

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting title	Liverpool Range Wind Farm Community Consultative Committee (CCC)		
Attendees			
Michael Silver OAM (Independent Chair)		Cr. Kathryn Rindfleish (Warrumbungle Shire Council)	
Greg Piper (Community Member)		Cr Pat Ryan (Upper Hunter Shire Council)	
Ant Martin (Involved Landowner)		Nick Daly, Senior Community and Stakeholder Relations Advisor, Tilt Renewables	
Jane Hegarty (Community Member)		Adam Mackett, Project Director, Tilt Renewables	
Observers			
Nil			
Apologies			
Matt Stafford, Senior Development Manager, Tilt Renewables		Leeanne Ryan (Warrumbungle Shire Council)	
Linda Gant (Community Member)		Matthew Pringle, (Upper Hunter Shire Council)	
Location	Liverpool Range Wind Farm Office, 50 Binnia Street Coolah	Date & start time	12 August 2026 at 1.20pm

Topic	Discussion
1. Welcome	The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.
2. Acknowledgement of Country	The Chair acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land on which the meeting is being held and their continuing connection to land, water, and culture, paying respects to their Elders past, present, and emerging.
3. Declarations of Interest	- Michael Silver – pecuniary interest – expenses of Independent Chair borne by Proponent. - Ant Martin – pecuniary interest - host landholder and landholder of proposed quarry.
4. Chair's Minute	Terms of Reference: The Chair advised that a draft Terms of Reference (ToR) had been distributed to members prior to the meeting for consideration and evaluation. Discussion proceeded on the draft document particularly regarding public notification of the agenda prior to CCC meetings. It was agreed that this would not be a requirement within the ToR. Following further deliberation the draft ToR, as distributed, was adopted. Moved Cr Pat Ryan; Seconded Ms Jane Hegarty CARRIED
5. Minutes of Previous Meeting	It was noted that the minutes of the CCC meeting held on 24 March 2026 had been approved on 15 May 2026. The minutes are available on the Tilt Renewables' website.
6. Business Arising	Nil
7. Actions	7.1 That Tilt arrange for the concrete and aggregates contractor to address a future meeting of the CCC, prior to the commencement of construction work, regarding location and operation of the proposed quarries. Response: Deferred pending selection of preferred balance of plant (BoP) contractor and confirmation of construction program. DEFERRED

	infrastructure. 7.2 That Tilt examine meeting travel expenses of CCC members. Response: Nick Daly indicated he was still investigating mechanisms to address CCC members' travel expenses. ONGOING
8. Correspondence	8.1 NSW Department Planning Housing and Infrastructure: Providing an update on the roles and responsibilities of the chairperson, community members, and the Proponents of Community Consultative Committees (CCC). The Chair stepped the Committee through the major points in the correspondence, noting that representations had been made by community members to the Planning Secretary regarding the operation of certain CCCs for projects across NSW. MJS highlighted the comments regarding the recording of minutes, and the potential to engage a minute taker. He advised that due to previous difficulties in the recording of minutes by a minute taker at other CCC meetings he chairs, he has over the last six years assumed this role to ensure the content of the minutes are an accurate reflection of the intent and context of discussions at the CCC meeting. He noted that the roles and responsibilities of the CCC Chair were outlined in an attachment to the correspondence. Mr Silver advised the correspondence would be distributed to the CCC. 8.2 NSW Department Planning Housing and Infrastructure: Advising the appointment of Mrs Jane Hegarty as a Community Representative on the LRWFCCC.
9. Proponent's Report	<i>Adam Mackett led the presentation of the Proponent's Report (copy attached to minutes).</i> 9.1 Project Update - Adam Mackett previewed a general overview of the status of the project' He indicated the presentation would address the critical aspects necessary prior to proceeding to the construction phase. - Mr Mackett highlighted the following: - Final Investment Decision (FID) and Financial Close (FC) proposed for late 2026. - Long-Term Energy Service Agreement (LTESA) bids for Stage 1 and Stage 2 were submitted on 6 July 2026. - Construction is planned to commence in early 2027 subject to commercialisation, FID and FC. - Mr Mackett explained the importance of the LTESA for commercialisation of the project. LTESAs provide revenue certainty for new investment in renewable generation and help to secure financing for project construction. LTESA's are designed to incentivise investment in new renewable generation and attract a wider group of financiers. - Greg Piper enquired whether consideration had been given to entering the Australian Government's Capacity Investment Scheme (CIS), noting it provides for underwriting contracts to support renewable generation and dispatchable projects to drive transition. Mr Piper noted that several successful CIS applicants had deferred their projects. Mr Mackett responded that across industry proponents are deferring CIS/government due to project delays which lead to increased project costs (CAPEX). Mr Mackett advised that LRWF Stage 1 was awarded a

CIS (Tender), however, it would not support commercialisation due to increased CAPEX. Tilt is maintaining engagement with government in relation to the CIS pathway.

Construction Planning

- Mr Mackett stepped the Committee through the various aspects of construction planning.
- Mr Mackett advised that construction will occur in two stages on the project site:
 - Stage 1 – Building around the point of connection (heading north)
 - Stage 2 – Building north of Stage 1
- Mr Mackett detailed the procurement aspects of the project, noting the three key delivery contracts:
 - Public Road Upgrade (PRU) (Vinegaroy and Rotherwood Roads)
 - Balance of Plant (BOP) (electrical works and civil works)
 - Vestas (Turbine Supply & Installation and Operations and Management)
- Mr Mackett explained the proposed public road upgrades. He advised that design work is progressing to support lodgement of S138 applications to the Councils. He highlighted that staged construction works to the 'priority roads' of Vinegaroy and Rotherwood Roads are critical 'to support the efficient progression of the project.
- Mr Mackett discussed the scope of works involved in the public road upgrades. He indicated that Georgiou Group will design key stages to 'Issued for Construction' (IFC) by December 2026.
- In respect of social licence, Mr Mackett noted it was critical that there are benefits to the local community from the project. He highlighted the need to ensure there is a local contribution to construction and that there are benefits to using local contractors, including to manage workforce accommodation needs.
- Jane Hegarty sought clarification on who will be undertaking land negotiation in respect of road widening and land acquisition. Mr Mackett advised that Tilt is progressing the land tenure arrangements.
- Mr Mackett highlighted that the significant investment in improving Vinegaroy and Rotherwood Roads local road assets, will both support the project and benefit the community. Post completion of the development the VPAs will provide funds to support road maintenance.
- Mr Piper asked where construction aggregate and material will be sourced. Mr Mackett indicated that Georgio Group would draw material locally from existing quarries (e.g. Mudgee and/or the proposed ARDG Quarry on Rotherwood Road, Cassilis). Discussion occurred on the potential commercialisation of the ARDG quarry – it being noted that this project is subject of a separate development consent. Cr Pat Ryan expressed concern at the impact of haulage vehicles on local roads and the cost of maintenance to Councils; suggesting that a 'royalty' system on extracted material should be applied. Further discussion occurred on infrastructure impacts beyond the boundaries of the Renewable Energy Zone and how the cost of these impacts should be addressed. Cr Kathryn

Rindfleish suggested there needs to be tight controls over haulage contractors to ensure compliance with the defined and approved haulage routes. Ms Hegarty reiterated the thoughts of community and Council members of the CCC that roads are the top priority from a community perspective.

Grid Connection

- Mr Mackett advised that Grid modelling is progressing, noting that Batch 1A is being progressing based on the current 173 wind turbine layout in comparison to the previous 185 layout. He also advised that it is anticipated the “Offer to Connect” will be received from ACERZ in late 2026 – this is a prerequisite for the FID.

Biodiversity Offsets

- Mr Piper request clarification on Biodiversity Stewardship Agreement (BSA) applications especially given the impact from roads. Mr Mackett advised that six of the seven BSA site have been approved. He advised that over 95% of offset credits secured – remainder to be secured via market purchases or Strategic Offset Delivery Agreements (SODA). He noted that establishing BSAs is more economical than making payments to the Biodiversity Conservation Fund (BCF).
- Mr Mackett advised that the Strategic Offset Delivery Agreement (SODA) is a mechanism introduced by the New South Wales Government in May 2025 to allow eligible major renewable energy and transmission projects to fulfill their biodiversity offset obligations by funding the government to source credits or deliver conservation actions. He indicated that SODA provides the conditional opportunity to retire credits after completion of construction, when impacts are known, not forecast. This approach can incentivise contractors to reduce environment impacts during construction works, resulting in a better economic and environmental outcome.
- Mr Piper noted challenges in obtaining appropriate offset areas and suggested linkages using riparian areas may be a solution.
- Ms Hegarty enquired how many offset areas are within the project site or within the Upper Hunter and Warrumbungle LGAs? Mr Mackett advised that Tilt can provide an update on all offset sites at the next CCC.
- Cr Rindfleish sought clarification on whether biodiversity offsets in other LGAs are non-rateable. Mr Mackett took the question on notice. **ACTION**

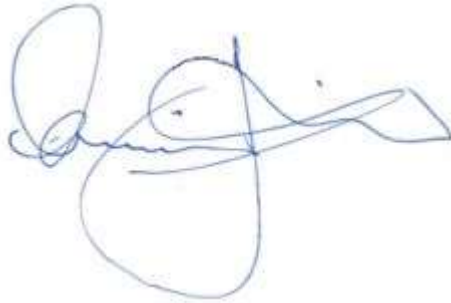
Voluntary Planning Agreements

- Mr Mackett advised that the two Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) with Upper Hunter Shire Council and Warrumbungle Shire Council have been finalised. Cr Ryan advised that a S355 Committee has been established by Upper Hunter Shire Council.

Environmental Approvals

- Mr Mackett advised that the Mod-3 Application is anticipated to be approved by September 2026. Preparation of management plans / secondary consent documentation required ‘prior to construction’ is

	underway with the Committee noting the key documents in the table. - Ms Hegarty sought clarification regarding the completion of the Accommodation and Employment Strategy (AES) relative to establishment of the Temporary Workers Accommodation (TWA) facility. Mr Mackett confirmed that the Strategy will be finalised prior to commencement of construction of the TWA. He highlighted the timeline relative FID and FC and the need to have all required plans and strategies finalised. MOD-3 Application - Mr Mackett reported that following public exhibition in April 2026 twenty-two (22) submissions were received: 10 state government agencies 4 local government 6 community members Feedback focused on visual impacts, cumulative impacts, bushfire risk and management, and aviation. Nick Daly advised that draft conditions have been received with determination expected in September 2026. 9.2 Communications and Benefit Sharing <i>Nick Daly presented the Communications and Benefit Sharing Report.</i> - Mr Daly provided an overview of the recent communications and engagement actions. - In respect of the MOD-3 Application, Mr Daly reported on the notification process and site investigations. - Mr Daly highlighted Central-West Orana Renewable Energy Zone Community Roadshow at Coolah Central School on August 11. - Mr Daly reported on participation in EnergyCo-led CWO REZ Working Groups which has focus on REZ wide issues and particularly issues associated with PORT to REZ transportation. - Mr Daly advised on recent community events and organisations sponsored by Tilt, noting that of \$112,463 has been committed in sponsorship since 1 July 2024. 9.3 Next Steps - Mr Mackett stepped the Committee through the table, highlighting the indicative timing for critical actions with a view that construction could commence in early 2027.
10. Other Agenda Items	10.1 Unexpected Consequences – Cr Ryan commented on potential unexpected consequences of the development for local government. He noted challenges dealing with stakeholders across the community and despite \$100 million being spent on roads specific to the project there will be some additional costs to Councils. Mr Mackett explained the public road upgrade construction program and the alignment with the VPA which will provide for ongoing maintenance of these roads, and potentially use of any residual in other areas. Mr Daly commented that the areas of concern are addressed by the VPA. Cr Ryan expressed reservations regarding the impacts on Council. 10.2 Commencement of Construction – Ant Martin sought further advice on progression to construction. Mr Mackett reaffirmed that the FID must be made, along

	with approval of the Staging Plan, for the development to proceed to construction. Mr Martin questioned when the proposed quarry would be commissioned, as it needs to be available for the road construction works. Mr Mackett said this will be dependent on the quality of gravel material required. 10.3 Accommodation – Ms Hegarty noted that many of the construction workers will primarily come from Dubbo and are unlikely to commute daily – she enquired how they will be accommodated. Mr Mackett indicated that Tilt is engaging with the contractors. Mr Piper commented that it is unfortunate that accommodation is not available at the REZ camp. Mr Mackett explained the circumstances associated with the REZ Camp and the subsequent need to develop the Tilt TWA. Ms Hegarty and Cr Rindfleish highlight the potential availability of unoccupied or disused housing.
11. General Business	11.1 Water Supply Bore – Ms Hegarty enquired on the progress of the application to WaterNSW for a water supply bore at Coolah. Mr Daly advised that Tilt was still awaiting the determination of the application. Mr Piper noted that recent Council test bores had been abandoned and filled in despite water being located. Cr Rindfleish advised the water was of inferior quality and the test bores related specifically to the Coolah water supply.
12. Actions	12.1 That Tilt provide advice on whether Biodiversity Offsets are exempt from Local Government rates.
13. Next Meeting	Meeting closed: 3.30 pm. The Chair thanked all for their attendance. Next meeting: At a date to be confirmed
13. Meeting minutes approved	 Michael J. Silver OAM Independent Chair 8 September 2026

Liverpool Range Wind Farm

Community Consultative Committee (CCC) Meeting

12 August 2026



Agenda

1. Project update
2. Planning and environment
3. Communications and benefit sharing
4. Next steps and timing
5. Discussion



Project Update

- Targeting Final Investment Decision (**FID**) and Financial Close (**FC**) in late 2026
- Tilt submitted LTESA bids for Stage 1 and Stage 2 on 6 July 2026.
- Subject to commercialisation, FID and FC, construction is planned to commence in early 2027.

Construction Planning – procurement

- Delivery will include three split contracts:
 - Public Road Upgrade (**PRU**) (Vinegaroy and Rotherwood Roads).
 - Balance of Plant (**BOP**) (electrical works and civil works).
 - Vestas (Turbine Supply & Installation and Operations and Management).
- PRU tender:
 - Tender released in March 2026.
 - Georgiou Group confirmed as preferred PRU Contractor and awarded an Early Works Agreement contract after competitive tender process.
- BOP tender:
 - Tender released to market in March 2026. Evaluation underway.
 - Tender award anticipated Q4 2026.
- All tender documentation included Goods and Services Register to promote local suppliers + requirement to deliver social licence commitments (SLCs).



Project Update

Public Road Upgrades

- Detailed design (50%) of ‘priority’ public road upgrades (Vinegaroy Rd and Rotherwood Rd) complete and reviewed by Councils.
- Georgiou Group will design to ‘Issued for Construction’ (IFC) by December 2026.
- Scope includes:
 - Constructability review.
 - Council and authority engagement.
 - Preparing relevant management plans.
 - Social Licence targets (employment and procurement).
- Community will be notified of any disruptive activities.
- Targeting lodgement of s138 applications with UHSC and WSC in September 2026.



Project Update

Grid Connection

- Grid modelling update - Batch 1 is complete and Batch 1A is progressing.
- Targeting “Offer to Connect” from ACERESZ in late 2026 which is prerequisite for FID.

Biodiversity Offsets

- Biodiversity Stewardship Agreement (**BSA**) applications well progressed
 - 6/7 BSA sites now approved.
 - All BSA applications will be approved to facilitate construction in early 2027.
- Biodiversity Offset Credits
 - Over 95% of offset credits secured – remainder to be secured via market purchases or SODAs.
 - Payment into the Biodiversity Conservation Fund (**BCF**) considered a ‘last resort’.



Project Update

Voluntary Planning Agreements (VPA)

- Warrumbungle Shire Council (**WSC**):
 - Public exhibition of Draft VPA for comment from 27 April to 7 June 2026.
 - VPA endorsed by Council on 16 July 2026.
 - Final WSC VPA has now been executed.
- All VPAs required under the Development Consent have now been finalised.

Environmental Approvals

- Mod-3 Application anticipated to be approved by September 2026.
- Construction planning
 - Preparation of management plans / secondary consent documentation required 'prior to construction' is underway. This preparation includes consultation with Councils and State Agencies.
 - Secondary consents refer to the strategies and management strategies required under the Project's Development Consent and EPBC approval to manage environmental impacts during construction and operations.



Project Update



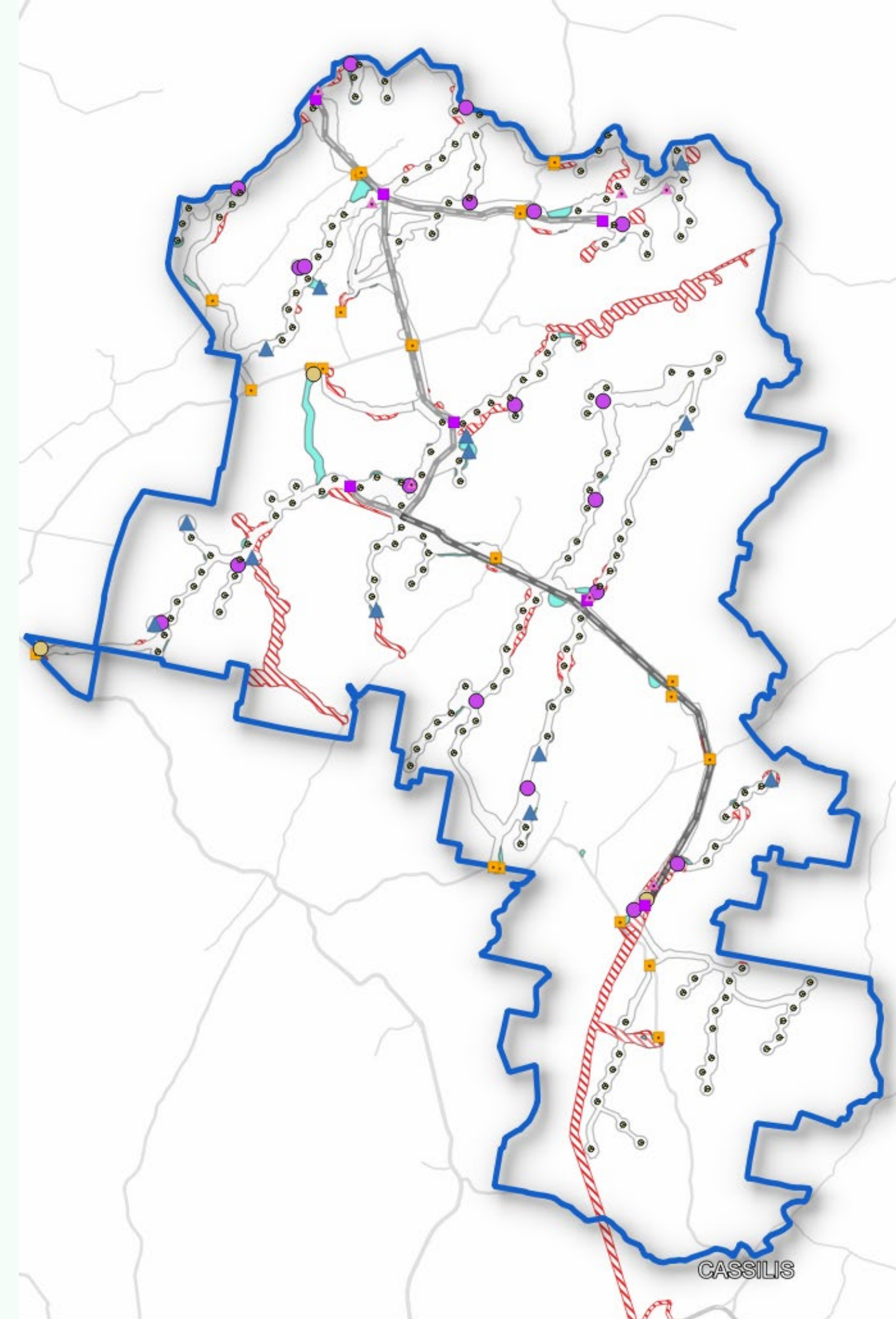
Key secondary consents / management plans

Secondary Consent/Management Plan	Status and Target Date
Environmental Management Strategy (EMS)	Under preparation - targeting lodgement with DPHI in Q3 2026 / approval in Q4 2026
Accommodation and Employment Strategy (AES)	Under preparation - targeting lodgement with DPHI in Q3 2026 / approval in Q4 2026
Emergency Management Plan	To be prepared following consultation with emergency services - targeting lodgement with DPHI in Q4 2026
Biodiversity Management Plan (BMP) for Pre-Construction Minor Works	Pre-Construction minor works include activities such as geotechnical investigation Approved May 2026
Biodiversity Management Plan (BMP) – Whole of Project	Under preparation - targeting lodgement with DPHI in Q3 2026 / approval by Q4 2026
Biodiversity Offsets Strategy (BOS)	Under preparation - targeting lodgement with DPHI in Q4 2026
Bird and Bat Adaptive Management Plan (BBAMP)	Drafting to commence in Q4 2026 – targeting lodgement with DPHI prior to commencing operations.
Heritage Management Plan (HMP)	Under preparation - targeting lodgement with DPHI in Q3 2026 / approval in Q4 2026
Transport Strategy and Traffic Management Plan (TMP)	Under preparation – targeted consultation with key agencies in Q3 2026 / targeting approval in Q4 2026
Roads Act 1993 - s138 Approvals	Under preparation – targeting lodgement with councils in Sep 2026/ targeting approval in Q4 2026 in relation to roads works
Water	Production bore application – lodged with NSW DCCEEW in March 2026 / approval expected September 2026

Mod-3 Application

Project Update

- Public exhibition (Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure)
 - 14 April 2026 to 28 April 2026
 - 22 submissions received:
 - 10 state government agencies
 - 4 local government
 - 6 community members
 - Feedback focused on visual impacts, cumulative impacts, bushfire risk and management and aviation
- [Response to Submissions Report](#) lodged to DPHI in June 2026.
- Draft conditions received.
- Approval anticipated in September 2026.



Communications and Benefit Sharing

Communications and engagement

- Continue communications:
 - March 2026: Notification of CCC EOI – mailing list, Coolah Diary, webpage
 - April 2026: Notification about Draft WSC VPA Public Exhibition
 - June 2026: Notification about Mod-3 Public Exhibition and site investigations (Geotech, site surveys)
 - July 2026: Project update in Cassilis Chronicle
- Attended Central-West Orana Renewable Energy Zone Community Roadshow
 - (Tuesday 11 August, Coolah Central School).
- Ongoing participation in EnergyCo-led CWO REZ Working Groups:
 - Communications and engagement
 - Employment, skills and industry participation
 - Enabling infrastructure.



Communications and Benefit Sharing

Sponsorship

- Since March, Tilt Renewables has supported the following projects, events and community groups:
 - Coolah Country Education Foundation
 - Coolah Men's Shed
 - Coolahburragundy River Group
 - Cassilis Country Music Festival
 - Cassilis Cow Dog Challenge
 - Cassilis Spring Ball
 - Merriwa Springtime Show.

Total sponsorship expenditure of \$112,463 (since 1 July 2024).



Next steps and indicative timing

Task/Activity	Target Date / Timeframe
Approval granted for Mod-3 Application	September 2026
Receive 'Offer to Connect' from ACEREZ	November 2026
Reach Final Investment Decision (FID)	November 2026
Appoint BOP Contractor	November 2026
Financial Close – Notice to Proceed	December 2026
Construction start	Early 2027

- Final Investment Decision (**FID**) will be subject to the following:
 - Commercialisation;
 - Primary approvals (Mod 3 Development Consent);
 - “Offer to Connect” from ACEREZ / AEMO.
 - Secondary Consents, including the Staging Plan

Discussion

