development fund  
supporting local community  
groups since 2024



Construction to start 2027  
Operations from 2030



# Social Impact Assessment

## What we heard and why it matters



As part of the planning process for the Marmadua Energy Park project, a Social Impact Assessment (SIA) has been undertaken to better understand how the project could affect the local community over its lifetime. Attexo, an energy, resources and infrastructure advisory firm, was engaged to support us in preparing a SIA for the project.

The SIA brings together feedback from extensive engagement carried out for the project to date. This includes ongoing project engagement with landholders and neighbours, as well as two phases of targeted community engagement undertaken as part of the Construction Worker's Accommodation Options Report and the Workforce Accommodation and Infrastructure Report. This feedback has been considered alongside local data and technical studies to build a clear picture of potential social impacts and opportunities.

Engagement for the SIA involved a broad cross-section of the community, including nearby residents and landholders, local businesses and service providers, community organisations, Western Downs Regional Council and other key stakeholders. These conversations provided valuable insight into local priorities, concerns and expectations.

Through this process, several key themes were identified, including:



**Workforce skills and training**, including skills shortages and clearer pathways for apprenticeships and local training



**Housing and accommodation**, particularly pressure on Tara's housing and rental market and limited short-term accommodation



**Local employment and business opportunities**, including strong interest from local businesses in supplying to the project



**Traffic, transport and road safety**, particularly during construction



**Community health and wellbeing**, including access to health services, bushfire risk and impacts to amenity and daily life



**Impacts on neighbouring landholders**, including construction impacts and changes to rural amenity



**Community cohesion and social connection**, and maintaining the character of local towns



**Fair distribution of benefits**, including interest in neighbour benefit programs and confidence that community benefit funding supports directly impacted communities

## What happens next?

Cubico is committed to putting the Western Downs community first. Our approach aims to build strong, lasting partnerships, empower the community to shape local benefits and ensure the social and economic outcomes of the project extends well beyond its operational life.

Findings from the SIA, the Construction Worker's Accommodation Options Report and the Workforce Accommodation and Infrastructure Report have been consolidated to assess potential workforce accommodation impacts and identify practical solutions.

Cubico worked closely with Western Downs Regional Council throughout the SIA process, aligning with Council's *Renewable Energy: Community Benefit System Policy and the Planning (Social Impact and Community Benefit) Act*. The SIA identified community benefit opportunities consistent with Council policy, and Cubico will continue working with Council and the community to develop a Community Benefit Agreement for the Marmadua Energy Park. This agreement is intended to help ensure the project delivers positive, long-term outcomes that reflect local priorities.



## In the community

Late last year, the Marmadua Energy Park team spent time out in the community, catching up with residents, landholders, businesses and community groups across the Western Downs region. These conversations took place through informal catch-ups, meetings and community events, where we shared updates on the project, answered questions and listened to what people had to say.

Common topics raised during these conversations included local employment and business opportunities, workforce accommodation, traffic and road use, and how the project could deliver benefits for the region over the long term.

We value these conversations and sincerely thank everyone who took the time to have a chat. Community engagement will continue in the months ahead, with more opportunities to meet the team, ask questions and share feedback as the project progresses.

# Supporting growth across the region

Cubico is focused on ensuring the Marmadua Energy Park delivers meaningful, long-term benefits for the Western Downs that extend well beyond construction.

By working closely with Western Downs Regional Council, Traditional Owners, businesses, training providers and community organisations, the project aims to support regional capability, skills development and sustainable economic growth.

Subject to approvals, construction of the project is expected to generate up to 300 jobs across a range of trades and professions, including civil and electrical works, logistics and technical support. In addition to direct employment, construction activity has the potential to support local businesses and services such as accommodation, transport, catering and equipment hire.

Independent economic analysis indicates that, averaged across the construction period (expected between 2028 and 2030), the project could contribute around \$279 million per year to the Queensland economy, including approximately \$67.8 million per year within the Darling Downs region. At a regional level, construction is expected to support an average of 315 full-time equivalent jobs per year, along with increased wages and salaries across the region.

Once operational, the Marmadua Energy Park is expected to continue contributing to the local and state economy each year. This includes an estimated \$25.35 million per year to the Queensland economy, along with around 15 ongoing roles to support turbine operations and maintenance, helping ensure specialist skills and long-term employment opportunities remain in the region.

Together, these potential benefits reflect Cubico's commitment to working with the community to maximise opportunities for the region, while managing impacts responsibly and in line with community expectations.

## Potential economic benefits to Queensland and the Darling Downs region

The below data provides the expected economic contributions of the Marmadua Energy Park, averaged **per year** across the **construction** period (2028–2030).

The below data provides the expected economic contributions during the project's **operational life**:

Queensland	Darling Downs region	
<b>\$279.47 million</b>	<b>\$67.82 million</b>	<b>\$25.35 million</b> towards the state economy each year
<b>1,569</b> full time jobs created	<b>315</b> full time jobs created	<b>15 jobs</b> new and ongoing jobs created
	<b>\$34.45 million</b> increase in wages and salaries	

Sources include: REMPLAN, Queensland Regional Profiles, Economy ID, ABS.

# Community Grants and Sponsorships



Cubico has proudly awarded more than \$120,000 in community grants and sponsorship funding to support local organisations and events across the Western Downs region, near our proposed Marmadua Energy Park and Middle Creek Energy Hub projects.

This funding supports a wide range of local initiatives, including:

- **Community events and festivals**, such as the Dalby Delicious and Delightful Festival and local sporting and cultural events
- **Community infrastructure upgrades** that improve access, safety and usability
- **Education, wellbeing and emergency response programs**, including LifeFlight's *First Minutes Matter* training.



Cubico's approach is to invest early and support initiatives that strengthen community connection, resilience and wellbeing, recognising that communities can experience the impacts of a project well before construction begins.

## Supporting resilience and wellbeing through important partnerships

Cubico has partnered with Farm Angels, a grassroots organisation dedicated to supporting Australia's farming and rural communities.

Farm Angels provides emergency relief and care packs, mental health support and programs that help farming families recover and build lasting resilience.

*"Your recognition of the challenges our farmers face, and your commitment to supporting resilience and wellbeing, means so much. Partnerships like this help us deliver real, tangible support where it's needed most – from emergency relief to mental health care and long-term recovery. We're proud to walk alongside you as we work together to strengthen the backbone of our nation."* – Farm Angels spokesperson.

Cubico's benefit-sharing programs are designed to reflect local priorities and deliver lasting value for nearby residents and the broader region. These may include support in areas such as education and training, community infrastructure, tourism, arts and culture and environmental initiatives. The details of these programs will be developed in consultation with the local communities as each project progresses.

We're proud to partner with local organisations, volunteers and community groups who make these initiatives possible, and we look forward to continuing our grants and sponsorship programs into 2026.

## More than \$39,000 invested into the local community

Since launching our Grants and Sponsorship Program in 2024, Cubico has invested in a range of initiatives in the local area around our Marmadua Energy Park project, including:

**\$10,000** LifeFlight

**\$10,000** Tara and District Historical Society's construction of an all abilities access ramp at the Tara Museum

**\$7,500** Tara Festival of Culture and Camel Races

**\$6,000** WDRC Big Skies Festival

**\$5,000** Tara Futures Group's development of a professional website for the history of Tara Cemetery 1913-1960

**\$4,000** Tara and District Family Support Committee's Tara and District Art Exhibition

**\$2,500** Dalby Delicious and Delightful Festival

**\$1,500** Tara Futures Group's Christmas Competition

**\$500** Tara Bowls Club Ladies Carnival



# Celebrating creativity at the Tara Christmas Competition

Cubico was proud to sponsor the 2025 Tara Christmas Competition, which celebrated creativity, colour and community spirit through the Christmas Tree Expo, festive table centrepieces and lights displays.

Held as part of the Tara Community Christmas celebrations, the competition invited individuals, families, community groups and businesses to get creative. Entries ranged from Christmas trees made from coffee cups, recycled cylinders, toilet paper rolls, books and even beer cans, to an inflatable design (created by the Tara aquatic centre) and a show-stopping ibis-shaped tree, while the winning tree dazzled judges with its use of lights and colour. Table centrepieces were just as inventive, featuring natural arrangements of pine cones and eucalyptus, a playful swimming-pool design and even a gingerbread train.

The creativity and effort that went into each entry made judging a tough (but fun!) task for the Cubico team. From intricate handmade details to clever use of recycled materials and locally inspired themes, each entry reflected the pride of the local community.

The Christmas Tree Expo helped raise funds for the Tara Ambulance, with community members invited to vote for their favourite tree. Thanks to the generosity of those who attended and voted, \$733 was raised to support the local ambulance service.

Cubico would like to thank everyone who took part, visited the displays, voted, volunteered their time or helped bring the event together. Community-led events like this play an important role in bringing people together, celebrating local creativity and supporting causes that matter. We're proud to support initiatives like the Tara Christmas Competition and look forward to continuing to back events that strengthen community connection and local pride.



*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.*

## Contact us

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

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## Work with us!

If you're a local business or service provider interested in working with the project, scan the QR code and complete the online form to register your interest or visit [marmaduaenergypark.com.au/opportunities](http://marmaduaenergypark.com.au/opportunities)

