

Swallow Tail Battery — Closing the Loop

Taralga Show — 14–15 March 2026

AMPYR acknowledges the Gundungurra people as the Traditional Custodians of the land on which the Swallow Tail Battery project is located, and pays respect to Elders past, present, and emerging.

On 14–15 March 2026, the AMPYR team attended the Taralga Show to meet with community members, share project updates on the Swallow Tail Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), and hear directly from local residents. Thank you to everyone who stopped by for a chat. This document summarises what we heard and what comes next.

Engagement Snapshot

45

Conversations with
community members

2

Days at the
Taralga Show

93%

Positive
sentiment

Overall Community Sentiment

Positive 93%

7%

We spoke with local residents, farmers, business owners, RFS and CWA members, the Historical Society, Upper Lachlan Shire Council representatives, Cap Jobs, TransGrid, HumeLink contractors, and visitors from Sydney, Goulburn, and Wollongong.

What We Heard from the Community

Local Jobs & Economic Opportunity

The most frequently raised topic. Community members were keen to understand local job opportunities during construction and operation, and whether local businesses would be engaged.

Roads & Transport

Residents asked about the impact of heavy vehicles on local roads and were interested in the road and transport surveys AMPYR will undertake.

Underground Cables - Strongly Supported

The decision to pursue underground cabling was very well received. Multiple residents praised this approach for reducing visual impact and fire risk compared to other projects.

Fire Safety & Emergency Preparedness

Some raised questions about battery fire risk. Local RFS members actively supported the project, with one stating “diesels start more fires, not batteries”.

Noise & Amenity

Several visitors asked about potential operational noise. Residents from nearby areas wanted to understand the noise profile and any impact on their properties.

Accommodation for Workers

Where construction workers would be housed was a recurring question. Some community members offered accommodation, while others asked if workers would be based locally.

Community Benefit Fund & Sponsorship

Multiple visitors expressed gratitude for AMPYR’s sponsorship of the RFS kitchen, Historical Society, Sports Club lighting, and dairy showcase at the show.

Project Timeline & Progress

Community members wanted to understand the current project status and when key milestones would occur, including EIS submission, approval, and construction start.

Support for Renewable Energy

The majority of interactions reflected positive attitude towards the project. Many acknowledged the role of battery storage in the grid reliability and energy transition.

Native Tree Giveaway

Our native trees were enormously popular and mentioned in the vast majority of conversations. A local school plans to plant them in their cultural garden.



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What Happens Next

- Environmental Impact Statement (Mid-2026): The combined EIS for both NSW and Commonwealth requirements is being finalised. Community feedback on noise, traffic, and fire safety will inform the assessment.
- Development Application Approval (Late 2026): Subject to the assessment process, we anticipate receiving development approval in late 2026.
- Construction Commencement (Q1 2027): Subject to approvals, construction is targeted for Q4 2026. We will provide detailed information about timelines, traffic management, workforce accommodation, and local employment well in advance.
- Ongoing Community Engagement: We will continue visiting the Taralga community to provide updates and hear your feedback, including attending future local events such as the Taralga Rodeo and hosting community information sessions.
- Community Benefit Fund: The CBF will continue to support local organisations and initiatives. We welcome suggestions from the community on how this fund can best serve the region.

Our Commitment to You

AMPYR is committed to developing the Swallow Tail Battery in a way that respects and benefits the local community. We will continue to:

- Be transparent and accessible keeping you informed at every stage of the project
- Listen and, Respond, taking your feedback seriously and incorporating it into our
- planning maximise local Benefits and prioritising local employment, businesses, and
- community investment minimise Impacts addressing concerns around noise, traffic,
- fire safety, and visual amenity. Be a good neighbour continuing to support local
- events, organisations, and community life

Stay Informed & Get in Touch

We want to hear from you. Whether you have questions, concerns, or ideas, please reach out.

Email: community@ampyrenergy.com

Register: Visit our website to sign up for project updates and event invitations

We look forward to continuing our conversations with the Taralga community as the Swallow Tail Battery project progresses.

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