

**Mount Munro Wind Farm: Stakeholder Liaison Group**  
**Meeting 19 August 2026**  
**Venue: Pūkaha National Wildlife Centre (Pūkaha)**  
**Time: 1230pm start**

**Attendance:**

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| Nathan Baker, Independent Facilitator<br>Duane Edwards, Te Whare Taiao Rangitāne<br>Mariah Petera, Te Whare Taiao Rangitāne<br>Kuini Hoera, Te Whare Taiao Rangitāne<br>Horipo Rimene, Rangitāne o Wairarapa<br>James Kendrick, Ngāti Kahungunu ki Tāmaki nui-a-Rua<br>Janet McIlraith, HMMPS Chair<br>John Maxwell, HMMPS<br>Jason Taylor, Old Coach Road<br>Rachael Taylor, Old Coach Road<br>Kristiaan Coppiteters, Old Coach Road<br>Kristel Coppiteters, Old Coach Road | Chris Clarke, local resident<br>Shelley Pender, local resident<br>Andrea Sutherland, local resident<br>Stuart Wright, Horizons Regional Council<br>Dean McLellan, Tararua District Council<br>Larrissa Fraser-MacFarlane, Greater Wellington Regional Council<br>Folkert Burger, Greater Wellington Regional Council<br>Lloyd Clark, Meridian<br>Caroline Rea, Meridian<br>Jarrod Franklin-Brown, HEB |
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Note: Other stakeholders invited either gave their apology or did not respond to the meeting invite.

**Meeting Summary:**

These notes summarise the key points of the meeting and document any actions that were agreed. Prior to the SLG meeting proper, Rhys Watkins from Pūkaha welcomed all to the venue and covered house-keeping matters.

|           | <b>Agenda Item</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| <b>1.</b> | <b>Meeting Open and Introductions</b><br><br>Nathan opened the meeting and welcomed all in attendance. He invited Duane to open with a Karakia which he did.<br><br>Nathan invited each attendee to briefly introduce themselves, which they did. It was noted that two regular Meridian attendees, Kate Gullery and Andre Holm, were apologies for this meeting.                                                                                |
| <b>2.</b> | <b>Any Actions from previous Meeting</b><br><br>Nathan summarised the actions from the previous meeting, as set out below:<br><br>2.1 Caroline and Lloyd to catch up with Janet to fully understand her thinking for the solar project. <b>Not yet Actioned – it was agreed they could coordinate a time to meet and discuss.</b><br><br>2.2 Caroline to send John the investigation report (use of rail to transport turbines). <b>Actioned</b> |
| <b>3.</b> | <b>Project Update and Information</b><br><br><b>3.1 Meridian: Project Update</b><br>Caroline, Lloyd and Jarrod jointly presented a Project Update – slides available on Meridian’s project webpage. Key points/actions from the SLG discussion are summarised below.                                                                                                                                                                             |

- Lloyd thanked those that had provided feedback on the draft Construction Management Plans that had been circulated to SLG members for feedback.

#### **Old Coach Road Works**

- Jarrod described the proposed works at Old Coach Road. Several questions from the Group related to how the works would impact property access along Old Coach Road and lambing season. Jarrod responded that communication was key and both Meridian and HEB will make that a priority. Residents/community should contact Lloyd as first point of contact for any feedback/concern with the works such as noise or dust.
- Janet asked where the aggregate would be sourced from. Jarrod responded it will come from Masterton and Palmerston North as the two main sources and he was also looking at opportunity for local source.
- Chris noted that the court decision places restrictions on local road use. Janet noted that the use of Ramsay's Quarry would require careful traffic management with that in mind. Jarrod responded that the works team will be made aware of those restrictions through traffic management planning. Caroline responded that if it was deemed necessary, Meridian would support placing an appropriate traffic sign at the quarry entrance.
- James noted iwi will have a presence on site and will be observing works. James has experience from other wind farm construction projects that will be helpful.
- Duane asked whether buffer planting had been considered for potential lambing impact. Caroline noted that the works will be staged along Old Coach Road and will have limited impact on lambing at any one location. Communication is key, if there is a concern – contact Lloyd in the first instance.
- Dean asked whether residents vehicles will also need a flashing light similar to work vehicles. Jarrod responded that was a good question and he will consider that through work planning. There will be stop/start control at the entrance with SH2.
- John asked whether notification of Old Coach Road works could be provided in the local newspaper. Dean noted that any road closure works would be notified on Council's website.
- Lloyd asked how many HEB construction workers will be on site. Jarrod responded about 10 workers.
- Stuart noted that from a regional council role, dust management will be the key focus.
- Caroline confirmed the water take required for Old Coach Road works was a permitted activity and did not require a resource consent. There is a resource consent being sought for the wider Mt Munro Wind farm works required because of the duration of the take.
- Caroline discussed what was next in the programme. Janet asked whether the election would stall/impact the programme. Caroline responded that it would not, Meridian has been instructed to continue as planned.

#### **Economic Survey**

- Caroline presented an update on the Economic Survey, noting there was interest from the first SLG to possibly co-design a survey/ have SLG members inputting into its design and the process.
- Chris noted he had an interest in this survey and he saw two fundamental aspects to it – having the right survey specialist/researcher conducting the survey, and having a Reference Group to support the process.
- Chris noted that he viewed the survey as more than economic – it is a social and well-being survey, noting economics is inextricably linked to social and well-being. There was broad agreement from the SLG on this.
- Janet noted that Massey University had completed a similar survey, however she understood that survey may not have been completed. Janet supported a reputable and qualified survey specialist to undertake the survey.

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|    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>James supported the survey idea, noting it was a powerful way that western and iwi cultures could work together as a community and understand this project from start to finish.</li> <li>Caroline asked what the timing should be for the survey. Several responded that there is need for a benchmark survey to start.</li> <li>Caroline asked for early interest in the Reference Group. Chris, James and Duane responded that they are interested in being involved. <b>Action: Caroline to “research the researchers” and come back to the SLG with a preliminary list of survey specialists that could undertake the survey as discussed.</b></li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 4. | <p><b>Stakeholder Update and Information</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nathan invited each attendee to provide any update or matter not yet discussed. Most attendees had no additional updates under this item, several attendees noted that this SLG had generated some constructive discussion.</li> <li>Jason noted a better attendance from council representatives and thanked those in attendance.</li> <li>John requested that Nathan/Meridian do better to invite all residents/ property owners within a 3km radius of the project site. Lloyd responded that Meridian was very supportive of that and he has been trying to contact those people not yet on the invite list – his most recent endeavour driving to each property. <b>Action: Nathan will keep this as a priority and update the invite list as best as practicable for future SLG meetings.</b></li> </ul> |
| 5. | <p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Horipo asked when the blessing for Old Coach Road works will be. Caroline responded Friday 28 August. There were several questions around who was invited to the blessing, James responding that the blessing should be extended to the SLG community. Caroline noted this blessing was for Old Coach Road enabling works rather than the wider project works to come where there will be a blessing. Meridian will take local iwi’s lead for the blessing. Mariah noted that she was still working on coordination of the blessing.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 6. | <p><b>Meeting Close</b></p> <p>Nathan thanked all for attending and for their contributions and invited Duane to close with a Karakia which he did. Nathan closed the meeting at about 2pm.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |