



COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held at the Bango Wind Farm site on Tuesday 22 November 2022

Attendees:

Lisa Andrews (LA)	Independent Chairperson
Malcolm Moore (MM)	CWPR Renewables (Site Supervisor)
Lyn Diskon (LD)	CWPR Renewables (Community Engagement Co-Ordinator)
Brad Jachmann (BJ)	CWPR Renewables (Site Manager - Operations)
Ninna West (NW)	CWPR Renewables (Construction Operations Manager)
Geoff Frost (GF)	Community representative (<i>arrived at 9.11am</i>)
Cr John Piper (JP)	Hilltops Council delegate
Thomas McGrath (TM)	Community Representative (Host Landholder)
Jayne Apps (JA)	Boorowa District Landscape Guardians

Apologies:

Cr Jim Abbey	Yass Valley Council delegate
Terry Sellwood	Community Representative
Laurie Hutchison	Ngunnawal Aboriginal Corporation
Jack Walker	Yass Valley Business Chamber delegate
Jonathan Post	CWPR Renewables

Meeting commenced at 10.05am.

Welcome and Introductions

The Chair welcomed everyone to the Bango Wind Farm (BWF) Community Consultative Committee being held on site. LA introduced Ninna West, CWPR's new Construction Operations Manager and invited her to introduce herself to the CCC.

Apologies

As listed above.

Acknowledgement of Country

The Ngunnawal people were acknowledged as the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the land that the Bango Wind Farm is located on. Respect was paid to all Aboriginal Elders, past, present and emerging.

Declaration of Interest

The Chair declared her interest as Independent Chairperson of the BWF CCC, approved by the Department of Planning and Environment, and engaged by CWPR Renewables to chair the meeting.

No changes to previous declarations by members.

Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Minutes of CCC held on 26th July 2022, were finalised and emailed to members on 15th August 2022.

Action Items from Previous Meeting

Item	Issue	Responsibility
1	MM to keep the CCC informed of any further developments with CASA on this matter, should they arise. No change.	MM Ongoing
2	Send governance forms to Cr Piper & CWPR's Brad Jachmann. Complete, sent 15/8/22 and received back from BJ.	LA
3	Link to Snowy Hydro 2.0 video on You Tube. Complete, included with minutes.	LA
4	Confirm the number of turbines in each LGA. LD advised 25 in Hilltops Shire and 21 in Yass Valley Shire.	LD
5	Confirm site inspection for next CCC in Boorowa Complete, meeting notice sent 9/11/22.	LD/LA
6	Noise criteria to be presented. Criteria contained in conditions of consent and noise management plan which is located on the project website for viewing.	MM

No other business arising.

Correspondence Report

Correspondence as sent out with the meeting notice on 9th November 2022:

- 8/8/22– Email to members with the draft minutes for review.
- 15/8/22 - Email to members with the finalised minutes and presentation.
- 8/9/22 – Email from BJ with completed governance forms.
- 27/10/22 – Email to members with information about the book launch and art exhibition in Boorowa on 8/11/22.
- 7/11/22 – Email to members with the November 2022 project newsletter.
- 9/11/22 - Email to members with meeting notice, agenda and correspondence report for this meeting.
- 18/11/22 – Letter to TS with meeting notice information.
- 20/11/22 – Text from TS with apology for this CCC and requesting question to be tabled at meeting.*
- 21/11/22 – Email to members with a reminder for this meeting.

Terry Sellwood's Question:

**"There has been some talk around the town that there is a problem with the concrete in some of the tower footings and that this may lead to the need to dismantle and rebuild some machines. Is this so and, if the answer is yes to rebuilding, what will be the implications regarding removal of failed bases and ensuing site rehabilitation?"*

RESPONSE: There hasn't been any problems with the foundations identified so no dismantling will occur.

JP enquired whether there had been trouble with some of the welding. MM responded that there have been no problems with the main structure. There was an issue with internal ladders, but that has been rectified.

Accepted.

MM & BJ presented the project update. *See presentation attached.*

O & M Update

- All 46 wind turbines have been constructed
- Main installation crane has left site
- Final commissioning occurring on the last 2 wind turbines
- WTG grid testing progressing well
- 41 wind turbines approved to generate
- WTG maintenance works progressing well
- 1st annual maintenance commenced in September
- Break-in maintenance 50% complete

Questions:

JP enquired about the location of the proposed Rye Park Wind Farm in relation to the Bango Wind Farm site. JA commented that residents were not happy, as they will be surrounded by turbines.

Next 3 months

- Demobilisation of main construction activities.
- Remedial works (considerate of recent weather conditions and access pending suitable ground conditions).
- Final Stage Testing for the Windfarm.
- Ongoing Bird and Bat Monitoring for various seasonal inspections.
- Ongoing compliance obligations with Project Conditions.

Questions:

JP enquired whether there had been any superb parrots trying to nest. MM responded that none have been impacted.

GF enquired if CWP were monitoring for eagles. MM responded yes, all birds; further that all monitoring data will be included in the project's Annual Report to DPE.

BWF Community Complaints Register – to November 2022 (Slides 5 & 6)

Between January 1st 2020 and October 31st 2022, there have been a total of fourteen (14) complaints registered.

Complaints register available on website at:

<https://cwprenewables.com/ourprojects/bango-wind-farm>

Scroll down to:

- Publicly Available Documents
- Complaints Register

Questions:

JP enquired how the noise complaints from turbines were mitigated. MM responded that noise varies dependant on conditions at the time. Independent noise monitoring is undertaken in accordance with the project's consent conditions. Sometimes machines are turned off during certain periods. TMc commented that sometimes he can hear them in certain wind conditions (from the east).

MM advised that landscape architects have been engaged to work with a landowner not associated with the project within a 4km radius of turbines, to mitigate visual impact. JA commented that you can see turbines from 30-40kms away. Now that turbines are being erected, GF suggested that feedback needs to be provided back to DPE raising concerns with the visibility of the cumulative projects.

Communications

Between 1st January 2022 and 31st October 2022 There have been 39 communications to the Bango Wind Farm. (369 since commencement of project).

Contacts July 2022 – October 2022:

- Suppliers 25%
- Employment 5%
- Directions/Deliveries 5%
- Accommodation 10%
- Assorted 37%

2022 YTD 39 - Breakdown of communications by month:

January	4
February	4
March	2
April	4
May	1

June	4
July	3
August	3
September	11
October	3

Community Engagement

- November Newsletters distributed
- Continued involvement with both Yass Valley and Boorowa Business Chambers
- Working with Yass Valley & Hilltops Councils to progress Voluntary Planning Agreement actions.
- Completion and launch of "Tuppence the Orphan Turbine" adventure story for children
- Development of 2022 Christmas Lights Competition (Yass Valley & Boorowa area)
- Sponsorship of:
 - Boorowa Woolfest 2022
 - Inter-Schools Touch Footy & Netball Carnival (now postponed to early 2023)

General Business

- GF enquired about the Community Enhancement Funds and when does it start. LD advised, funds paid to respective Councils in the first two (2) weeks of July, after the turbines are operational, therefore 2023. However, as some turbines are already generating, CWP are prepared to give some funding for 10-12 turbines (situated in the Hilltops Shire), but the Committee needs to be operating. After that, 1st July moving forward. LD advised that the committee will need to meet, assess applications and make recommendations to Council on the disbursement of the funds.
- GF advised that some people have been asking who owns CWP. LD advised that the major stakeholder is "Partners Group", which is the second largest investment group globally. They invested in CWP to grow the company and now are looking at selling it and move on to invest somewhere else.

- TMc enquired how the site would be run now that the project is moving from construction to operational. BJ advised that there will be 6-8 permanent staff, including Service Manager, himself and another 10-20 in the team to finish everything off. There will also be contractors for weed maintenance, etc.
- MM advised that this would be his last CCC. LA thanked MM for his attendance, professionalism and support on the committee, wishing him well with future CWP projects.

Meeting Schedule for 2023

With the moving of the project from construction to operational, it was agreed that the schedule would move to bi-annual meetings:

- ✚ Tuesday, 30 May 2023; and
- ✚ Tuesday, 21 November 2023

LA advised that an extra-ordinary meeting may always be held if something arises. Agreed.

Meeting closed at 9.44am with LA inviting all members to participate in the site inspection. BJ undertook the necessary induction procedures. PPE was distributed and members boarded the bus for the tour.

On the bus, LA thanked all members for their contribution and attendance throughout 2022, wishing all a safe and happy festive season.

Action Items

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