

Project Update

thepines
wind farm



8 September 2026

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Safety Moment



Ben Fordham ✓

Aug 27 · 🌐
[Photos](#)

A small community is preparing to physically block a new renewables project.

They're threatening to use tractors, horses and utes to STOP an unwanted wind project.

Advocate Chris Muldoon says farmers are "ready to go".

Listen to his full conversation with Ben [HERE](#)



<https://omny.fm/shows/ben-fordham-full-show/sunday-farmers-to->



Oberon Against Wind Towers

19 Aug · 🌐

THE OBERON BLOCKADE CREW

COMMUNITY LAUNCHES NEW DEFENCE AGAINST WIND TOWERS

The highlight of last night's successful community meeting in Burruga was the official launch of the Oberon Blockade Crew (OBC).

Oberon Against Wind Towers (OAWT) President Robert Snoch shared the vision behind this major initiative:

"The OBC has been established because Oberon people no longer trust governments or developers to do what is right by our community. We needed a collective, proactive approach to protecting our neighbourhood amenity, the value of our properties, and our way of life."

What is the OBC about?

It's a multi-faceted fight. It definitely includes the great Australian tradition of rallying regional communities with tractors, harvesters, horses, trucks, and utes to impede or protest unwanted activities or developments, but the OBC will also deploy serious political, legal, regulatory, and media tactics to halt wind farm progress in Oberon and surrounding districts.

"The OBC is about bringing the community even closer together to fight this common enemy — we want to make the lives of multinational developers like Tag Energy so difficult and so miserable that it makes more sense for them to pack up and leave," Mr Snoch said. "The OBC will be watching the developers' every move, and we have no doubt that activating our members at relevant times will have a galvanising and powerful impact across our community."





Actions from 9 June Meeting

#	Action	Owner	Timeline	Status 8/9/2026
1	Send full long-form draft VPA to Council	TagEnergy	Shortly / confirm receipt	✓
2	Review draft VPA and respond in writing	Oberon Council	After receipt	✓
3	Provide written feedback on Legacy Fund Terms of Reference	Oberon Council	Ongoing	Response outstanding
4	Include full legal details (company name, ABN, ACN) on future letters	TagEnergy	Immediately	✓
5	Provide Modern Slavery Act statement link	TagEnergy	Promptly	✓
6	Provide indicative land use for Council's rates calculations	TagEnergy	By next year (detailed layout dependent)	In progress
7	Update community benefits slide with battery storage payments once land secured	TagEnergy	When battery land confirmed	In progress
8	Continue federal advocacy for decommissioning bond scheme	TagEnergy	Ongoing / before project construction	In progress – ongoing federal / investor consultation
9	Provide updated turbine layout map (including Trunkey Creek clarity)	TagEnergy	Next few months	In progress



Quarterly Project Update

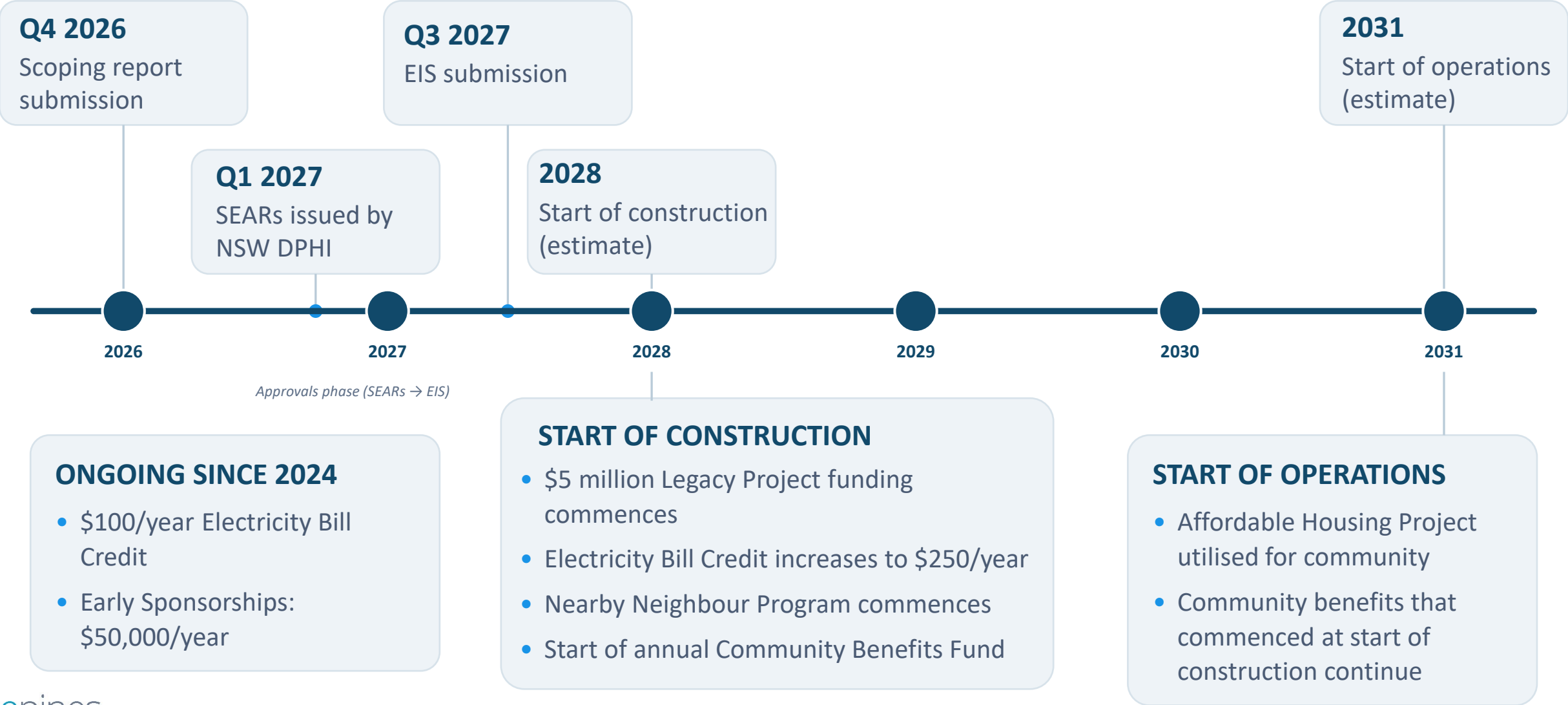


- ▶ 5 of 8 bird & bat survey seasons complete
- ▶ Continued to meet with interested private host landholders
- ▶ 4,700+ community engagements to date (+400 since June)
- ▶ Sponsorships round 5 closed (9 applications) — this brings the total to \$125,000 to date
- ▶ \$27,000+ in electricity bill credits paid to date (+\$2,000 since June)
- ▶ Hosted stall at Bathurst Careers Expo, including sponsoring a bus for Oberon High School students to attend (29 July)
- ▶ Held a Burruga information evening (20 August) — bill credits & sponsorship help
- ▶ Held a stall and sponsored a prize at Burruga Sheep Show (29 August)
- ▶ \$5m Legacy Project:
 - Committee applications open on our website — more received



Project Timeline

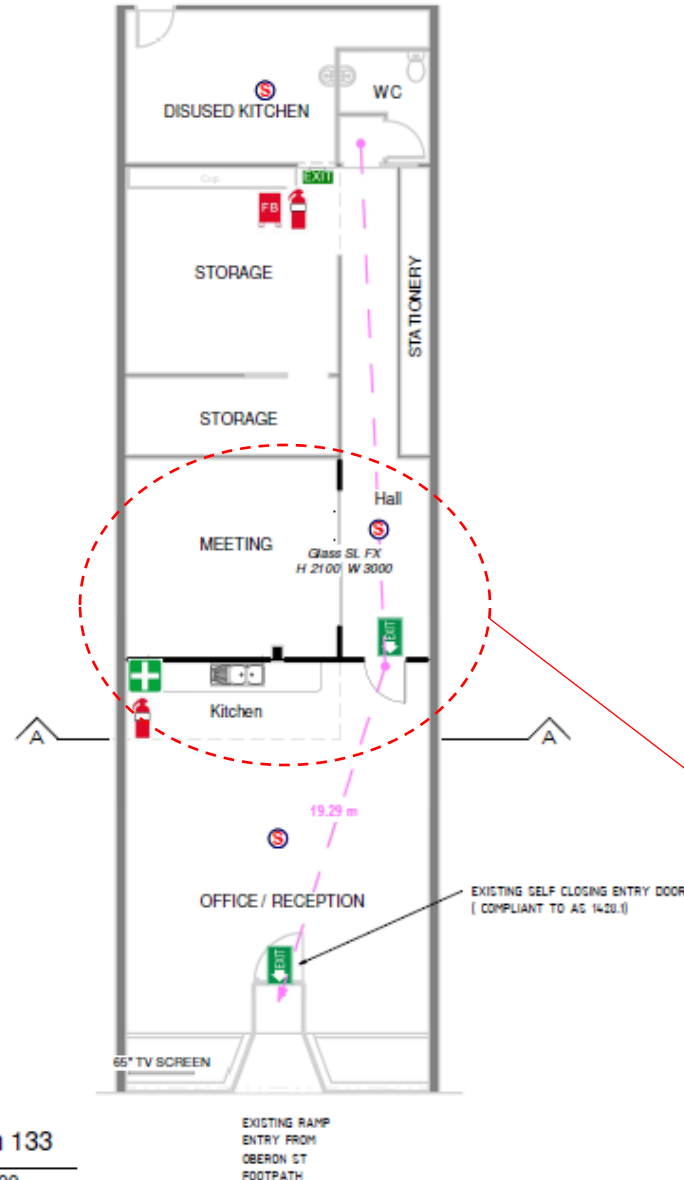
Indicative program from scoping through to operations





The Pines Wind Farm Community Hub

- ▶ Opening a Community Hub at 133 Oberon St.
- ▶ DA under review by Oberon Council
- ▶ The Community Hub will provide an opportunity for the community to:
 - Speak to team members, ask questions, and share feedback
 - Organise a meeting
 - Apply for the electricity bill credit
 - Submit sponsorship applications
 - Apply for the Legacy Project Committee or share project ideas
 - Register on the local contractor & supplier register



2 - Street Elevation

DA is for the change of use of 133 Oberon St

DA submission date: June 2026

Proposal to add a new wall for a meeting room



Wind Turbine Layout Update



- ▶ The next iteration of the wind turbine layout will be published on The Pines Wind Farm website in Q4 2026.
- ▶ Proposed wind turbines will be shown on both Forestry Corporation of NSW land and some adjacent freehold land.
- ▶ The wind turbines will continue to be at least 15km from Oberon township.
- ▶ The wind turbine tip height will be reduced from 300m to 275m.
- ▶ Agencies recommend a National Parks buffer equal to tip height (~300m).



Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA)

- ▶ We appreciate Council's feedback on the draft VPA on 25/8
- ▶ We understand that Council's interests are:
 - Socioeconomic analysis; and
 - Environmental impacts

Deed

The Pines Wind Farm Planning Agreement

Under s7.4 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*

Oberon Council

TagEnergy Australia Investments 5 Pty Ltd
trading as
The Pines Wind Farm

Date:

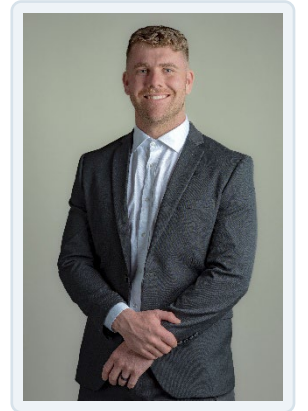


Introduction to New Team Member

Thomas Darker

Project Manager — The Pines Wind Farm | TagEnergy

On Golden Plains: **Technical Project Manager - Construction**



GOLDEN PLAINS WIND FARM/BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM — CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT



215 turbines



1,333 MW
Capacity



\$4bn Project
Investment



BESS -
150MW/600MWh



Stage 1 - 756
MW



Stage 2 - 577
MW

THE PINES WIND FARM — WHAT'S AHEAD



Wind Farm Design



Grid Connection



Land Tenure



Planning

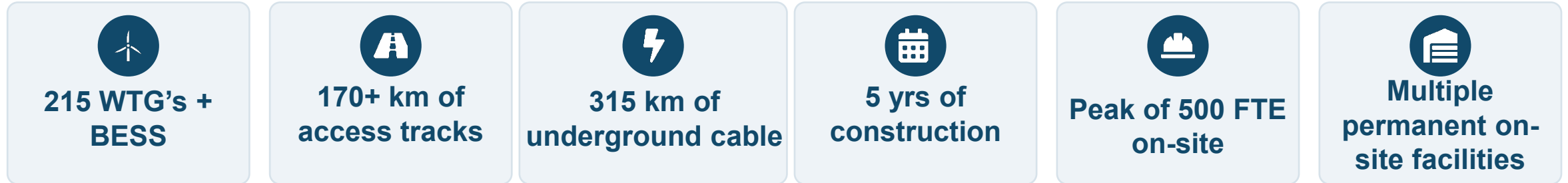


Community
Engagement

Bringing it to The Pines: Direct, first-hand experience delivering state significant developments. Shaping a more buildable wind farm layout and optimised transport and planning pathways to minimise impacts for the local community.

Case Study: Waste Management in State Significant Construction Projects — Golden Plains Wind Farm

Golden Plains Wind Farm — Golden Plains Shire (Rokewood), VIC — a State Significant Development



► Every waste stream tracked from day one of construction, with these outcomes:



Read-across to The Pines: The Pines is a similar-scale State Significant Development. As with Rokewood, Oberon's local tip would not have the sorting, recycling and volume capacity that construction waste at this scale requires, therefore it would not be used for Pines construction and more capable facilities elsewhere would be utilised.



Where the waste actually went

Golden Plains Wind Farm — construction waste summary, by material stream

	MATERIAL	VOLUME	DIVERTED	DESTINATION
	Timber & packaging	~350 t	98% Recycled	Donated to 35 local community groups — men's sheds, schools, gardening clubs
	Tarps	—	60% Recycled	Repurposed / reused off-site / Donated to NGOs
	Steel packaging & scrap	~65 t	100% Recycled	Licensed scrap metal recyclers (SIMS Metals)
	Concrete	~2000 t	Recycled	Ballarat Concrete Recyclers
	Commingled recycling	~400 m ³	Recycled	Commercial recycling contractor (Cleanaway)
	General / office waste	~12,500 m ³	—	Licensed waste contractor (Cleanaway) — not the shire tip
	Effluent / septic	~4.5 ML	n/a	Licensed liquid-waste contractor (Whitford)



How we kept it out of landfill — and what that means for The Pines



Full chain-of-custody tracking

Every load digitally recorded & tracked.



Local donation network

35 community groups take timber & packaging for reuse
~\$300k in landfill fees avoided (WTG timber alone)



Commercial recycling contracts

Concrete, steel & commingled recyclables to capable licensed sorting centres or scrap-yards.



Source segregation

Materials kept separate at point of disposal.

What this means for Oberon: Based on the Golden Plains experience, Oberon's tip would not have the capability required for construction-scale waste and, as with Rokewood, would not be used.



Modelling assumes a silent world (LAeq); field testing measures the real one (LA90)

MODELLING

Predicted noise, before construction

LAeq equals LA90: identical, with nothing to exclude



SILENT-WORLD ASSUMPTION

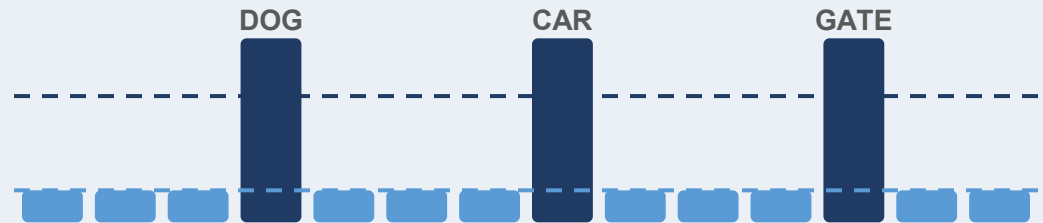
The model represents the turbine alone. There is no dog, vehicle or gate to statistically screen out, so the predicted average (LAeq) and the predicted background level (LA90) are the same figure. This is why LAeq appears in the Guideline only at the modelling stage.

FIELD TESTING

Measured noise, after construction

LA90: the compliance metric, unmoved by the spikes

LAeq: the average, pulled up by the spikes



REAL ACOUSTIC ENVIRONMENT

Once the wind farm operates, unrelated events share the same window as its continuous noise. LA90, the level exceeded 90% of the time, statistically excludes them and isolates the wind farm's own contribution. LAeq folds every spike into the average, which is why it is not used to test compliance in the field.

Illustrative schematic; figures do not represent measured field data.



Response to key topics

- ▶ The attached Q&A document provides answers to questions received during the last Council meeting as well as questions received from Council via email.

Q&A