

**Mount Munro Wind Farm: Stakeholder Liaison Group
Councils, iwi and Old Coach Road owners/occupiers
Meeting 14 February 2026
Venue: Pūkaha National Wildlife Centre
Time: 3pm start**

Attendance:

Nathan Baker, Independent Facilitator Demetrius Potangaroa, Makirikiri Aggregated Trust Candy Carroll, Makirikiri Aggregated Trust Jason Taylor, Old Coach Road Kristiaan Coppieppers, Old Coach Road Kristel Coppieppers, Old Coach Road	Stuart Wright, Horizons Regional Council Lloyd Clark, Meridian Caroline Rea, Meridian Kate Gullery, Meridian Zara Bowen, Meridian Andre Holm, Meridian
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Note: Other stakeholders invited either gave their apology or did not respond to the meeting invite. Two stakeholders invited asked to be removed from the SLG invite list.

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 invited Demetrius to open with a Karakia which Demetrius did.</p> <p>Nathan 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 comply with the consent conditions for the project. • Stuart talked about his role at Horizons and the value being around the table with Meridian and Stakeholders early to understand what is being communicated and understand the project from a compliance perspective. • Demetrius talked to his support for the SLG forum as a good way to communicate about the project and Candy said similar. • Jason talked about wanting to hear about the project ‘straight from the horse mouth’ and interest in Old Coach Road. • Kristel and Kristiaan Coppieppers, talked about wanting to be kept informed and interest in Old Coach Road.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nathan noted that there had been a SLG meeting prior that day with the Hastwell/ Mt Munro Protection Society (HMMPS) and the reason for that. 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. He noted that 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. for the next SLG. Action: Nathan to reconsider the approach of separate/ combined SLG and communicate the outcome prior to the next SLG in 3 months time. • The draft Terms of Reference (TOR) were provided to each SLG attendee. Some had read them prior to the meeting and generally found them agreeable, others had not. Nathan noted at the previous SLG meeting that there had been some constructive revisions proposed and agreed and he would make those changes and send to all SLG members for the review and feedback. 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. • Nathan 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. Action: Nathan to draft Meeting Minutes promptly and issue to all. All to turn-around their feedback promptly.
3.	<p>Project Update and Information</p> <p>3.1 Meridian: Project Update, Caroline Rea: 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 roads where a different alignment was proposed that resulted in less earthworks/ ecological impact. The slides relating to Old Coach Road were of particular interest and Caroline noted she had detailed plans printed to show stakeholders at the meeting. No particular discussion points or actions from the presentation. <p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. Stuart responded he would need to check the conditions in detail, however in principle that approach seemed sensible given enabling works needed to start earlier. • Action: Meridian to pre-circulate the CEMP for SLG feedback prior to the next SLG if it is ready.

	<p>3.3 Meridian: Community Projects, Zara Bowen: Zara presented on Community Projects with a focus on the Power-up fund – slides available on Meridian’s project webpage. The presentation was well received and there were no particular discussion points or actions.</p>
4.	<p>Stakeholder Update and Information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Coppietters 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. • Jason noted an interest in viewing the detailed plan set for Old Coach Road that Caroline noted she had for the meeting. Caroline provided that information to Jason at the close of the meeting. • Demetrius noted that he understood more information would be shared with the SLG as the project progresses and looks forward to that as the project progresses. • No further update or information from what was discussed above.
5.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jason asked where representation was from the other three councils and noted the presence of councils at the SLG was important from his perspective. Nathan noted he has received apologies and he would investigate if there was a more suitable day for the SLG meeting to suit council staff (for example weekdays) and all SLG members. Action: Nathan to investigate if there was a more suitable day for the SLG meeting to suit council staff (for example weekdays) and all SLG members. Nathan to communicate that to SLG members when the next meeting is being organized. • No other business.
6.	<p>Meeting Close Nathan thanked all for attending and for their contributions and invited Demetrius to close with a Karakia which Demetrius did. Nathan closed the meeting at about 4pm.</p>

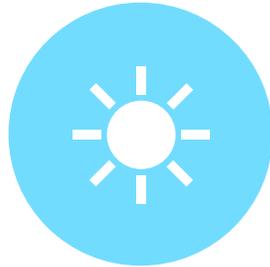
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Project Update

Agenda



PROJECT TEAM



WIND FARM
DESIGN UPDATE



PROJECT
TIMEFRAMES

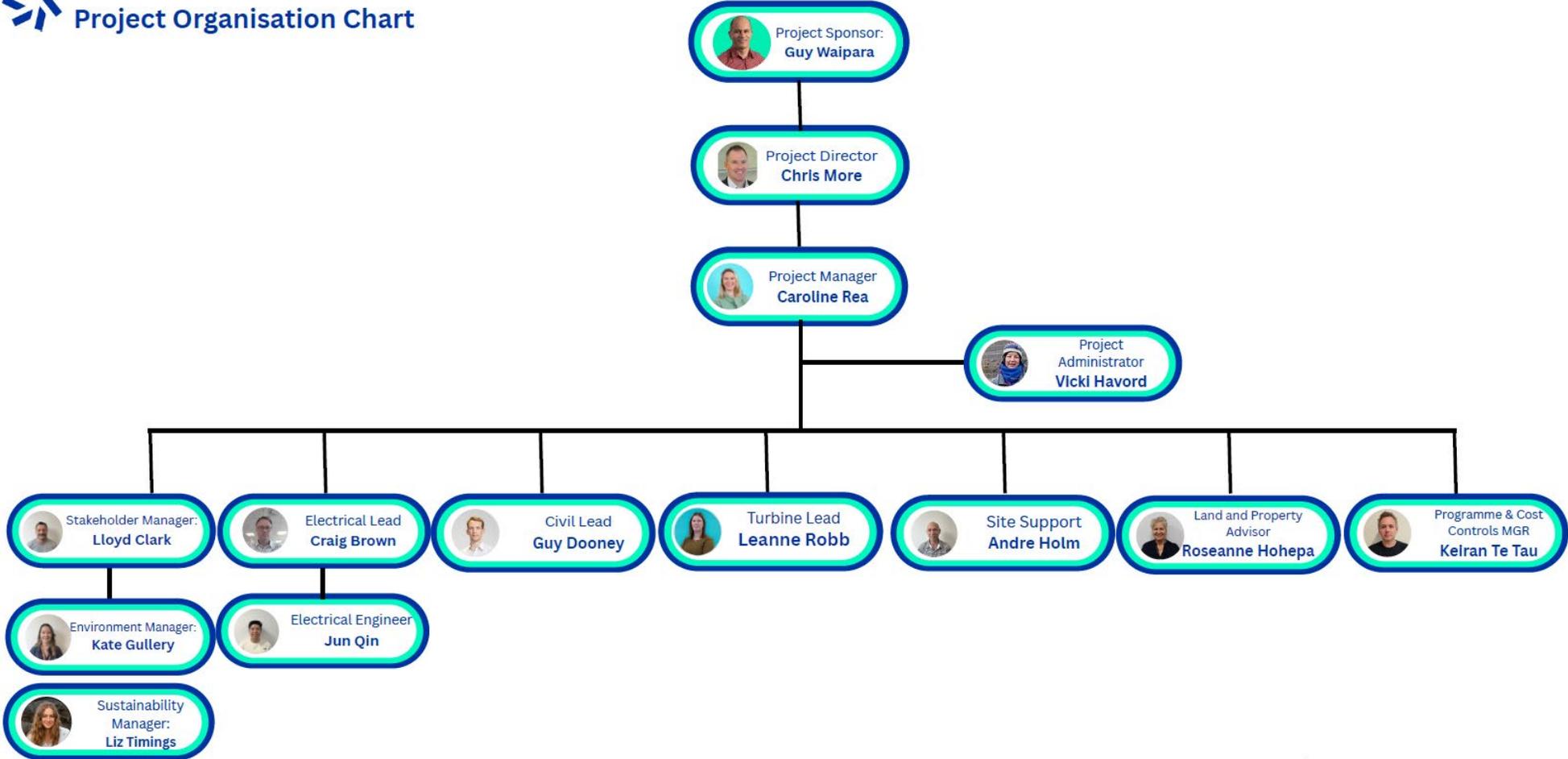


UP COMING
WORKS



Project Team

 Mount Munro Windfarm
Project Organisation Chart



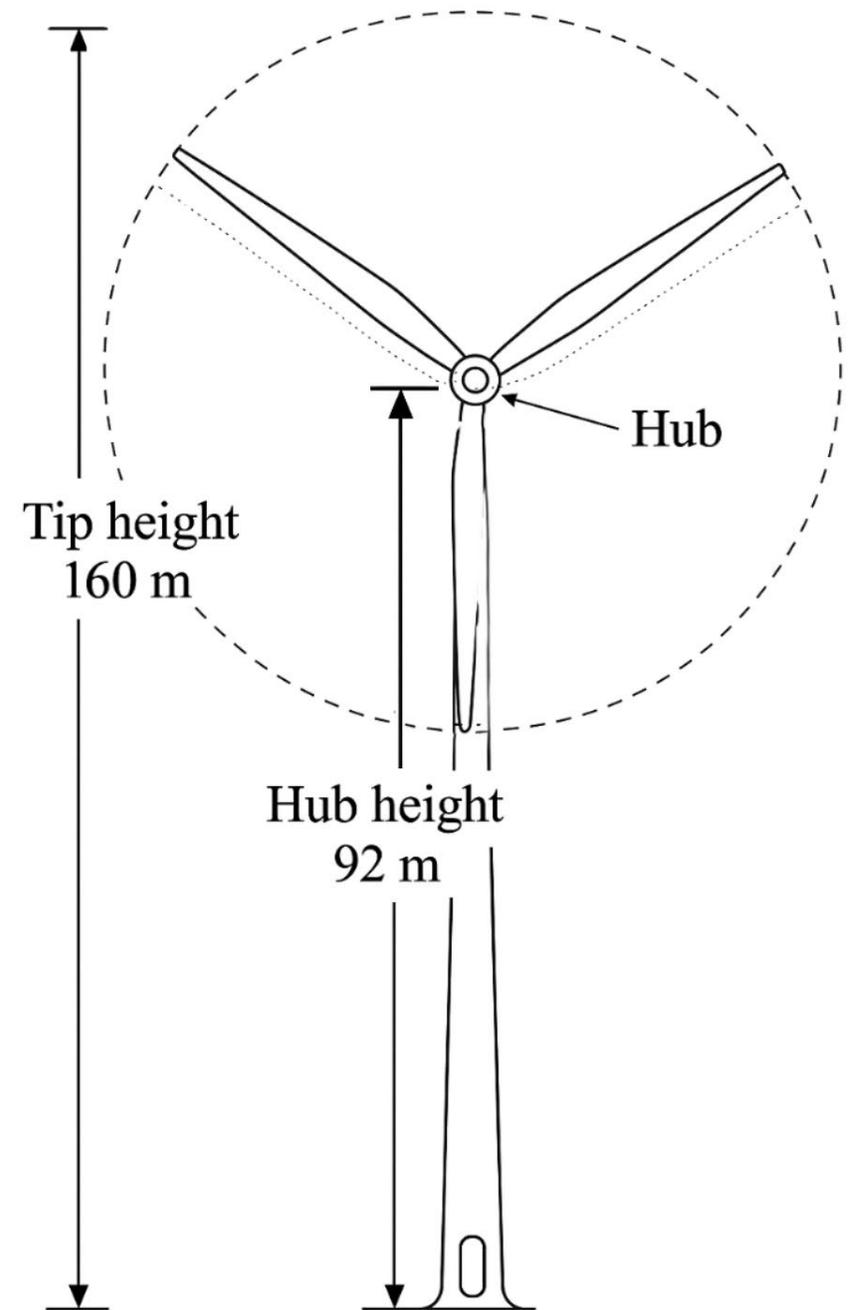
Design Update

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

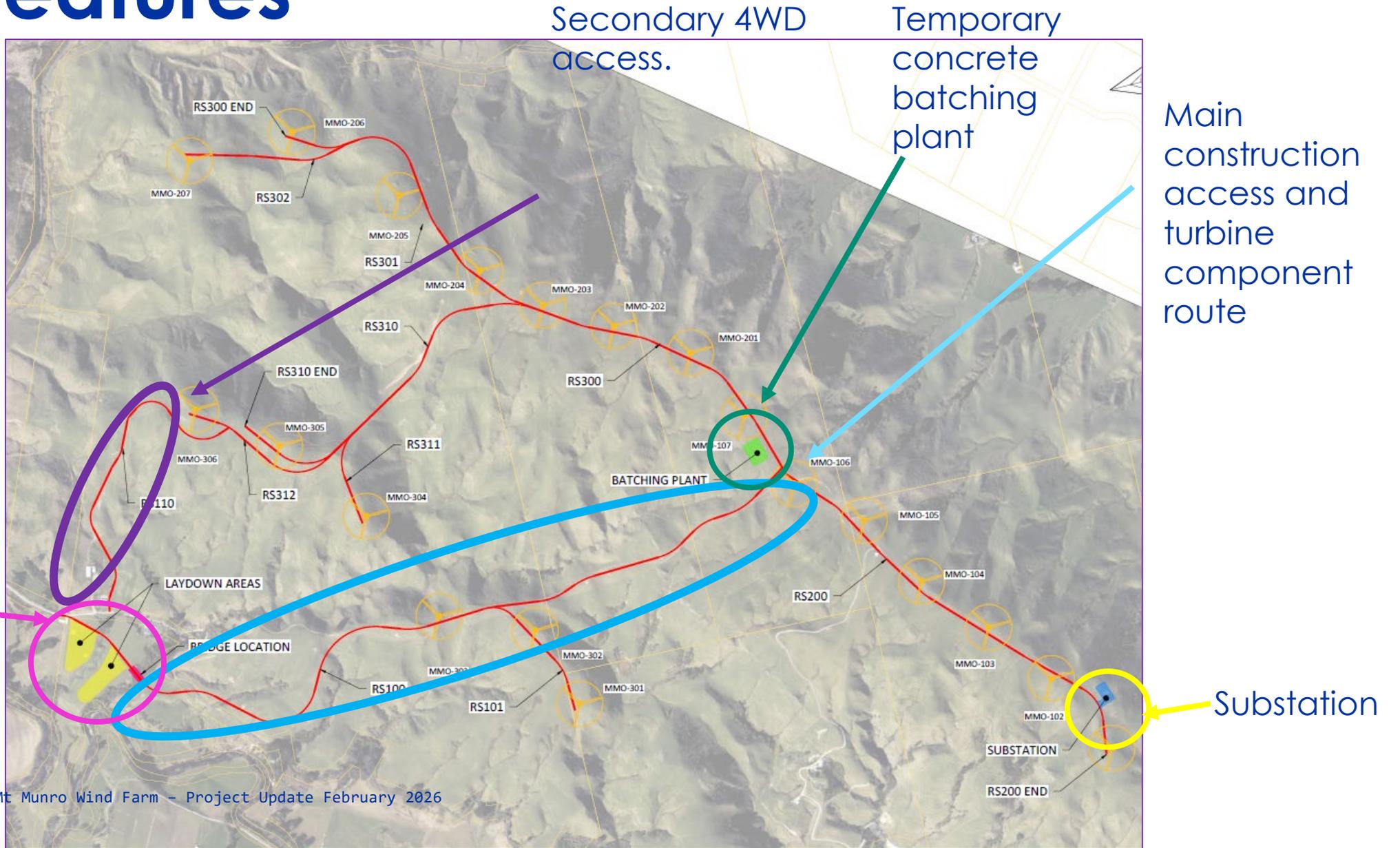


Key Features

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



Mt Munro Wind Farm - Project Update February 2026



Secondary 4WD access.

Temporary concrete batching plant

Main construction access and turbine component route

Substation

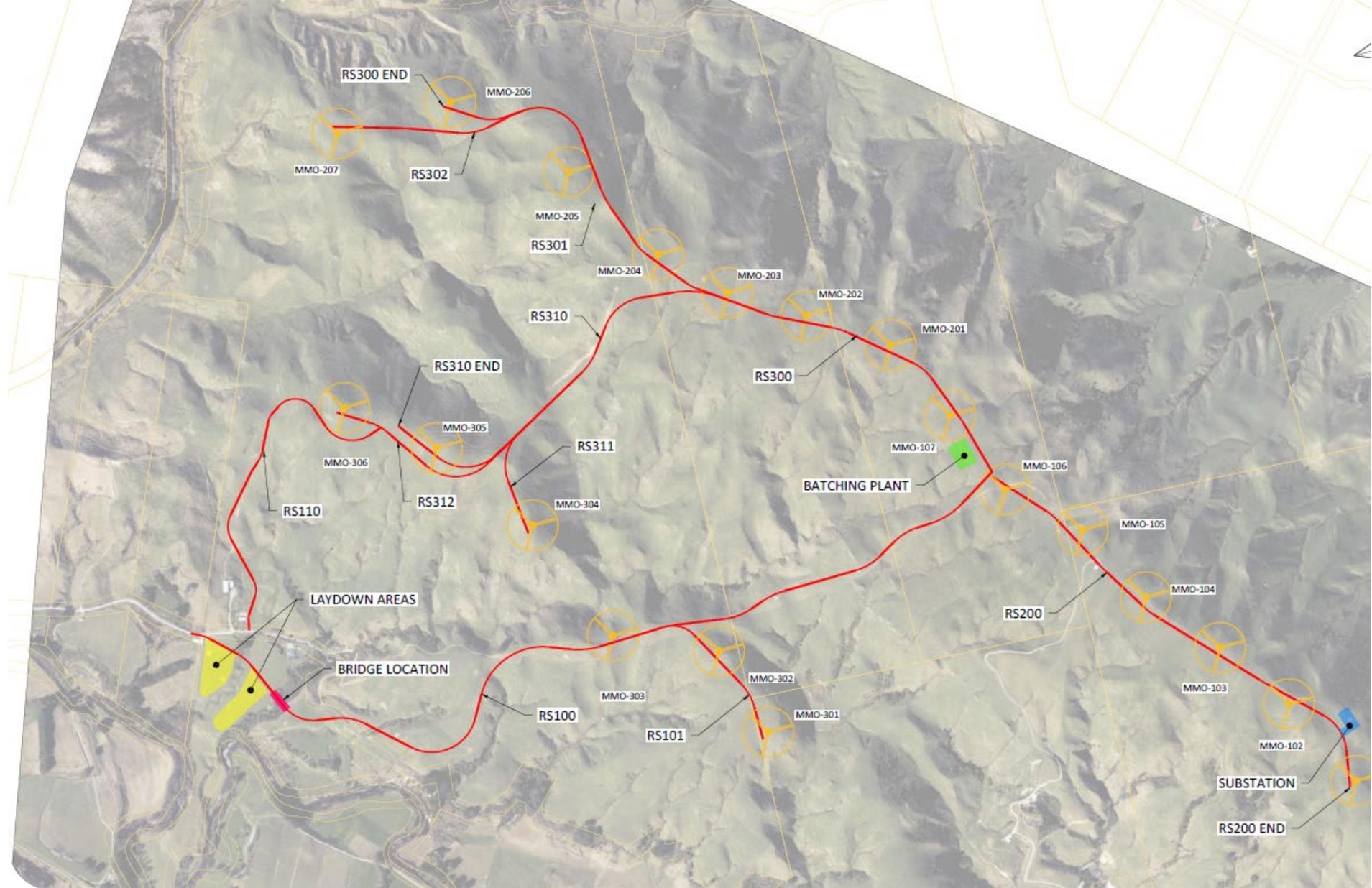
Design Layout - Turbines

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

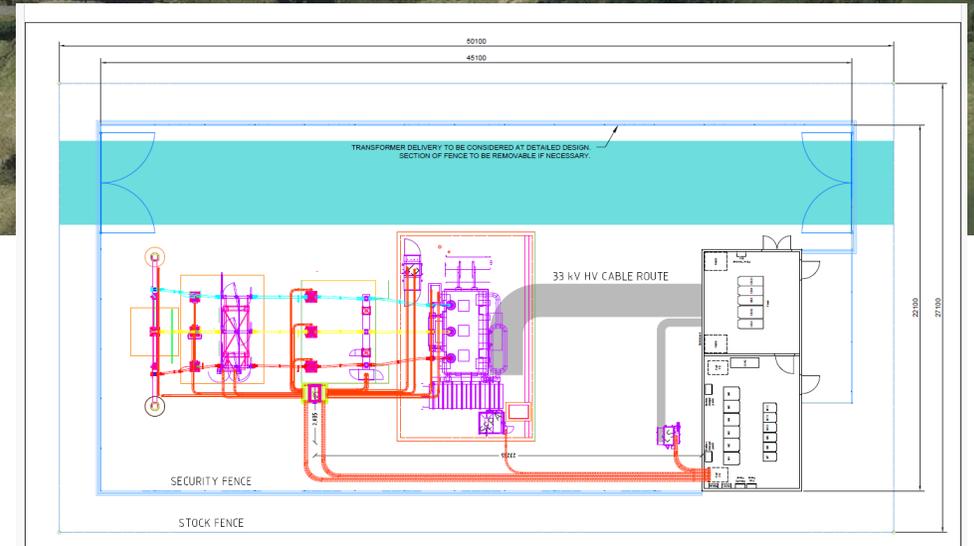
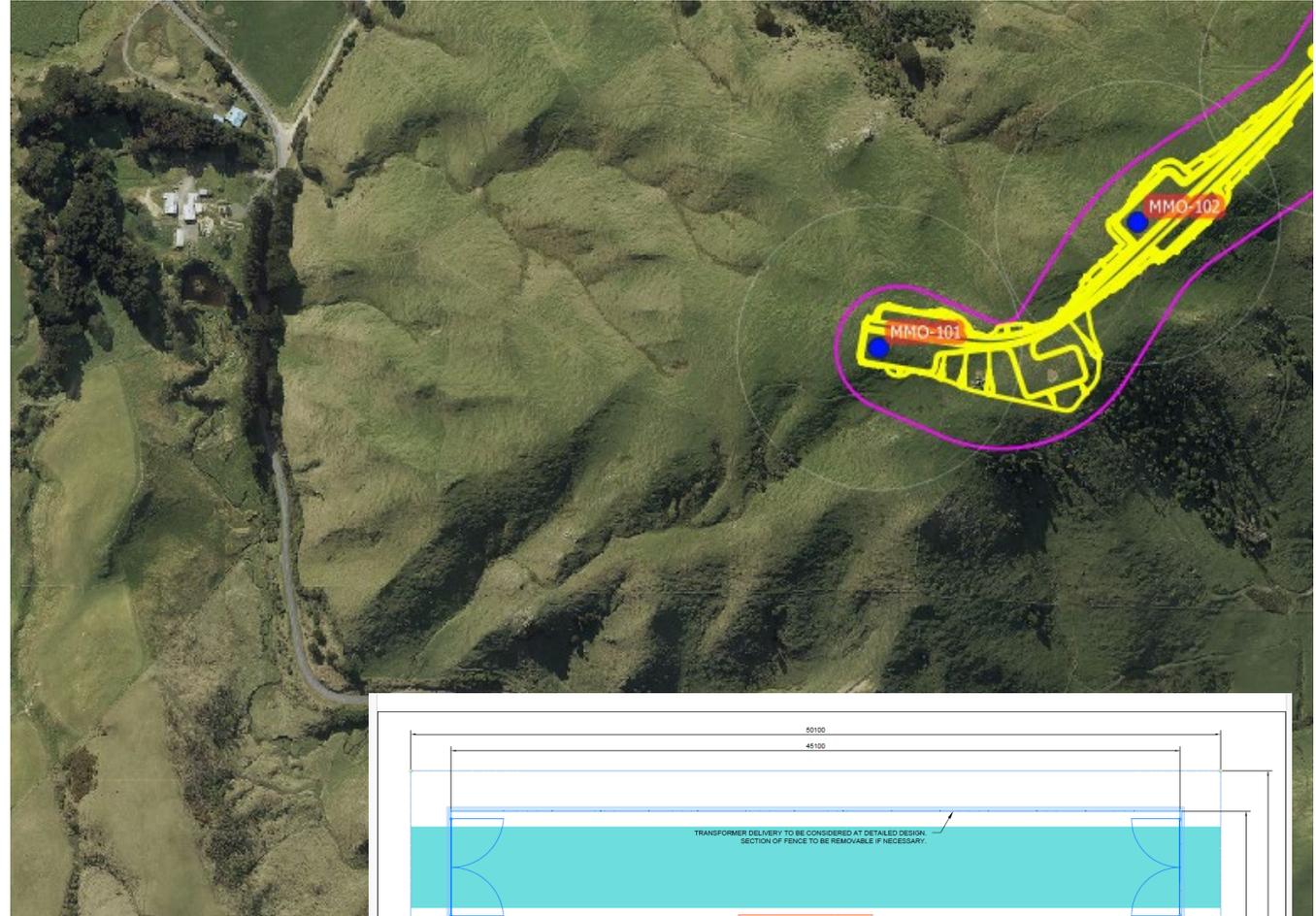
Located at the southern end of the main Wind Farm Site

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

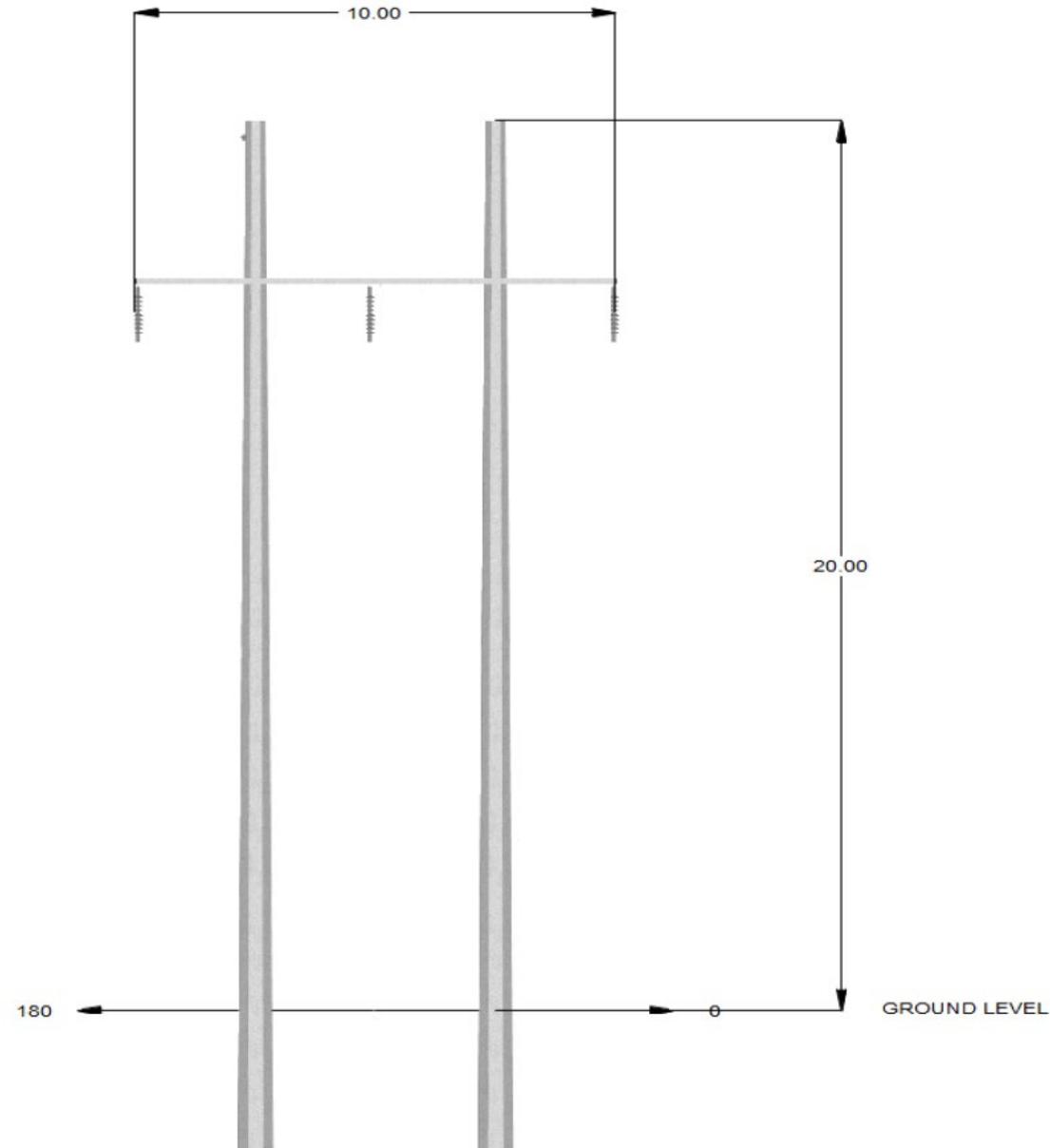
Fully fenced.

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

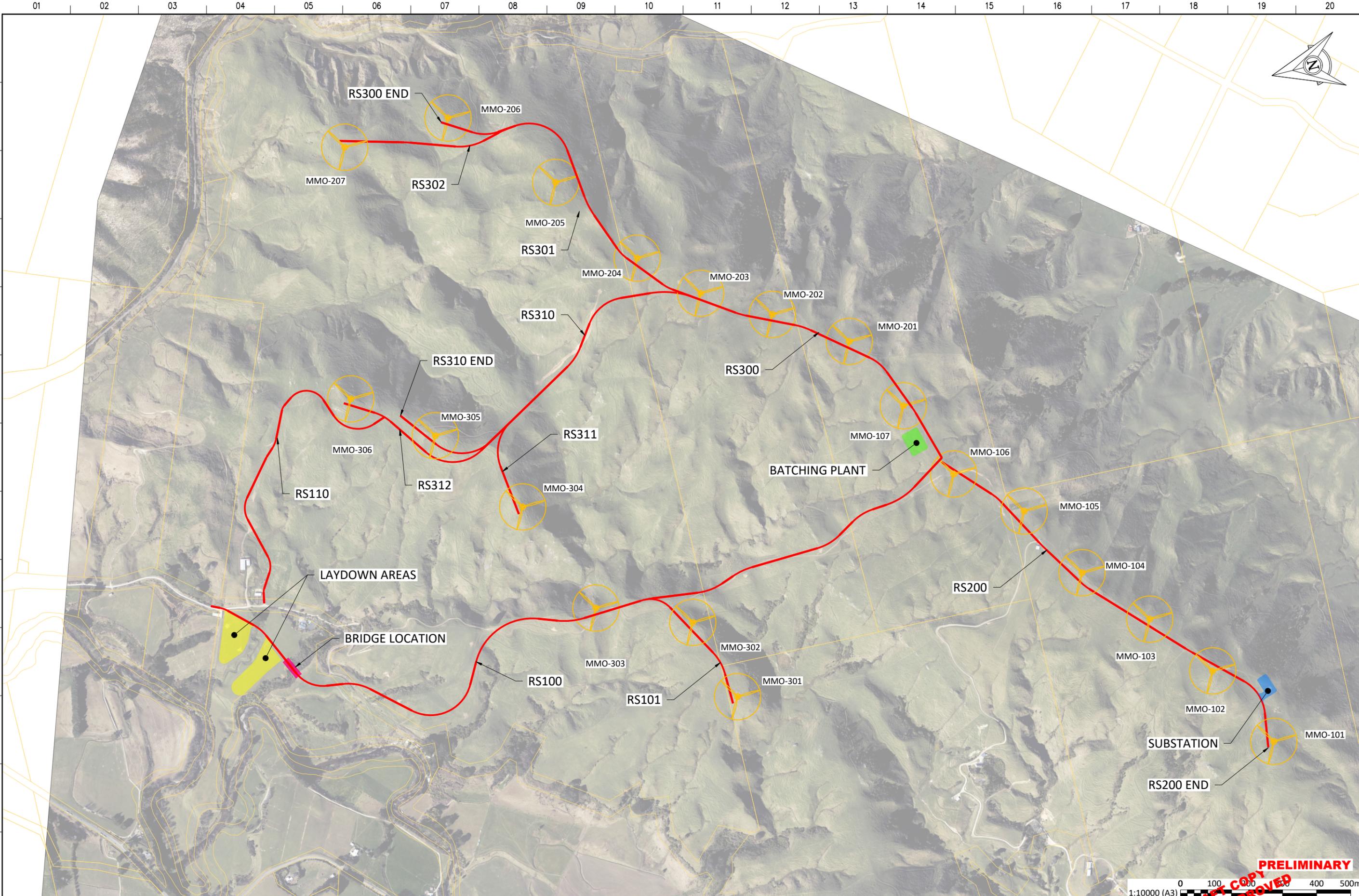
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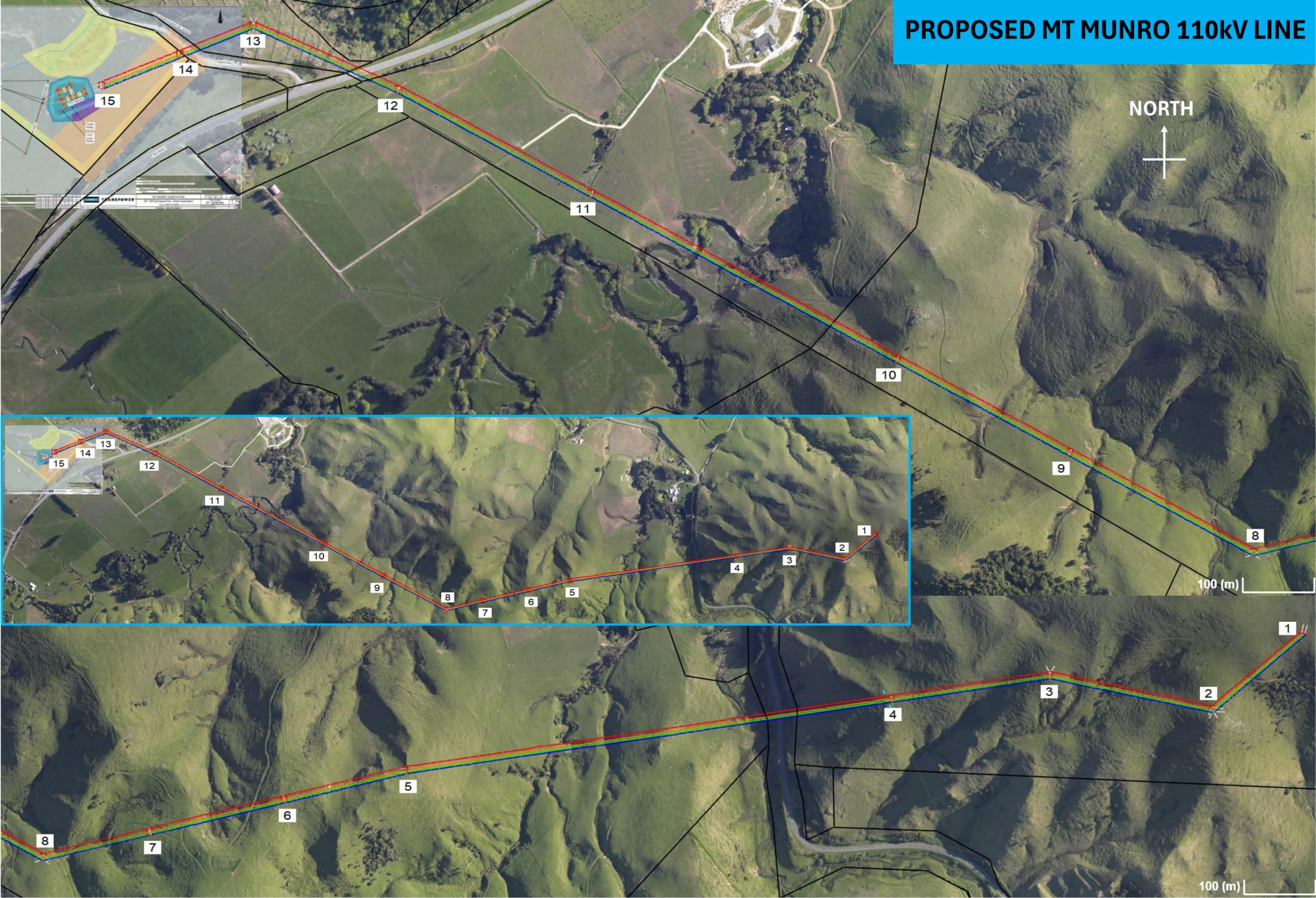
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Mt. MUNRO WINDFARM
OVERALL SITE LAYOUT PLAN

FOLDER:	-	DISTRIBUTION:	-
DRAWING:	MNR-UZA-000-DS-G.A		
COMPANY:	BBO		
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PROPOSED MT MUNRO 110kV LINE



Mount Munro Community Initiatives

Pūkaha National Wildlife Center

Meridian have become major sponsors of Pūkaha through the Mount Munro Wind Farm Project.

Supplying \$20,000 of funding per year, as well as supplying Umbrellas for the centre to have on site



Power-up Fund

The Power-up fund benefits the communities closest to our generation assets.

It's all about getting behind local projects that promote environmental, cultural, recreational, volunteer, educational and health initiatives for the community.

There is a power-up advisory panel comprised of local community members and Meridian staff who come together each year to review funding applications and then decide how to best allocate funding in the community

Eligibility Criteria:

- **Contributes directly to this community**
- **Generates benefits that do not currently exist**
- **Contributes long-term solutions to issues**
- **Fosters the development of skills and capacity**
- **Demonstrates the ability to make effective use of funds**
- **Has performance measures that focus on outcomes**



Power-up - Te Āpiti



Te Āpiti is New Zealand's first wind farm. Power-up supports the Ashhurst and Woodville communities.

Te Ahu a Turanga Community Marae:
Installation of a water tank, purchasing communal ovens, supplying new crockery and contributing to help build the marae a vegetable garden.

Ashhurst School:
The playground was over 50 years old, Meridian's Power-up contributed to the installation of a new playground.

Grant that allowed the school to get their first-ever school van, allowing kids to attend sporting and community events they mat otherwise not have been able to.



Decarbonisation Fund



Specifically designed to take the net proceeds from our Certified Renewable Energy product and reinvest them into community group decarbonisation projects across the country.

Whether it's by helping upgrade your community cars to electric vehicles or installing solar panels to generate renewable energy, the decarbonization fund helping remove these barriers in communities.

The Paetūmōkai Charitable Trust in Featherston: Through the decarbonisation fund, they received funding for an EV van. The van is being used by the Featherston Food Bank to deliver food to people in need across the community.



Other Meridian Initiatives



Maintain Water Pond for Fire protection:

The provision of water is crucial for firefighting they are carrying a limited supply, having static water supply through tanks/ponds can make communities more resilient to fire emergencies. Looking into keeping the one used for Mt Munro.

Waste Diversion:

Harapaki Wind Farm had astounding 87% waste diversion from landfill.

Distribution of construction products and equipment:

Wind Farm projects often have excess equipment like Intermediate Bulk Containers or IBCs, supersized tarpaulins and Novacoils. At Harapaki all of these were in hot demand with 100% being reused by the wider community.



Pātai? Questions?