

What we heard

April 2026

Since 2010, we have been listening to the views of the Marulan community, neighbouring residents and a wide range of stakeholders about the proposed Marulan Gas Fired Power Station.

In June 2025, we shared a summary of what we had heard through consultation since 2010 and invited the community to provide feedback to confirm whether it accurately reflected their views, raise any gaps, or add new perspectives. This summary was updated in September 2025, incorporating new insights from further community discussions.

This is the third summary, reflecting ongoing community and stakeholder feedback gathered through continued engagement. We thank everyone who has taken the time to share feedback, ask questions and take part in discussions. This input continues to inform how we approach the project.

This fact sheet summarises feedback shared by community members and stakeholders through:

- Doorknocks
- Pop up engagement at the Meridian Café and the Goulburn Show
- One on one discussions
- Property visits
- The Community Reference Group
- A community survey

What we've heard to date



Project awareness

We heard that awareness of the project varies. People living in Marulan and Goulburn were generally aware of the proposal, while others visiting the area had not previously heard about the project.



Overall sentiment

We heard that feedback to date has been mixed. Some community members expressed support for the project, while others said they wanted more information before forming a view. Others raised concerns or questions, particularly about energy choices, environmental impacts and how the project may benefit the local area.



Project Information & Location

We heard that people would like clearer easy-to-understand information about the project, including:

- Where it would be located
- How close it is to Marulan and nearby properties
- The overall size and scale of the development
- The purpose of the project and what it is intended to deliver

This feedback reinforced the importance of clear information about the project and its role within the local area and the broader energy system.



Timeline & Construction

We heard that people want to better understand the project timeline, including when construction might begin, how long construction could take and when the station may become operational.

We also heard uncertainty about whether the project would proceed, given the length of time it has been in development.



Energy Generation & Technology

We heard interest in understanding how the project fits within Australia's changing energy system. Community members asked questions about:

- how electricity is generated
- grid reliability
- how the project would connect with existing infrastructure

We also heard questions about the role of gas as Australia moves toward net zero emissions, including how gas compares with renewable energy and battery storage.



Workers accommodation and local housing

We heard interest in the employment opportunities the project may bring during construction and operation.

At the same time, we heard concerns about housing availability and pressure on local services. Community members emphasised the importance of ensuring the project workforce does not place pressure on rental housing, short term accommodation or local infrastructure, and that workers are supported through self contained accommodation.

We also heard concerns about potential impacts on property values, particularly for nearby properties or those with views of the project.



Jobs & Economic Impact

We heard interest in the employment and economic opportunities the project may bring, including the number and types of jobs during construction and operation, and how recruitment may occur.



Community Benefits

We heard strong interest in how the project could deliver benefits locally.

We heard that community members want benefits to consider broader outcomes such as:

- roads and transport infrastructure
- local services and facilities
- long term improvements that support the region

We also heard feedback that benefits should not be limited to grants alone but should consider infrastructure and other lasting community outcomes.



Consultation and engagement

We heard that ongoing consultation is important, particularly having opportunities to ask questions, raise concerns and receive updates as the project progresses.

We also heard positive feedback about the range of ways people can engage, including pop up sessions, the Community Reference Group, the project website and newsletters, and the availability of the project team to answer questions.



Environmental Impacts

We heard that environmental impacts are a key area of interest and concern. Community members raised questions and concerns about:

- visual appearance and how the project would sit within the landscape
- air quality and emissions
- noise during construction and operation
- roads, traffic and access, particularly along Canyonleigh Road
- biodiversity and protection of local flora, fauna and waterways
- water sourcing, use and management

We heard strong interest in how water will be sourced and used responsibly, recognising it as an important local resource.

We also heard questions about other proposed developments in the area and the potential for cumulative impacts.

Next steps

We will continue to engage with the community and stakeholders as the project progresses. Feedback plays an important role in informing project design, assessments and how impacts are avoided or managed.

We will keep sharing information, responding to questions and providing updates on topics raised by the community. Future “what we heard” summaries will continue to show how feedback is being considered.

Thank you for your input

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