



Balala Wind Farm community newsletter - July 2026

Hello everyone,

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to speak with us over the past few months. We know there is a lot happening across the New England and we appreciate people sharing their time, views and local knowledge with us.

Project Update

Since our last newsletter we've been spending more time in the area meeting with neighbours to the proposed Balala Wind Farm. These conversations have helped us build a stronger understanding of the concerns held, particularly for those who may be more directly impacted by the project

The feedback we've heard has been consistent with what was raised at the Community Information Sessions in Uralla last year. Visual and noise impacts remain front of mind for many. We've also heard concerns around property values, local flora and fauna, bushfire management, and the cumulative impact of development across the region, among other issues.

Water has been a particularly strong and consistent focus in all our recent conversations. Every neighbour we've met with has raised water as a key concern, reflecting how important it is to the area and to people's day-to-day lives, especially given the dry conditions recently experienced across the region.

Many of the people we met with are either already living fully off-grid or are actively working towards it, having made significant financial and personal investments to achieve this. For some, this has been a deliberate choice to live more independently, while for others it reflects the high cost of connecting to the electricity network. In both cases, many neighbours expressed they liked the idea of being off-grid but also raised concerns around living near a wind farm while being off-grid where the electricity generated will not directly benefit them.

These conversations are an important part of our early work and will help build our understanding as well as inform the studies and assessments that sit behind the project as it develops.

Scoping Report update

As we mentioned in our last newsletter, we are working towards submitting the Scoping Report for the Balala Wind Farm to the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure. As we have been focusing on meeting with as many near neighbours as



possible during the first half of 2026, we are now intending to lodge the Scoping Report during the second half the year.

Site Investigations and Studies

In November 2025, we installed two meteorological (met) masts on site to begin collecting wind data. This information will help us better understand the wind resource in the area and inform the design of the project.

We have also continued to undertake ecological surveys across the site to better understand local flora and fauna and any potential impacts the proposed project may have on these values. These studies will feed into the Environmental Impact Statement and help identify how impacts can be avoided or managed.

A strong focus of project development has also been on undertaking detailed desktop visual impact assessments. These studies have helped us to identify neighbouring properties that may experience visual impacts from the proposed project. We are engaging directly with these neighbours to discuss the findings of these assessments and understand any concerns people may have. Our aim is to contact as many potentially impacted neighbours as possible, to ensure that people are informed about the project and the studies being undertaken.

While we have not yet been successful in reaching everyone, we will continue to prioritise this work. Please feel free to pass our contact details on to anyone who may wish to discuss this project with us.

Staying Informed

We have recently launched the EDF power solutions Australia website www.australia.edf-powersolutions.com/ and the Balala Wind Farm project website www.balalawindfarm.com.au, where you can find more information and updates as the project progresses.

If you would like to discuss this newsletter, the project, or EDF power solutions Australia more broadly, please feel free to reach out to our team directly.

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Please feel free to pass our contact details on to anyone you think may be interested in the project or who would like to talk with us directly.

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If you know of neighbours or other community members who might like to receive updates, you are very welcome to forward this on and encourage them to get in touch so we can add them

Kind regards,

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