

**Mount Munro Wind Farm: Stakeholder Liaison Group
Hastwell/ Mt Munro Protection Society (HMMPS)
Meeting 14 February 2026
Venue: Pūkaha National Wildlife Centre (Pūkaha)
Time: 1230pm start**

Attendance:

Nathan Baker, Independent Facilitator Janet McIlraith, HMMPS Chair John Maxwell, HMMPS Chris Clarke, HMMPS Jenny Clarke, HMMPS Josie Braddick, HMMPS	Brandon Braddick, HMMPS Lloyd Clark, Meridian Caroline Rea, Meridian Kate Gullery, Meridian Zara Bowen, Meridian Andre Holm, Meridian
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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, General Manager at Pūkaha welcomed all to the facility and presented house-keeping matters.

	Agenda Item
1.	<p>Meeting Open and Introductions</p> <p>Nathan opened the meeting and welcomed all in attendance. He discussed the purpose of the SLG as an important information sharing forum between Meridian as consent holder and the community/stakeholders and read out that purpose as presented in the draft Terms of Reference. He asked each person to introduce themselves and talk to their role/ reason for being at the SLG with that purpose of the SLG in mind.</p> <p>Each attendee introduced themselves as above.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meridian representatives talked about wanting to share project information with the community/ stakeholders through this forum, be helpful in answering stakeholder questions about the project and responding to feedback, and complying with the consent conditions for the project. • HMMPS representatives talked about wanting to keep Meridian honest, represent the HMMPS members and relay information to them, and have project information communicated to them through this forum. HMMPS feedback that it is not an appropriate forum to deal with specific issues around mitigation. <p>The draft Terms of Reference (TOR) were reviewed by the SLG. The key points of that review were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Several minor revisions/amendments to be made to wording (Principles of Participation section (delete the words “rather than adversarial”, replace the word “group” with “SLG”, replace the wording regarding public statements with wording that reflects the SLG will meet in good faith), Confidentiality section (better word that section to make it clear HMMPS can share information with their members and delete all wording referencing pre-certification review). Overall, the TOR was viewed as consistent with the wording of the SLG consent conditions. Action: Nathan to make revisions and reissue the draft TOR to all for their review and feedback. Ideally work to have the TOR agreed by all for the next SLG.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirmed that all information presented at the SLG will be uploaded to Meridian’s project webpage and that information can be shared with HMMPS members. • Confirmed that draft meeting minutes will be emailed to all attendees of this meeting for review and feedback prior to being uploaded to the webpage. It was acknowledged by all the tight timeframe set by the consent conditions of 5 working days to upload to the webpage – all committed to turn-around draft Meeting Minutes (Nathan to draft) and reviews (all attendees) promptly to help achieve that timeframe. Action: Nathan to draft Meeting Minutes promptly and issue to all. All to turn-around their feedback promptly. • Nathan explained why it was decided for the first SLG meeting to run two separate meetings – one for the HMMPS and one for council/iwi/ owners and occupiers of Old Coach Road group. That reason was that it was understood that some stakeholders from these groups would find it prohibitive being in the same room together at a combined SLG. To adhere to the purpose of the SLG and provide for all stakeholders, two separate meetings were run on the same day, with the same agenda, with the minutes of each meeting being available on Meridian’s project webpage. HMMPS representatives provided feedback that they understood that context, however the forum was not a complete SLG as intended and their preference was all community/stakeholders were at the same meeting. HMMPS members did not want to be ostracized because of that context and asked that approach of separate meetings be reconsidered for the next SLG. HMMPS has not agreed to separate meetings. Action: Nathan to reconsider the approach of separate/ combined SLG and communicate the outcome prior to the next SLG in 3 months time. • HMMPS members confirmed for future SLG meetings, they would be represented by two representatives of the HMMPS. It was acknowledged that an open invitation had been sent to HMMPS members for this meeting. • Janet raised the possibility of Zoom/ virtual meeting capability of the venue and whether that could be explored for times when people could not attend in person. Action: Nathan to investigate Zoom/ virtual meeting capability of the venue for the next SLG and communicate that with SLG members prior to the meeting.
<p>3.</p>	<p>Project Update and Information</p> <p>3.1 Meridian: Project Update, Caroline Rea:</p> <p>Caroline presented a Project Update – slides available on Meridian’s project webpage. Key points/actions from the SLG discussion are summarised below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caroline described the project plan slides, which included a new variation to the access road where a different alignment was proposed that resulted in less earthworks/ ecological impact. It was confirmed that new road alignment would require a variation to the existing consent. It was generally agreed that the new road alignment is an improvement in having less impact. • Chris asked what flexibility does Meridian have as it rejigs the turbine location through detailed design – ie could turbines be reduced and specifically the end turbine 207 be moved further away from affected properties? Caroline responded there is limited flexibility in the consented design (it is more refinement of locations) and no flexibility to reduce the number of turbines because of project viability. • Janet requested for clarity to refer to “Old Coach South”. Caroline agreed for future presentations/SLG. • Janet was concerned geotechnical investigation drilling equipment would not be able to get across the small bridge easily. Andre and Caroline confirmed the equipment is of a scale that it can safely travel across the bridge.

- Caroline and Lloyd described Meridian’s desire to use local workforce for the project where appropriate and described Meridian desired targets. Chris asked that consideration be given to a local workforce survey to gauge the impact (good or bad) on local businesses. A constructive discussion was had on this matter and it was agreed to “co-design” a survey together and have that as an agenda item for next SLG. **Action: Meridian to investigate survey development and have that investigation ready for discussion at the next SLG meeting.**
- John was interested in wind measurement/monitoring settings (specifically monitoring below 40/10m). Andre explained the measurement/ monitoring settings.
- In discussions with John, Caroline confirmed interested to investigate the use of rail for project supplies (for example transporting aggregate) from the Napier port and rail to the south. **Action: Meridian to investigate the use of rail for the Project and discuss any findings at the next SLG meeting.**

3.2 Meridian: Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP), Kate Gullery:

Kate presented an update on the CEMP – slides available on Meridian’s project webpage. Key points/actions from the SLG discussion are summarised below.

- Kate described the requirements of the CEMP as set by conditions of consent, noting the current draft document was coming together as a good first draft and is a sizeable document at about 75 pages. It would be sent to SLG members as a draft for their feedback.
- Kate noted there are several management plans that will be made available for SLG feedback. The timing on those will vary and will be communicated when known. There may be a smaller and specific CEMP/management plans for the enabling works for Old Coach Road – that approach was sensible however must be confirmed with councils prior.
- Nathan asked Kate whether timing would allow Meridian to present the CEMP at the next SLG and talk to key points rather than sending it “cold” for review. Kate thought timing might work well for the CEMP but would need to check for the full document suite. Janet noted HMMPS members have reviewed draft documents in the past and have experience doing that. Chris noted a preference for the CEMP/ documents to be pre-circulated prior to the next SLG. Kate offered to provide a summary note/ key points with that pre-circulated material. **Action: Meridian to pre-circulate the CEMP for SLG feedback prior to the next SLG if it is ready.**

3.3 Meridian: Community Projects, Zara Bowen:

Zara presented on Community Projects – slides available on Meridian’s project webpage. Key points/actions from the SLG discussion are summarised below.

- Zara noted the presentation was based on the request of HMMPS for Meridian to present some ideas for a community funded project.
- Shortly into the presentation Chris noted he was expecting to see projects more suited to affected community mitigation projects. The presentation sparked a constructive discussion around other ideas, which included cell-phone coverage for the community and a solar project which seemed to find favour amongst other potential projects discussed.
- Janet raised that there was a “divide and conquer” perception in the community where individuals have appeared to have agreed different compensation/mitigation with Meridian which wasn’t helpful to a community approach.
- Lloyd clarified the various types of mitigation/ projects Meridian undertakes – which includes tailored mitigation (for example double glazing) for individual affected parties specific to their type of impact and community project being discussed which

	<p>is a one-off and new model for Meridian where they are funding a community project earlier rather than at the start of operation – which the Power-up fund does.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caroline noted that the cell-phone coverage project may take some time to investigate because it would require third-party investigation with a network provider. • Action: Meridian to investigate the cell-phone coverage project and the solar project and report back to the SLG when findings are available. HMMPS to provide Nathan with any other ideas for a community project if they arise.
4.	<p>Stakeholder Update and Information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No further update or information from what was discussed above.
5.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No other business.
6.	<p>Meeting Close</p> <p>Nathan thanked all for attending and for their contributions and closed the meeting at about 230pm.</p>

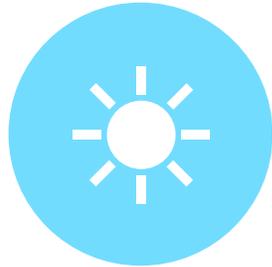
Mt Munro Wind Farm

Project Update

Agenda



PROJECT TEAM



WIND FARM
DESIGN UPDATE



PROJECT
TIMEFRAMES

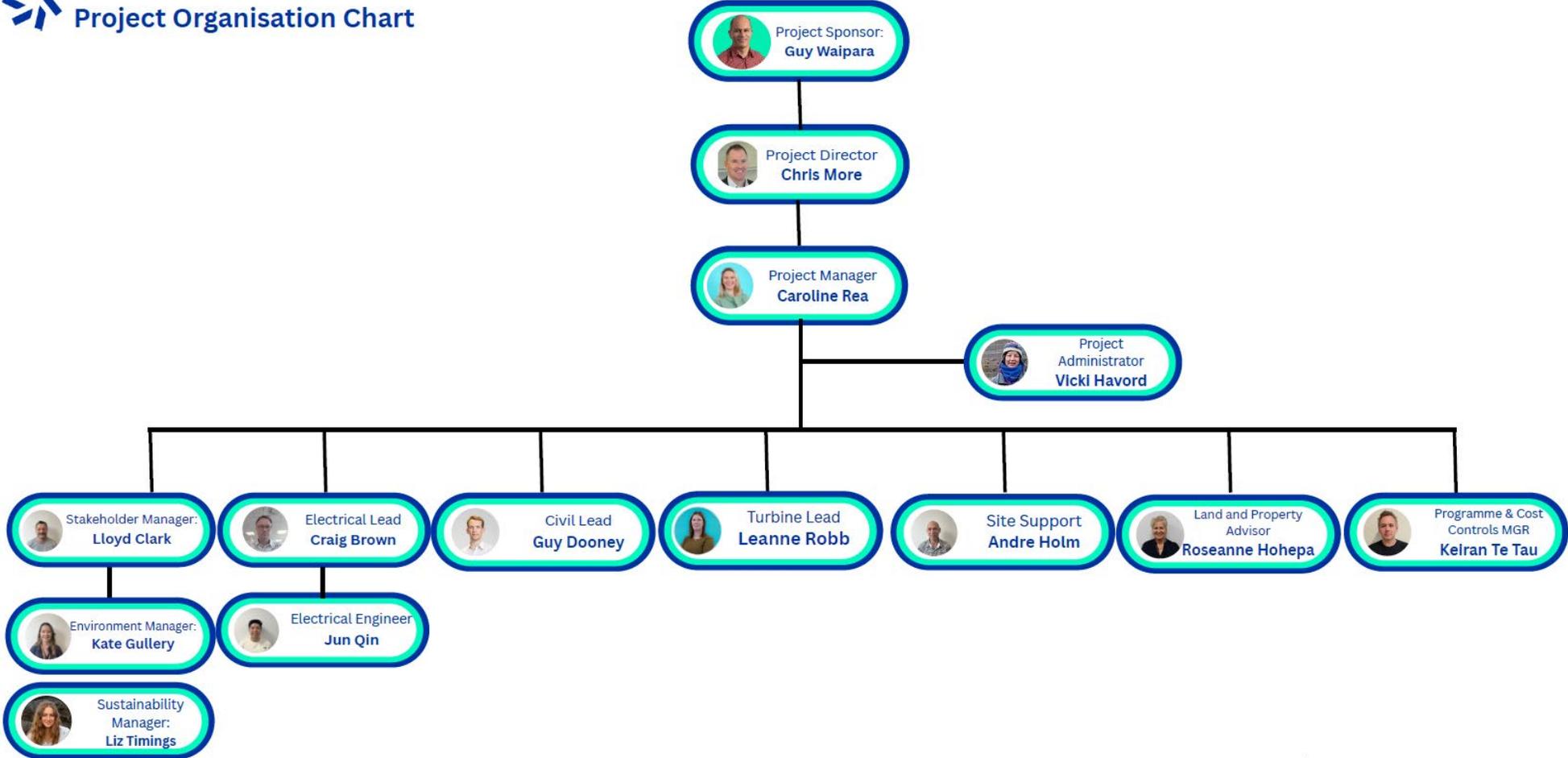


UP COMING
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Project Team

 Mount Munro Windfarm
Project Organisation Chart



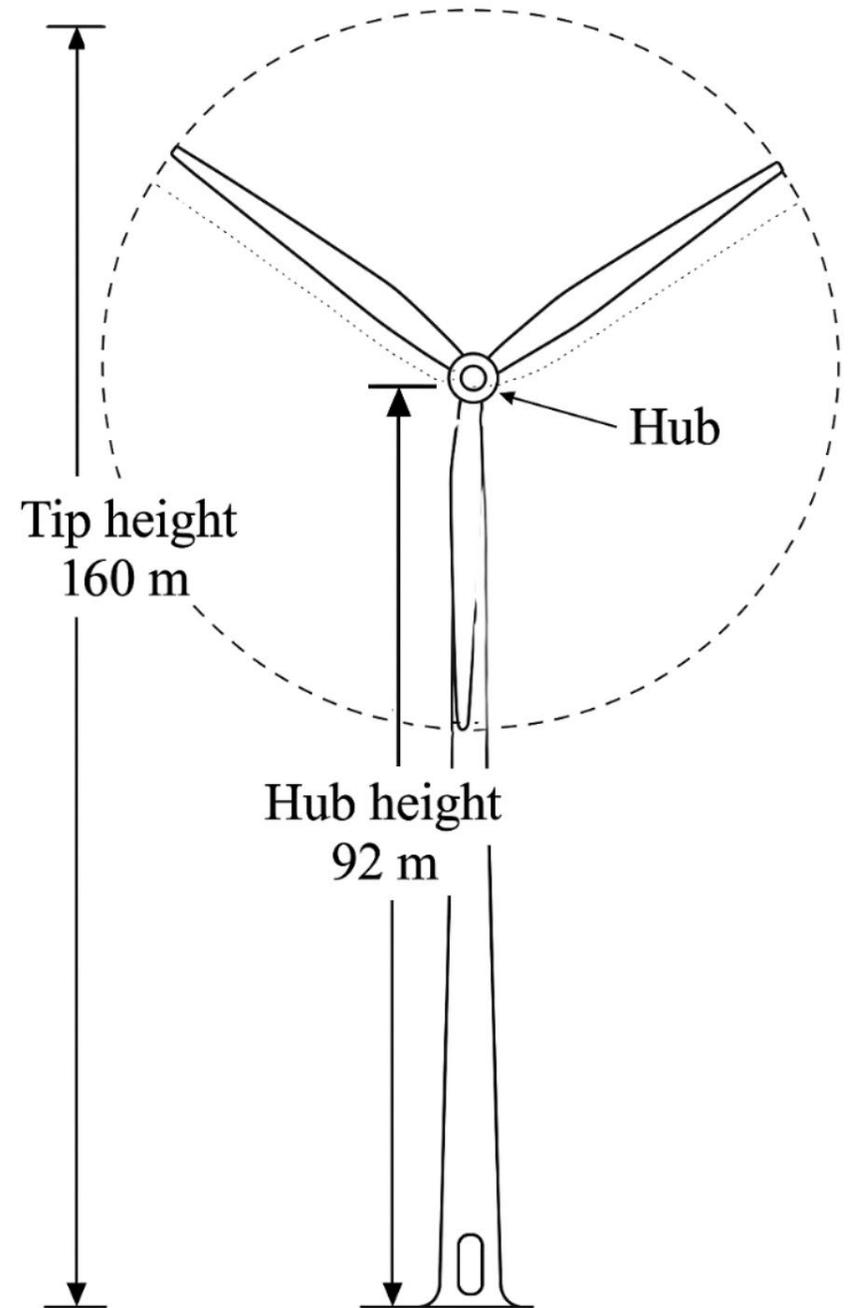
Design Update

Wind Turbine Generators

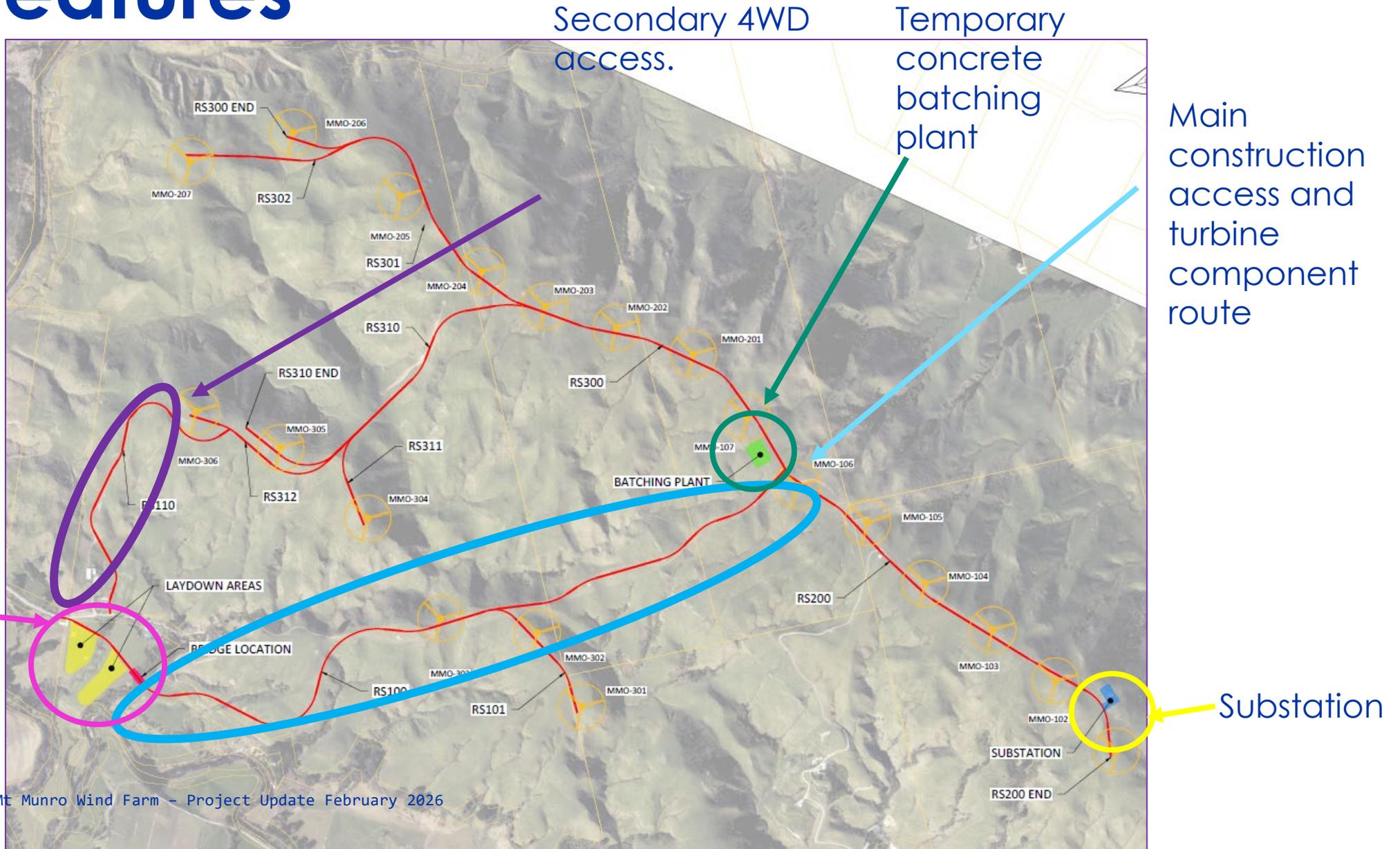
We are currently working with turbine suppliers. The exact model of turbine has not yet been confirmed. The turbines will fall within the consent maximums of

Hub Height – 92m

Tip Height – 160m



Key Features



Main Site Entrance, Permanent office, Water pond, Laydown Areas and Bridge



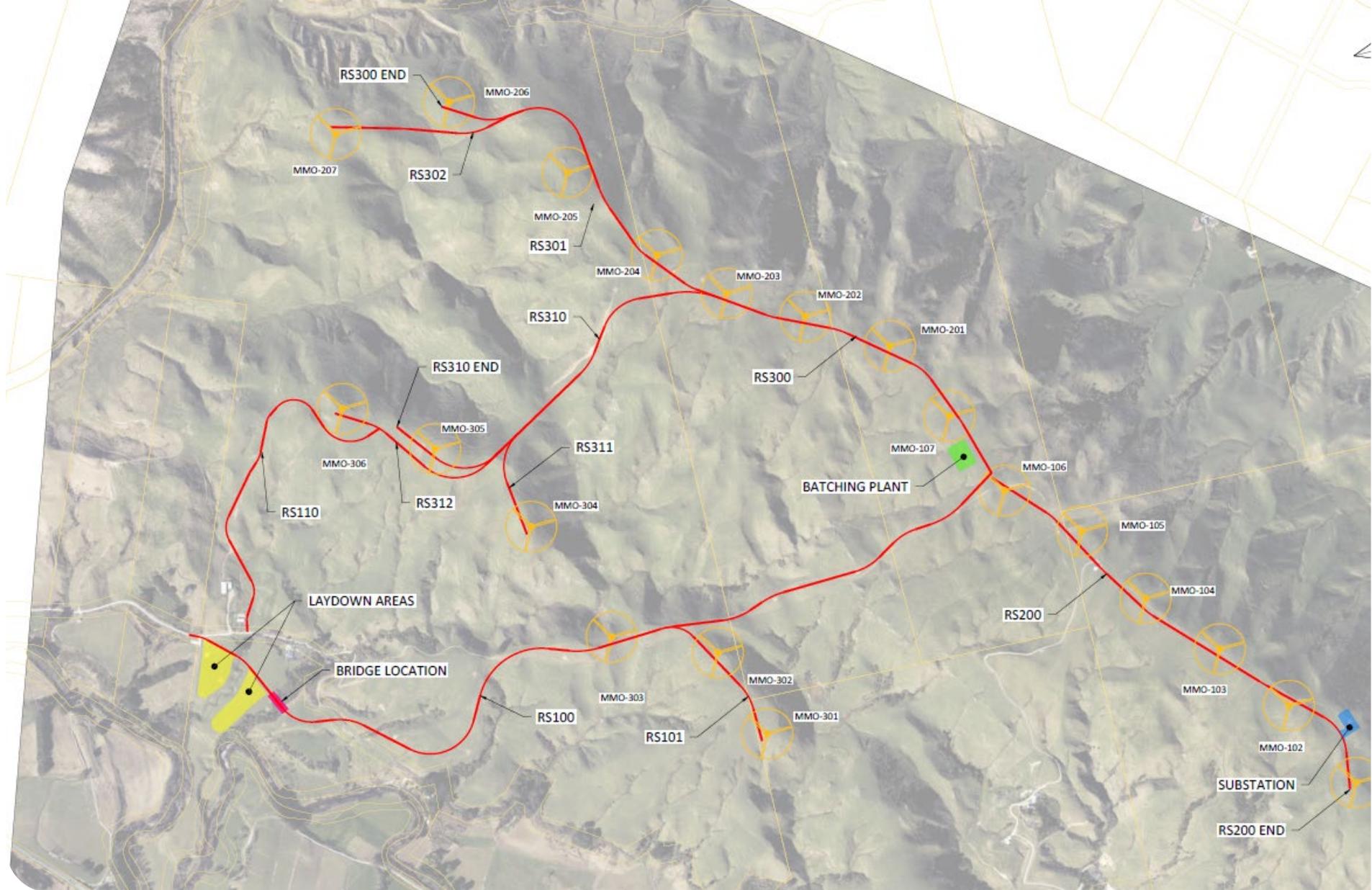
Design Layout - Turbines

As per the Consent:

20 Turbines, all located within the consented Turbine Envelope. The positions have moved slightly since the consented locations.

Visual simulations to be updated in the next month.

Detailed design is underway with the aim to optimisation earthworks.



Site Entrance and Laydown Office

As per consent the main construction site entrance will be at the end of Old Coach Road.

The permanent Operations and Maintenance building will be located here.

We are aware that there is a potential archaeological site in this area.





Enabling Road Upgrades - Old Coach Road

As per consent:

- Old Coach Road is to be upgraded to two way and sealed.
- Changes to the State Highway 2 intersection to be made to make it safer for right turning traffic.
- Other minor roading upgrades.
- The developed design is currently with NZTA and Tararua District Council for review.

Dust Management during construction is very key and will be a major consideration in the contract preparation.

Some power poles will need to be relocated and some power line will need to be undergrounded.

Sealing will extend back to the road fenceline.

Meridian Substation

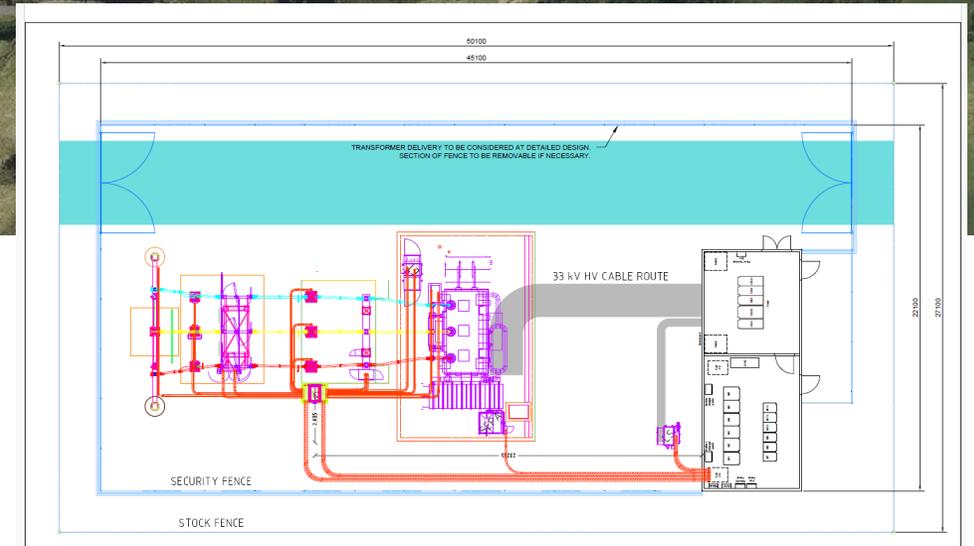
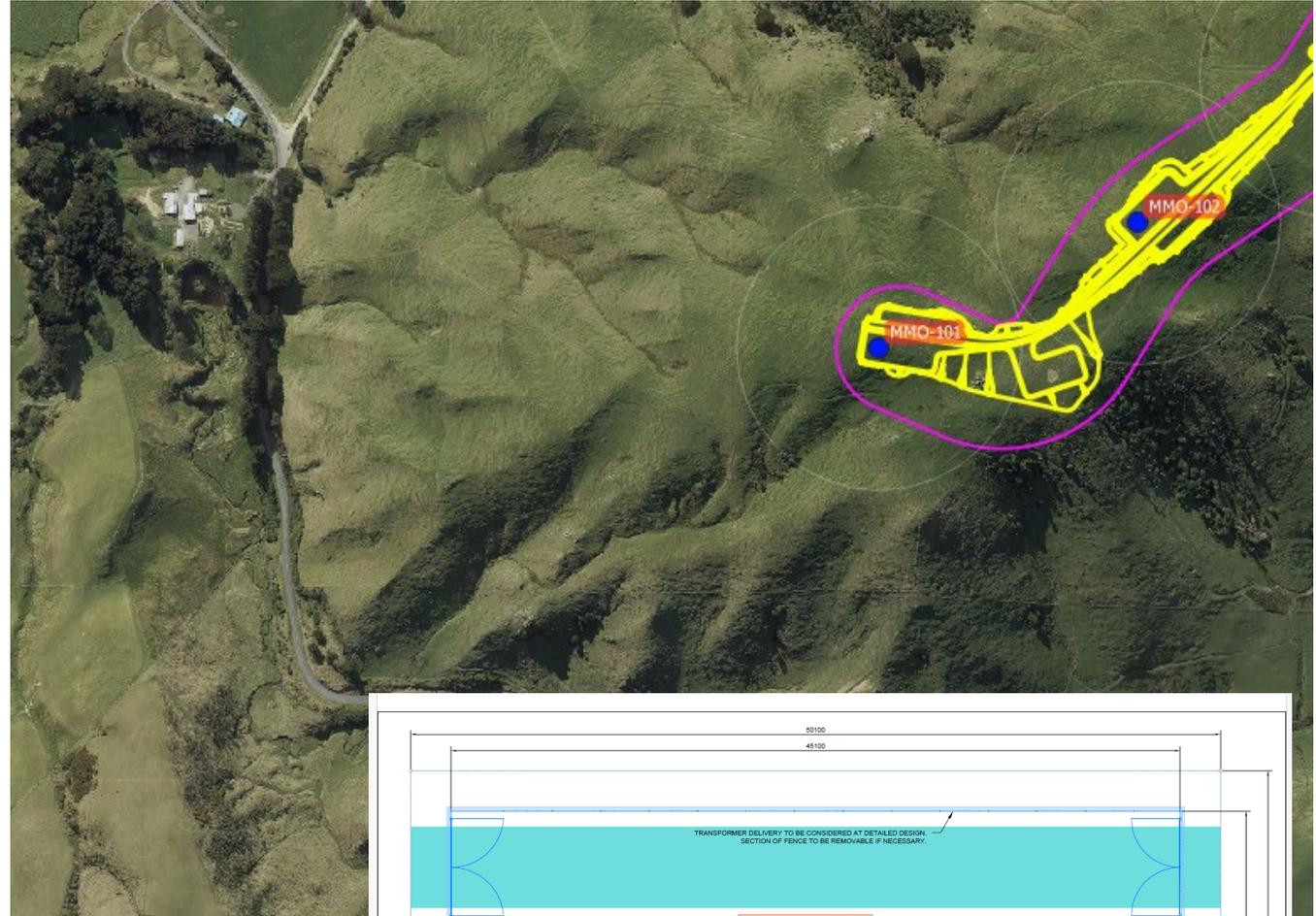
Located at the southern end of the main Wind Farm Site

Will involve a small building, transformer and pole mounted electrical equipment

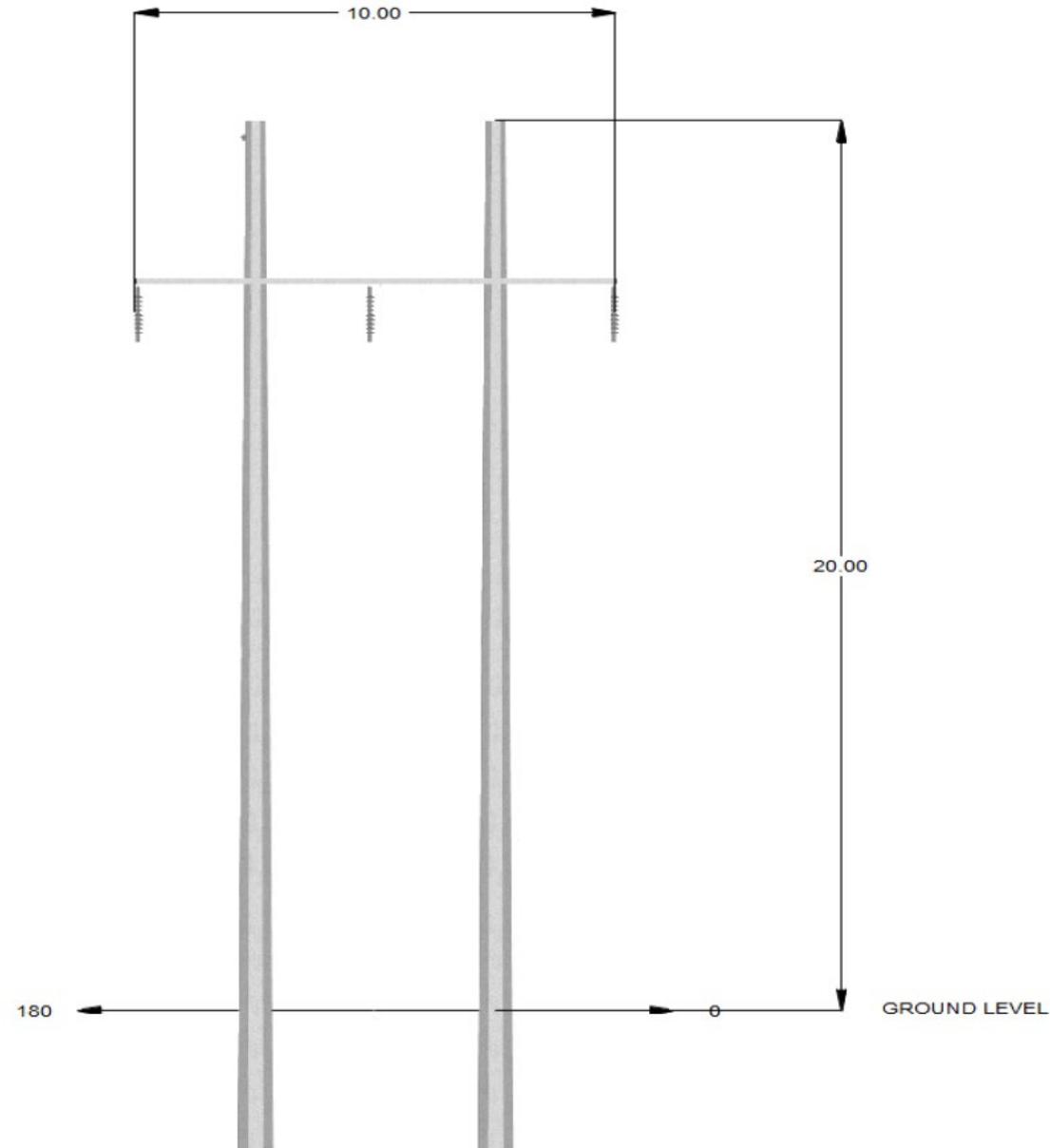
Fully fenced.

Transformer converts 33kv to 110kv

Underground to overhead



Transmission Line



Grid Injection Point / Transpower's Substation

Off Site on Kaiparoro Road.

To be built by Transpower.



Upcoming Works

Detailed Geotechnical Investigations

Detailed Geotechnical Investigations will start mid-February and will take about two months (weather dependent).

Testing includes drilling of boreholes, digging of test pits, soil testing (off site).

Access is via Old Coach Road and Coach Road. Once equipment is on site, the only vehicles will generally be 4WD utes.

Minor track upgrades required to safely traverse the site.



New Temporary Construction Office – 107 Old Coach Road

To be used during the year by Meridian Team and our Contractors while on site .

Provides kitchen and ablution facilities and a small number of desks/workstations.

It will not be occupied full time.

CCTV cameras and security system set up.

It will be used for future small meetings
and as our meeting spot for site visits.



Project Timeframes

High Level Timeframes

- Detailed Design, Geotechnical investigations and procurement – now to October 2026
- Enabling Road Works to start September 2026 (Subject to Board approval)
- Final Investment Decision (FID) – December 2026
- Main Site Works to commence – January 2027
- First Power – Early 2029
- Full Power – Mid 2029
- Project Completion – Late 2029



Mt Munro CEMP: Construction Environmental Management Plan



Construction Environmental Management Plan



Section 1 & 2

Introduction & Project Description

- Site Plan
- Receiving Environment
- Stakeholders

Section 3

Regulator, Consent and Contractual Requirements

- Linked consent document
- Table of consent requirements
- Contractor Expectations

Section 4

Environmental Risks & Opportunities

- Risk Register
- Initiatives register

Section 5

Plan Implementation

- Roles & Responsibilities
- Day-to-Day Operations and Meetings
- Inductions & Training
- Communication Channels



Section 6

Operation Procedures and Management Plans

- Over view of each Management Plan & Procedure

Section 7

Performance Monitoring, Audits and Reporting

- Internal & External Audits
- Incident Reporting

Section 8

CEMP Review and Updating

Section 9

Project Completion and Operation

- Transition to the operational phase

Project Management Plan

Construction Management Plan

Health & Safety Management Plan

Sustainability Management Plan

Construction Environmental Management Plan

Construction Traffic Management Plan

Construction Noise Management Plan

Operational Noise Management Plan

Controlled Blasting Management Plan

Carbon Management Plan

Cultural Monitoring and Management Plan

Concrete Batching Plant Management Plan

Contaminated Soils Management Plan

Dust Management Plan

Project Erosion and Sediment Control Plan

Site Specific ESCP

Flocculation Management Plan

Spill Management Plan

Bat Monitoring and Management Plan

Bird Strike Monitoring Plan

Freshwater Ecology Management Plan

Terrestrial Protection and Pest Management Plan

Bat Management Plan

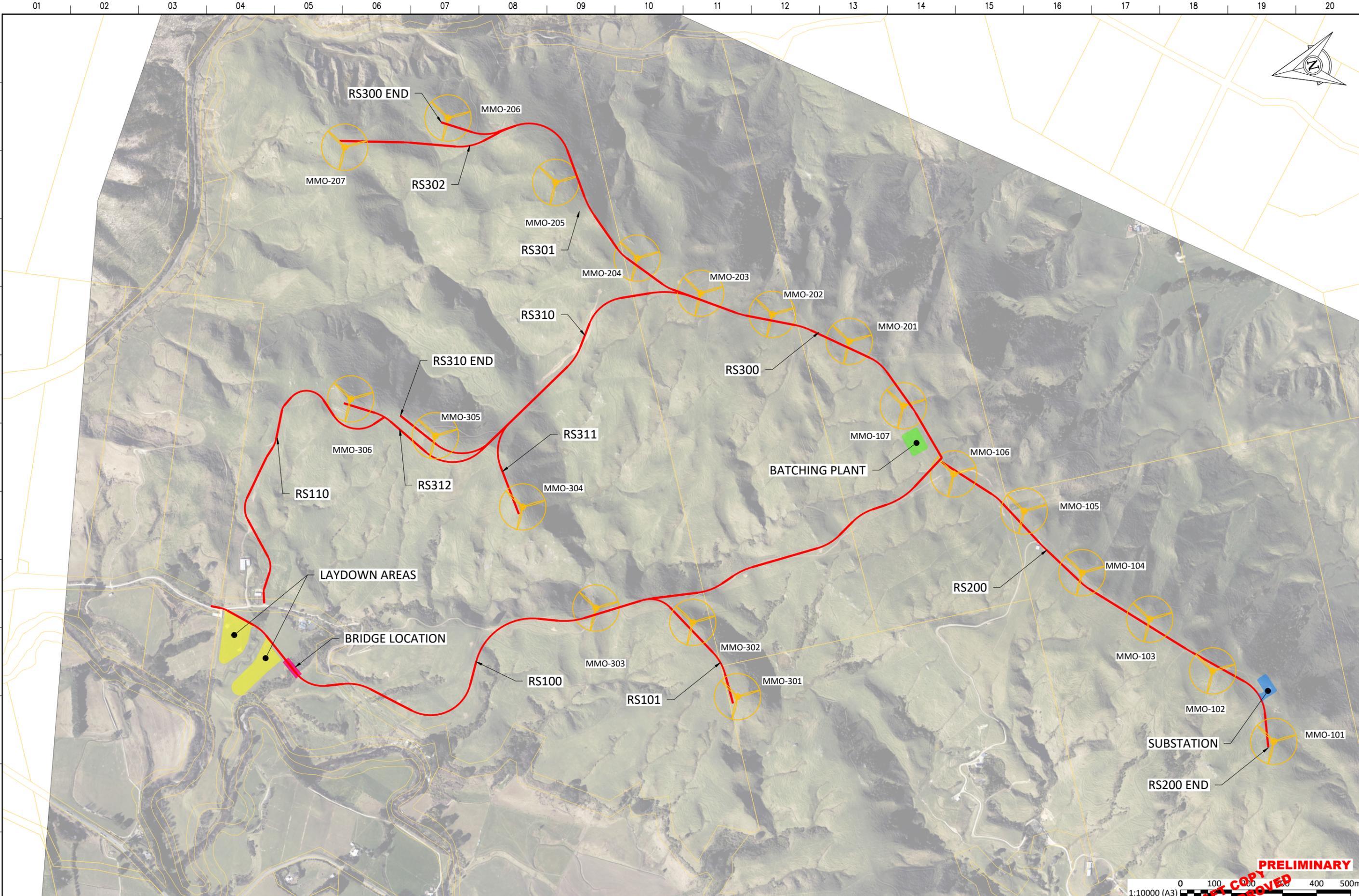
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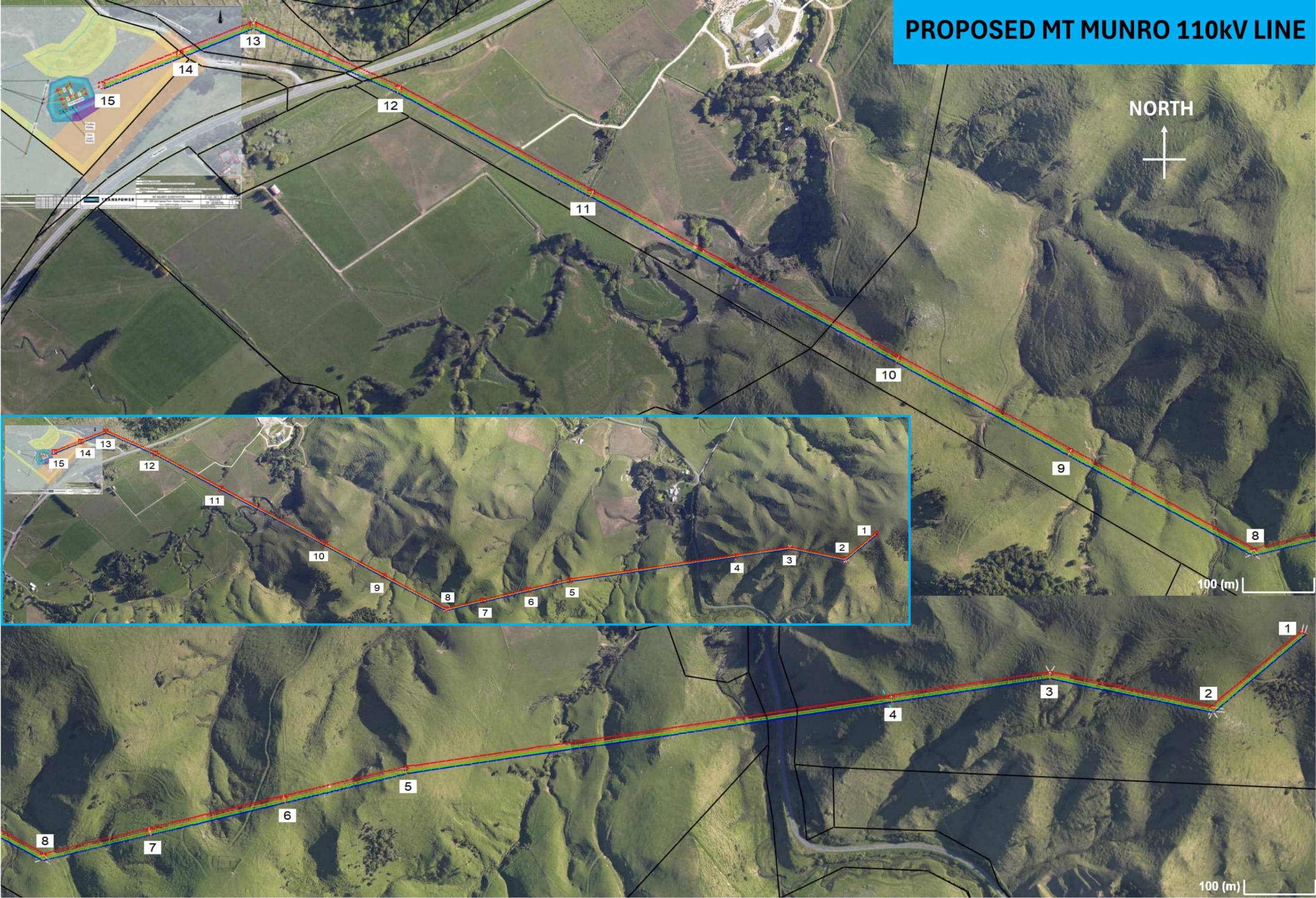


Mt. MUNRO WINDFARM
OVERALL SITE LAYOUT PLAN

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Mount Munro Community Initiative Ideas



Background

The idea arose from a request by members of the Hastwell community, asking whether Meridian would be open to providing a community initiative. While this sits outside the usual scope of our community projects, Meridian has allocated funding to support a one-off, immediate community project in Hastwell.

The community has asked Meridian to provide ideas on what the initiative should be. To help come up with viable options, we have engaged with various teams and individuals who have been involved in previous Meridian projects to understand what has worked well in the community.

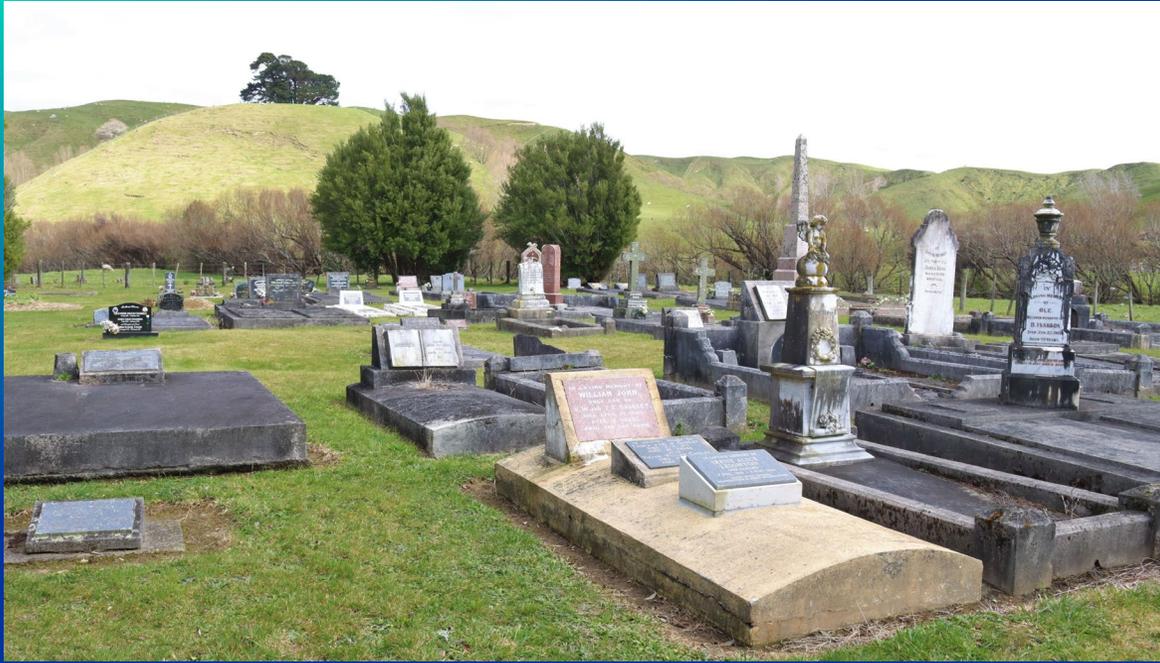
The scope of the initiative will vary depending on what it is. Several groups within the community have already approached Meridian with ideas and potential funding opportunities.



Hastwell Information:

- Hastwell cemetery (with grass area & shed across the road)
- ANZAC Bridge
- W.A. Miller Scenic Reserve & Loop trail
- Mākāhahi River
- Kopuaranga River





1) History Board

A historian would be hired to research Hastwell (original town settlement plans, significance of Old Coach Road, Hastwell Aided School, etc.) who will then work with a designer, to create an information board to put in a resting area, with additional seating as well.

- This idea will need to be discussed with council*
- There is great opportunity for community involvement, to provide insight on what to include on the board (family history, etc.) and/ or location.
- SQEP: historian, designer, builder to install

Cost estimate: > \$5,000



2) AED

Install an AED in Hastwell. The current closest AED is either the Pūkaha wildlife centre (8 min drive) or in Eketahuna township (11 min drive).

In an emergency every second counts.

This would also include 1-2 training sessions on how to use it/ first aid sessions for the community.

Would likely need to discuss with the community, council or first responder on the most appropriate location.

Cost estimate: > \$5,000



3) Emergency Hub

Bring in a recycled nacelle (or similar) to use as a community emergency hub. Alternatively, give money towards building or revamping a community hub (e.g., Mauriceville West Historic School Regeneration Solar Request).

Potential use: An emergency shelter with first aid, emergency food and water supply.

- May not be able to fully fund this if it involved converting a building
- Would need to discuss this with council

Cost Estimate: > \$5,000



4) Riparian Planting

Mākāhahi and Kopuaranga River and various tributaries run through Hastwell. By doing some riparian planting and livestock exclusion fencing down a stretch of the river it would help promote native biodiversity and improve water quality.

This could be done as a community planting day. Getting everyone on board, providing games, food, music, etc.

Cost estimate: > \$5,000



5) Community Flower Garden



Set up a community flower/ vegetable garden, with all the required tools and plant required to get started.

- This would require getting a community group together to maintain the garden.
- Understand that many in Hastwell already live on properties that require intensive up keep.

Cost estimate: < \$5,000





Ongoing Community Engagement

- Pūkaha National Wildlife Center
- Power-up fund
- Decarbonisation fund
- Maintain Water Pond – Fire protection (looking into)
- Waste Diversion
- Distribution of construction products and equipment



Pātai? Questions?

