

EnergyAustralia Lithgow Region Community Consultative Committee

FINAL Meeting Minutes – 02 June 2026

Member attendees:

- Julie Favell
- Rob White
- Auntie Helen Riley
- Jim Whitty
- Brad Cluff
- Cr Ray Smith – Lithgow City Council
- Jonathon English – EnergyAustralia
- Ben Eastwood – EnergyAustralia
- Dave Simpfendorfer – EnergyAustralia (in place of Cath Russell)

Also present:

- Lauren Stevens – Lithgow City Council
- Harley McNamara – EnergyAustralia
- Nicole Ng – EnergyAustralia

Apologies:

- Brian Fitzgerald
- Cath Russell – EnergyAustralia
- Matt Bruers - EnergyAustralia

Presenters:

- Michael de Vink – EnergyAustralia
- Damon Tweedie – EnergyAustralia
- Jarvis Lulham - EnergyAustralia

Chair:

- Brendan Blakeley

Item	Discussion Point
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2	Welcome and introductions
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- The meeting began at 5:00 pm.
- The Chair welcomed all members.
- The Chair acknowledged Country.
- The Chair asked for declarations of interest:
 - The Chair noted he chaired a similar group for EnergyAustralia at Tallawarra Power Station. He declared payment received from EnergyAustralia for his role as independent chair of this CCC.
 - The Chair noted Auntie Helen's and Brad Cluff's previous declarations
 - No other interests were declared.
- The Chair noted apologies from:
 - Brian Fitzgerald
 - Cath Russell.

3	Questions on notice and actions (see slides 6 to 10)
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Action: Following Feb 2026 meeting the Chair to convey the community members request for an extension to the exhibition period to DPHI.

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- The Chair emailed DPHI on February 26 (see addendum to the February meeting minutes). Brendan sent DPHI's reply to CCC members on 18 March 2026.

Action: Pig management update

- EnergyAustralia has trapped 5 pigs since the beginning of 2026.
- Traps are checked daily via remote cameras
- Bait is replenished as required or on a monthly basis.

Discussion

- *Rob White noted the scale of the land and problem may require more active management than trapping.*
- *Cr Smith added that with the cold weather more pigs are coming down from higher sheltered areas.*
- *Julie Favell asked whether EnergyAustralia has been asked to join in any regional pig management activities.*
- Ben noted that EnergyAustralia had supported a regional culling program in 2005 between National Parks, Forestry and EnergyAustralia in the Mt Walker area. Ben wasn't aware of any regional based control programs currently being undertaken in 2026.
- *The community CCC members requested that Ben contact National Parks to present the groups' concern about the numbers of feral pigs and also request a concerted control program noting the effectiveness of previous programs that used professional shooters. (ACTION)*

Wombat Mange program update

Jarvis Lulham noted:

- EnergyAustralia is undertaking surveys around Thompsons Creek Reservoir to identify the number of mange affected wombats
- Three burrows with mange affected wombats have been identified.
- EnergyAustralia will be placing treatment equipment in burrows in this location.
- The team will now shift the focus of monitoring back to the Mt Piper area and surrounding bushland.
- *Julie Favell suggested that the findings of monitoring and treatment be mapped to provide a visual indication of coverage.*

Questions on notice

- *Julie Favell asked for an update on the status of:*
 - *her suggestion that EnergyAustralia look at a remediation and creation of a heritage wetland walk along Wangcol Creek to mark 100 years of coal mining and power generation in the region.*
 - *Remediation of the 3 dug-out sections Wangcol Ck that are being impacted by leaching of groundwater.*

Ben replied that:

- EnergyAustralia has submitted the Wangcol Creek options assessment report to the EPA and that further information will be provided at the next CCC following discussion with the EPA on the preferred option.
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- For the time being the primary focus is on limiting leachate entering groundwater through the capping of MPAR and water diversion project which was described in Modification 9 to the Mt Piper Development Consent.
- The dug-out sections (old mine workings) of the creek have been identified as areas where groundwater is known to seep into the creek and interact with surface water.
- The best way of addressing this is reducing leachate across the long term
- EnergyAustralia is also looking at:
 - revegetation to stabilise creek banks on those lands that they control.
 - progressing weed management in this area, blackberry spraying has been completed in this area.

Discussion

- *Julie Favell noted it was good to see the capping works underway. She asked about what was being put on top of the capping.*
- Jonathon replied it was overburden and topsoil, that will be planted out with grasses to stabilise the capping. The overburden has come from on site.
- *Julie Favell said important to see ash as resource for the future and longer-term look at ways that ash could be moved from the site.*

4	Environmental Planning Approvals (see slides 12 to 14)
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- Ben provided a planning overview and noted that most current projects have been approved except for Lake Lyell Pumped Hydro and Mt Piper Mod 10.
- The final determination for Mod 10 is imminent.
- *Julie Favell requested that an overview of the Mod 10 conditions be presented at the next meeting. (ACTION)*

5	Operations update – MPPS (see slides 15 to 21)
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Some slides have been redacted due to confidentiality. Only high-level discussion points are reported below.

Jonathon noted the following points about station operations:

- Safety – there was a single lost time injury in February
 - Safety culture is good however there has been several near misses in the first half of the year
 - There is a strong reporting culture across EnergyAustralia that is bringing risk to attention. These risks are discussed and learnings are taken out and preventive action is implemented.
 - This is a good opportunity to put in place safety culture prior to the forthcoming Unit 2 planned outage when a large number of new workers will be on site.
 - Mt Piper is generating close to 15% of NSW power needs.
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently there is a lot of wind power in the market. This has meant the Mt Piper units have been operating consistently at a lower load. • Unit 2 has a tube leak and is being repaired. It will return to service soon. • Both Unit 1 & 2 will be ready for winter evenings when greater generation is needed. Unit 2 is safe though to the outage. • EnergyAustralia plans for outages to occur in shoulder seasons when demand is less. • The coal stockpile is close to capacity. • The quality of coal being received is very good. • Undertaking a lot of work on site to prepare for the outage such as clearing up workspaces and removing coverings from areas that will be worked on. • EnergyAustralia is very pleased with the capacity of the Mt Piper units to operate at very low levels of generation. Historically it was thought the units could only operate down to 280 MW but we are safely and consistently bringing them down to 150 MW • <i>Rob White asked for more details about the process to restart the units.</i> • Jonathon replied that after shutting down it takes around 2 weeks for a unit to be completely 'cold'. From 'cold' It then takes around two days to get the plant back operating from a total shut down however when hot, units could be restarted within a matter of hours. Generally, only one unit is ever shut down at a time. He noted that a shutdown was a different procedure to reducing the generation load. Where the load is reduced in 3.5 MW increments. |
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Operations Pine Dale

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jarvis noted that there were no changes at Pine Dale Mine and there have been no recorded non compliances. • EnergyAustralia is continuing to comply with requirements for annual monitoring, and this includes an upcoming nesting box survey. • Currently looking at a partial mining lease relinquishment for the eastern mining lease area (Jenkins property) near the end of View St. • Future land uses are being investigated • <i>Julie Favell noted that the wetland walk should be added to the list of possible uses.</i> |
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Project Updates: Mt Piper BESS (see slides 22 to 25)

Jonathon showed a recent artist render of the BESS project. He noted:

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early works have commenced to prepare for the final investment decision later this year. • EnergyAustralia is moving on with procurement planning and sounding out contractors. • If construction can commence by end of 2026 BESS would be operational in 2028 |
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- He showed slides of the Wooreen battery that is being built in Victoria. He highlighted that BESS construction is a relatively straightforward process of installing modules
- One of the biggest logistical considerations for the Mt Piper BESS will be bringing very large equipment to the site. This has been further complicated by the closure of Victoria Pass. Specialist haulage equipment is needed for large items such as transformers. Routes are determined on how well they can accommodate heavy oversized loads.
- *Julie Favell asked if the units could be transported by train*
- Jonathon responded that all options are options are being investigated.

Project Update: Lake Lyell Pumped Hydro Study (see slides 26 to 29)

Michael de Vink provided an update on the EIS noting:

- Exhibition of the CSSI Application has concluded.
- 207 submissions were received:
 - 168 have been categorised as opposing
 - 27 were supportive
 - 12 submissions have been categorised as making suggestions or comments
 - Around 90% of submissions received were from local stakeholders
- The team now has until 31 August to prepare the Response to Submissions (RTS) report.
- The Chair requested that key aspects of the RTS report be presented at the August meeting. (Action)

Discussion

- *Rob White raised his recent correspondence with Michael de Vink about dam levels in Lake Lyell during construction. He noted the following:*
 - *At the September 2025 CCC meeting it was stated that the dam level would need to be reduced by 3.5 metres to enable construction.*
 - *However, in an appendix of the EIS there is reference to the possibility that the level may need to be reduced by another 10 metres below the 3.5 m level to enable the coffer dam to be constructed. In total this is 13.5 metre drop in the lake level.*
 - *A reduction of this scale would have a huge impact upon the environment, tourism and lake recreation. It could also take a very long time for the lake to refill up to the full capacity*
 - *Rob felt that EnergyAustralia has not been transparent about the potential for a level change of this magnitude and that this information was buried in an appendix and not clearly stated in the body of the report.*
 - The Chair asked if Rob wanted his letter to Michael shared with the CCC.
 - *Rob agreed*
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- Michael responded that he had replied to Rob on this matter. He noted:
 - The September discussion referenced a 3.5 metre drop, as the desired option for building the coffer dam using what is called a wet construction methodology.
 - However if the need for dry construction method for the coffer dam cannot be avoided then the lake may need to be lowered as far down as 13.5 metres to expose the floor of the Farmers Creek arm area.
 - In the EIS document this is written in a style that this is what is going to be done. Whereas it should have been more conditional and written as an option to be used only if there wasn't an alternative.
 - *The comments received from agencies on each option will be responded to in the RTS.*
 - *If we had to lower the level by 13.5 metres to enable dry construction the lake would not need to be held at this level for the duration of construction. We would progressively allow the lake to fill to the level just below the level of the coffer dam wall construction.*
 - *As noted, this a worst-case scenario and LLPH is hoping that we can employ a wet construction method for the coffer dam.*
 - *Rob White and Cr Smith noted that as the 13.5-metre drawdown was only identified within an appendix, many community members were unaware of its significance during the exhibition period and therefore did not address this high-impact activity in their submissions. The full extent of the proposed drawdown only became apparent after the exhibition period had closed.*
 - *Cr Smith expressed disappointment that this option only came to light when looking at the commentary in the submissions from the EPA and from WaterNSW. He felt that these agencies' commentary wasn't favourable for the project and that the option was obscured in the back pages of the EIS and has been withheld from the community during the consultation and the exhibition process.*
 - *He asked that LLPH provide more information as to the proposed duration that the dam would be at a lower level and how impacts upon the environment, tourism and recreation would be addressed.*
 - *Cr Smith also expressed concerns about what the agency submissions had to say about stability and faults within the rocks formations where the upper dam will be built. LLPH needs to provide convincing answers to these concerns.*
 - Michael responded that while the geotechnical studies identify faults and cracks these are inherent in most rock formations. The studies conclude that on geotechnical basis the area is suitable for dam structures.
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	• <i>Rob White added that he will be in touch with DPHI re the information about the dry construction scenario and potential drop in level by 13.5 metres.</i> • Michael de Vink agreed his response to Rob could be sent to the CCC., • <i>Julie Favell asked that with the partnership where does decision making lie in relation to the finals decision to proceed with the project.</i> • Michael replied that the project first needs to be approved. While EDF is the major partner in LLPH, the decision to proceed with the project would need to be made by both EDF and EnergyAustralia. • <i>Rob White noted that in the 1980's Lake Lyell took over 2 years to fill and this was with a flood event. He expressed concerns that if the dam level needed to be dropped by 13 metres it could take a very long time to refill and even longer in a drought scenario.</i> • <i>Jim Whitty suggested that consideration be given to refilling the lake with water from other sources such as Thompsons Creek Reservoir or treated water from Springvale.</i> • Michael replied that this could be investigated but would be subject to agreement from WaterNSW and the operational requirements of the Mt Piper station. • <i>Lauren Stevens asked if there would be a public meeting prior to final determination.</i> • As a CSSI, the determination will be made by the minister and not subject to an Independent Planning Commission style process that typically includes a public meeting. • Harley M^cNamara stated that LLPH will keep the community updated on next steps regarding the assessment and determination process.
7	Updates: Lithgow Community (see slides 30 to 31) • Dave outlined that EnergyAustralia had participated in several community events • Recent community grant recipients include: ○ Lithgow High School ○ One Mob cultural program ○ PCYC Lithgow • EnergyAustralia will be hosting and apprenticeship information night on 02 July 2026. This is the last week of school term so students can come along before the holidays. EnergyAustralia has advised local high schools about the night. • Jonathon added that: ○ the youngest age for apprenticeships is 16 years. ○ EnergyAustralia is also open to mature age apprenticeships. Unit 2 Planned Outage • Jonathan noted that this outage has taken considerable planning and is quite extensive at 85-90 days compared to last year's 54-day outage to upgrade Unit 1. • Unit 1 will remain operating throughout the Unit 2 outage period.

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	• As noted, a lot of site readiness work is underway and equipment is already being landed here. • There will be an expected maximum of 800 workers on site at peak time. • The installation of the upgrade kit to Unit 2 will give an additional 30MW of power for the same fuel use. • A team will also work to repacking the second water cooling tower using a similar method to what was used last year. • Many of the skills required for the outage are highly specialised and people need to be brought in from around Australia and overseas. • It is anticipated that travel, accommodation and meals expenses will bring in close to \$10 M for the local economy. • All up the outage has been budgeted at \$126 M.
8	Climate Transition Action Plan (CTAP). • In opening this discussion item, the Chair noted some parts of Damon's presentation may be redacted from the public slide pack accompanying the final minutes as the CTAP was in draft form and subject to change. Aspects of it were also, at this point, commercial in confidence. • Damon Tweedie outlined that the CTAP is: ○ EnergyAustralia's corporate commitment to how it will achieve emissions reduction targets and shift energy supply toward net zero. ○ This requires maintaining certainty of energy supply and that communities impacted by directly by the transition are supported through change. ○ It is public document that outlines how we will respond to and minimise both upstream and downstream emissions. ○ The closure at Yallourn will take out around 60% of emissions from our portfolio as it burns brown coal. ○ Mt Piper still has an important role to play in supplying power to the grid. It is proving to be flexible and efficient. ○ The rate at which generation steps down at Mt Piper through to 2040 will be dependent on at which renewables and batteries enter the system. ○ Mt Piper will close in 2040. ○ Gas will play an important role well into the future particularly at peak times or when there are lulls in renewables. • Damon noted that the CCC will have an important role in contributing to the CTAP and longer term a more detailed transition to closure plan for Mt Piper. • <i>Rob White asked about the role of virtual power plants</i> • Damon responded that there was an increasing uptake of home solar and batteries and that these have a huge role to play. One of the problems is that these are "behind the meter" and they don't have the degree of control that other forms of generation have.

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Several policy issues have to be resolved around this type of power before it can be factored fully and reliably into the system.

- Secure baseload power is a critical part of the overall energy mix. A big unknown at the moment is the degree of energy demand with the roll out of data centres across the country.
- *Rob White noted the technology is evolving very rapidly and amount of rooftop solar has been underestimated by around 1 GW.*
- *Rob White asked how the CTAP relates to EnergyAustralia's projects being developed in partnership with other companies*
- Damon noted that emissions are allocated according to holding stake and the nature of generation. Direct emissions would typically go to the major partner. Other emissions would be in Scope 3.
- *Julie Favell asked if viability of coal-fired generation would be a factor in looking at the winding down operations at Mt Piper.*
- Damon responded that economic viability of the operation through to closure is an important consideration. Depending on what is required and the amount of batteries coming and storage coming into the grid the station may be put into an intermittent operation mode and later a reserve mode as activities wind down.
- Damon outlined that the closure of Yallourn had yielded some very important learnings including the need to:
 - to start the discussion very early and communicate well in advance
 - be open and transparent
 - Develop partnerships to plan the transition at a regional level.
- He tabled a set of draft principles for the transition at Mt Piper. These were:
 1. Backed by the community
 2. Adopt and build on lessons from Yallourn
 3. Work with employees, council and stakeholders
 4. Ensure plan is backed by Government.
- *Julie Favell agreed with these and stated that there should be a specific Mt Piper transition web page that is easy to access and begins this conversation with the community now.*
- *Clr Smith asked about whether Mt Piper was suited for other forms of power generation at Mt Piper such as gas.*
- Jonathon replied that there was ample land at the station and good access to grid connections, but gas was unlikely as there is no pipeline nearby.
- Damon and Jonathon noted that the existing grid connections and ample land were assets that will be explored when investigating future options for the site. The BESS was an example of looking at a more diverse future at Mt Piper.
- *Rob White noted that open and consistent communication would be critical to keeping the community informed.*
- Damon invited the group to reflect upon aspects of the transition to closure with a series of questions using the ORID template.

The following points were noted by CCC members.

- *There is already a lot of discussion about this in the community but not much concrete information to base discussion upon.*
- *While it is known the station will close in the future fourteen years isn't all that far away.*
- *Responding to the transition locally will need to extend well beyond STEM programs in schools.*
- *People are uncertain about the future of the town given over 600 people are directly employed at Mt Piper and nearby mines that supply Mt Piper.*
- *Lithgow is very dependent upon energy. It is not just those who are directly employed at the station or in mining. There are large number of businesses who supply services to both. You need to look at indirect jobs as well.*
- *Lithgow already struggles to provide employment outside the energy sector.*
- *Renewables projects are "sugar hits" in that they provide a lot of work during construction but very few jobs in operation.*
- *Permanent large-scale employers will be needed to replace what will be lost.*
- *Address concerns about reliability of supply and where baseload power will come from. The reserve role of the station will be important in providing certainty of supply*
- *The good thing is that there is ample land and existing connections into the network infrastructure at Mt Piper. It is a good site for projects - as has been seen with the BESS there is very little community resistance.*
- *Lithgow also has other attributes such as tourism, health services, proximity to Sydney and cheaper housing that can be built upon.*
- *Suggested ideas for the future of the site included more*
 - *Data centres*
 - *Ash repository mining*
 - *Activities that could use treated water.*
 - *More battery storage*
 - *Other forms of generation*
 - *Does EnergyAustralia have a future in just generating and selling energy? Could the company look at other commercial activities such as renewables manufacturing?*
 - *Tourism*
 - *Conservation and wetland experiences*
 - *Remediation research*
- *14 years isn't a long time for such a big change to be planned and there is possibly even less time if operations start to step down or move into reserve mode as the station approaches closure*

Other discussion points included:

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	• <i>Brad Cluff emphasised that those communities most impacted by changes need to be supported and benefit from the transition. He pointed to the work of an alliance called “Collie Just Transition” in Western Australia where the Collie community was very involved in ensuring they weren’t left behind.</i> • <i>Julie Favell added that with the amount of mining royalties this region has contributed over the past 100 years government has a responsibility to assist Lithgow in this transition.</i> • <i>Rob White noted that it would be critical for EnergyAustralia to work in a genuine partnership with all levels of government and the community.</i> • <i>Lauren Stevens added that it takes time to plan for and establish new enterprises. It is not just a matter of finding and attracting business. For major projects it is taking up to 3-4 years to get them approved. She also added that this needs to be looked at from a regional perspective, and not just what happens at the Mt Piper site. We will need to understand how this transition plan complements what is being proposed at Wallerawang by Greenspot, and the new owners of the locomotive workshops and the old cement factory.</i> • <i>Clr Smith noted that the LEEP (Lithgow Emerging Economic Plan) program is an opportunity, but for it to work it has to be commercially, and community driven rather than bureaucratically driven.</i> • <i>Damon thanked members for their contribution and looked forward to their ongoing involvement and guidance.</i>
9	Meeting close • The Chair noted the next meeting is likely to be Tuesday 25 August • The Chair thanked members for their participation and contribution to the discussion. • The meeting closed at 7.00 pm.

EnergyAustralia Lithgow Region

Community Consultative Committee

2 June 2026

Presenters:

Jono English – Head of Mt Piper

Ben Eastwood – NSW Environment Planning Leader

Dave Simpfendorfer – NSW Community Engagement

Mike de Vink – LLH Project Director

Damon Tweedie – Head of Sustainability



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Agenda

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 2. Climate Transition Action Plan 2027 discussion
5. General discussion
6. Meeting Close

Acknowledgement of Country

We would like to acknowledge the Wiradjuri people as the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet today, and recognise and respect their connection to culture, land and unity.

We pay our respect to their Elders past, present and emerging.



Artwork by Wiradjuri Elder and Mingaan Wiradjuri Aboriginal Corporation
representative Aunty Sharon Riley

Declarations of Interest

2. Actions and Questions on Notice

Action Item 1 – LLH Exhibition Period

Minute from 24 Feb 2026

Cath Russell noted the Department's minimum exhibition period for CSSI projects was 28 days.

The Chair added that 28 days was becoming typical even for very large projects.

It was agreed the Chair would write to the planning officer in DPHI responsible for the project, noting community members' request for a longer exhibition period.

Update

The Chair sent an email to the DPHI on Thursday 26 February as detailed in the minutes issued (refer Addendum p6 of the 24 Feb 2026 meeting minutes).

Action Item 2 – Pig Management

Minute from 24 Feb 2026

Rob White asked if EnergyAustralia could look at the management of pigs on their land around Lake Lyell. Rob had recently dealt with 9 pigs on his property. He noted:

- with the changes in weather, pigs are coming out of the bush and closer to the lake.
- that traps need to be well managed and maintained to work.

Ben Eastwood said he would review what is happening in terms of current management and report back.

Update

- There has been 5 feral pigs trapped and destroyed on EnergyAustralia lands since the start of 2026
- The traps are checked daily through cameras
- Bait is replenished monthly or after being re-set

Standing Item 1 –Wombat Mange Program

Wombat Management Program

Current activities

- MPPS Environment Team has completed a wombat monitoring campaign at the Thompsons Creek Biodiversity Offset Area
- A three-week treatment program is currently underway, which is targeting known active burrows
- The EnergyAustralia wombat treatment program is undertaken in accordance with the Wombat Protection Society Australia (WPSA) policies and procedures



Question on Notice 1 – Wangcol Creek

Raised by Julie Favell

- Can I please request again that my suggestion for a swamp restoration project as an Environmental Miners Memorial Heritage Walk plan for Wangcol Creek be a standing agenda item. Previous, Jonathan English response it will be taken on board and ideal for 2028 ideal with 100 years of coal/mining power generation. Even if there is nothing to report, which a history file could be prepared now by MPPS with ongoing works/reports with contamination issues in Wangcol Creek. Otherwise it is likely to drop off the perch;
- Updates on the 3 dugouts Wangcol Creek. Feb 2026 minutes a report finalised by March 2026

Response

Report submitted to EPA on Wangcol Creek Options Assessment. EA will update CCC at the next meeting.

EA focus currently remains on completing Mod-9 capping works on MPAR to limit ongoing leachate entering ground water.

EA maintains an interest in improving Wangcol Creek vegetation and stream stability on our land. Weed management is progressing including blackberry control. Planting of tube stock native species is under consideration.

3. Operations and Project Updates

3.1 Environmental Planning Approvals

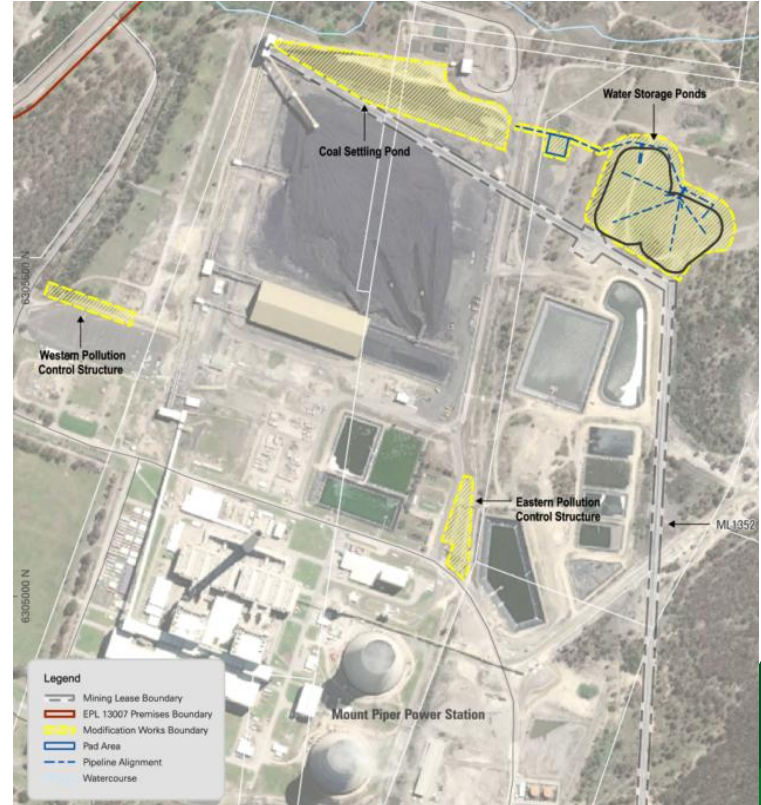
Environment Planning Approvals

	Approval Stage					
	Project Description/ Introduction (SEARs or MOD briefing, application briefing)	Complete Environmental Studies & Prepare Report (SEE, EIS, or Mod report)	Lodge Application with Determining Authority (DPHI or LCC)	Public Exhibition	EA Response to Submissions	Determining Authority Assessment & Project Determination
EA Project	Community Consultation					
Lake Lyell Pumped Hydro Site Investigation Geotech (Council DA)						Approved
Lake Lyell Pumped Hydro Site Investigation Geotech Mod 1 (Council DA)						Approved
Lake Lyell Pumped Hydro (CSSI)						
Mt Piper Battery Energy Storage System (SSD)						Approved
Lamberts North Ash Repository Mod 2 – extension of operating hours (SSD)						Approved
Mt Piper MOD 9 – Ash repository capping (SSD)						Approved
Mt Piper Mod 10 – Coal Settling pond augmentation (SSD)						
Springvale Water Treatment Plant Mod 11 – Transfer of water from SWTP to TCR (SSD)						Approved

Environment Planning Approvals

MPPS – Modification 10 (Coal Settling Pond Augmentation)

- All documents have been provided to DPHI
- Determination of MOD 10 by DPHI is anticipated by June 2026



Environment Planning Approvals

Lake Lyell Pumped Hydro

Refer project update slides in section 3.5

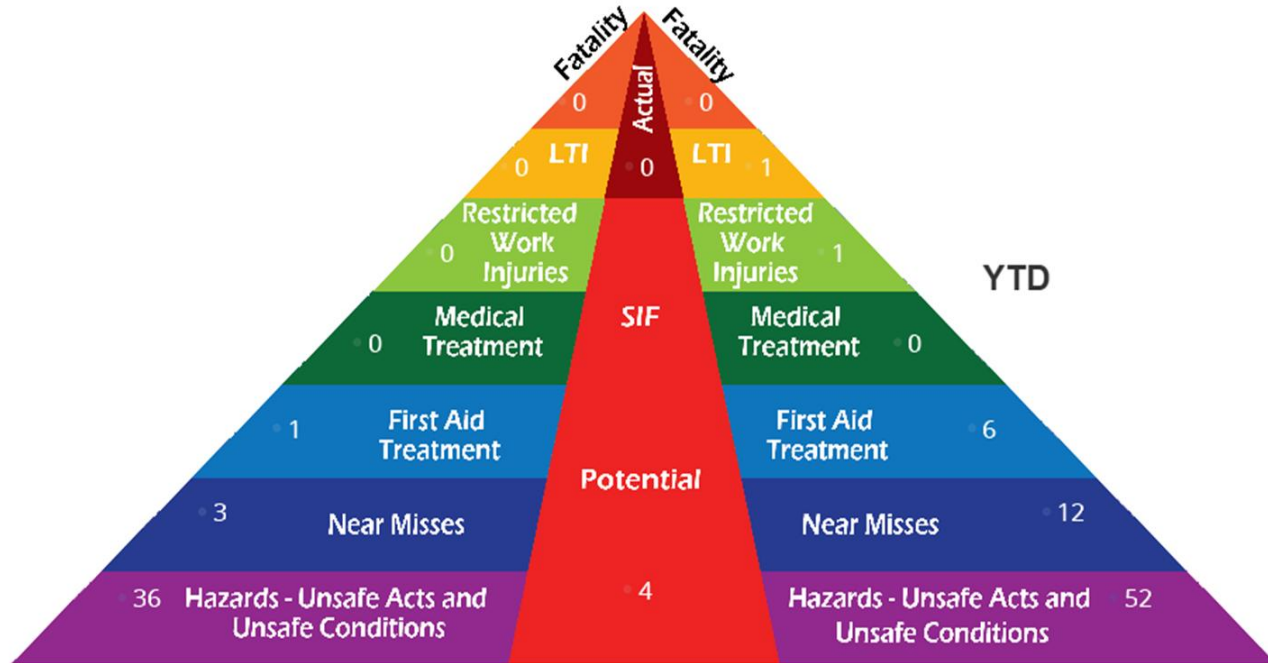


3.2. Operations - Mt Piper Power Station

Site Safety – April 2026

Safety Triangle

Apr 26



Site Safety – April 2026

TIFR

YTD – TIFR (As of April 2026)

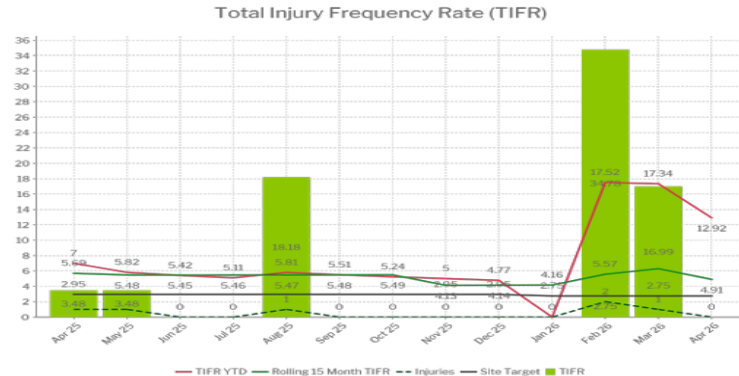
Actual = 12.92

Target = 5.5

Ops and Projects

(Note 2.95 is EA Target overall)

TIFR by Site
TIFR report for a single site, displays site target.



Month	TIFR	TIFR YTD	Rolling 15 Month TIFR	Site Target	Injuries
Apr 25	3.48	7.00	5.69	2.95	1
May 25	3.48	5.82	5.48	2.95	1
Jun 25	0.00	5.42	5.45	2.95	0
Jul 25	0.00	5.11	5.46	2.95	0
Aug 25	18.18	5.81	5.47	2.95	1
Sep 25	0.00	5.51	5.48	2.95	0
Oct 25	0.00	5.24	5.49	2.95	0
Nov 25	0.00	5.00	4.13	2.95	0
Dec 25	0.00	4.77	4.14	2.95	0
Jan 26	0.00	0.00	4.16	2.75	0
Feb 26	34.78	17.52	5.57	2.75	2
Mar 26	16.99	17.34	6.29	2.75	1
Apr 26	0.00	12.92	4.91	2.75	0

Market update – operation in the market

Commercially Sensitive – Redacted for public release

Operations update – May

Commercially Sensitive – Redacted for public release

Operations update – May

Commercially Sensitive – Redacted for public release

3.3. Operations – Pine Dale Mine

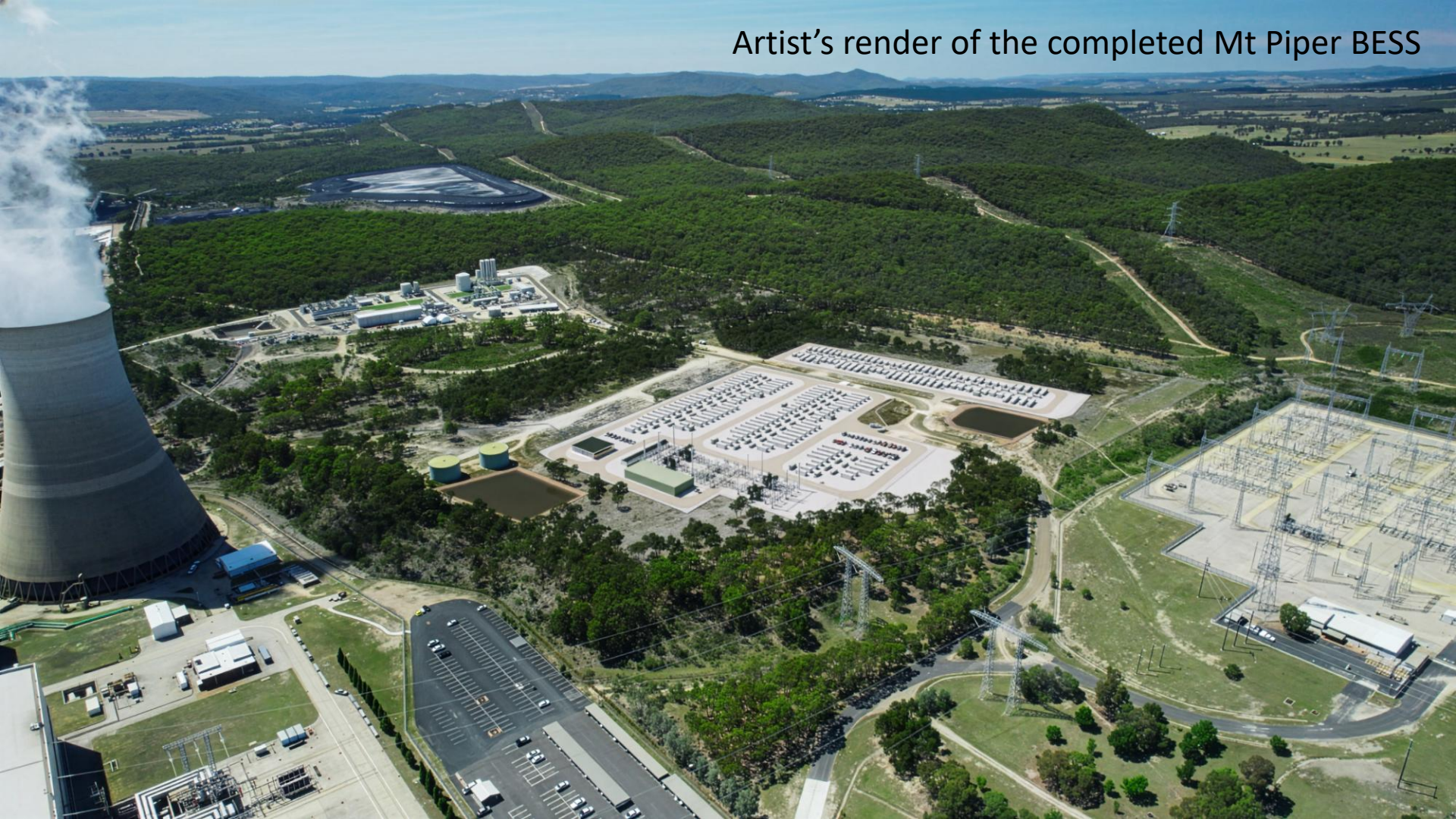
Pine Dale Mine

- No non-compliances at the Pine Dale Mine reported
- Annual Rehabilitation Monitoring is upcoming including nesting box survey
- Pine Dale mine is progressing with a partial mining lease relinquishment for the Eastern Portion of ML 1578
- Future land use options for the site continue to be investigated



3.4 Project - Mt Piper BESS

Artist's render of the completed Mt Piper BESS



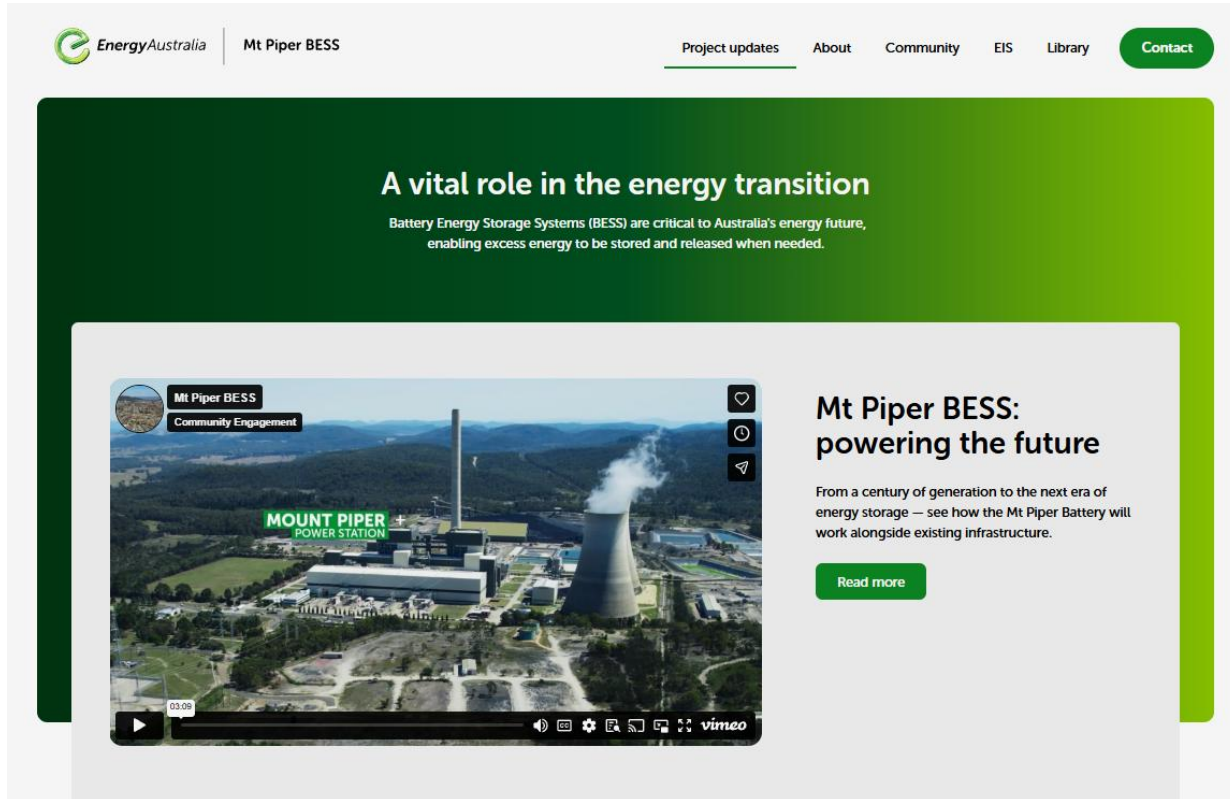
Early works underway

- Early works commenced to prepare the project for **Final Investment Decision (FID)**.
- Progressing detailed design, technical studies and site readiness activities.
- Advancing procurement planning and contractor engagement.
- Targeting FID and construction commencement in late 2026.

Project timeline



New website and video



The screenshot shows the 'Mt Piper BESS' website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the 'EnergyAustralia' logo, the text 'Mt Piper BESS', and links for 'Project updates', 'About', 'Community', 'EIS', 'Library', and a 'Contact' button. Below the navigation bar is a large green banner with the text 'A vital role in the energy transition' and a subtext: 'Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) are critical to Australia's energy future, enabling excess energy to be stored and released when needed.' Below the banner is a video player showing an aerial view of the Mt Piper Power Station and the BESS facility. The video player has a title 'Mt Piper BESS: powering the future' and a description: 'From a century of generation to the next era of energy storage — see how the Mt Piper Battery will work alongside existing infrastructure.' A 'Read more' button is located below the video player. The video player interface includes a play button, a progress bar, and a 'vimeo' logo.

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Mt Piper BESS: powering the future

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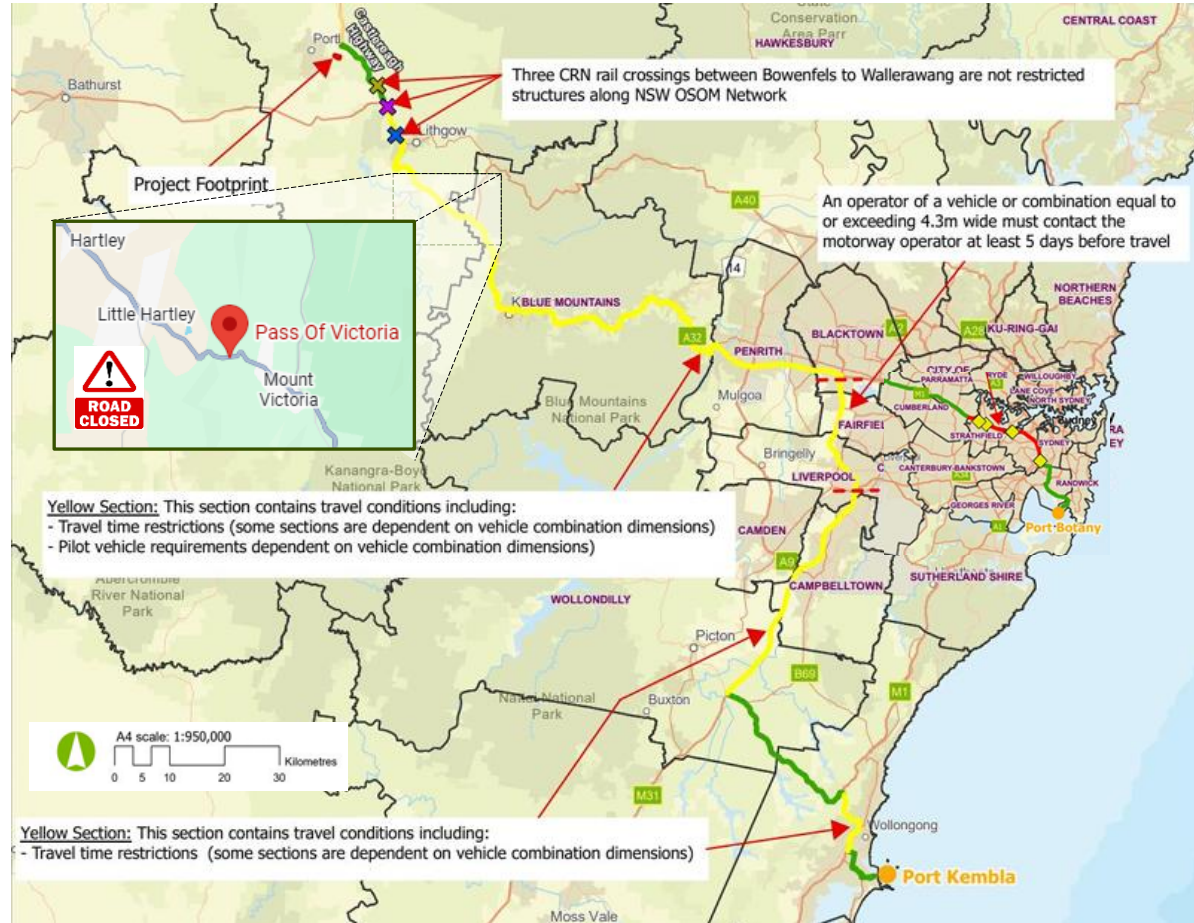
Read more

Check it out at:

<http://mtpiperbess.com.au>

Haulage

A planning mod is under consideration to add a new haulage route for OSOM loads given the road closure at Victoria Pass is at risk of extending into 2027



Source: Development Consent - Mt Piper Battery Energy Storage System, 15 Nov 2024, NSW Government – Planning, Housing and Infrastructure. Appendix 3, combined figures 1 & 2.

Wooreen export transformer delivery (2x 250 MVA)



The specifications for Mt Piper BESS transformer (1x) are:

1. 220 tonnes (gross, excluding oil and ancillary equipment)
2. 10.6m (L) x 4.5m (W) x 4.2m (H)

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Construction photos from sister project "Wooreen" in Gippsland Victoria.

3.5 Project – Lake Lyell Pumped Hydro

Lake Lyell Hydro Project update

Lithgow Community Consultative Committee
Meeting

2 June 2026



1. EIS progress

1. Submissions being reviewed: 207 submissions - 168 opposed, 27 supporting, 12 comments
2. Conversations continuing with DPHI
3. Responses to submissions due 31 August

2. Other Project updates

1. Preparing for undertaking additional borehole investigations
2. Finalising preferred workers accommodation location

3.6 Community engagement

Community engagement

Mt Piper and Projects

RECENT EVENTS

- LLPHES EIS exhibition
- 2026 Grants Round 1
- Portland Art Show sponsorship
- Ironfest pop-up
- Lithgow Show pop-up
- SEGRA conference
- Stakeholder Dinner
- Wild dog & fox baiting program
- Plaza pop-up
- Local supplier video #3 released



2026 Round 1 Lithgow Region Grants

Awarded to:

1. Lithgow High School – Solar Car Challenge
2. One Mob – Connecting to Country and Culture Program
3. PCYC Lithgow – upgrade of BBQ trailer

2027 Apprenticeships Info night

2 July 2026

Advertising from 15 June for 4 weeks



4. Projects in Focus

4.1 Mt Piper Unit 2 Planned Outage

Mt Piper Unit 2 Upgrade Outage

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4.2 Climate Transition Action Plan 2027

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5. General discussion and closing remarks

Thank you