



## BANGO WIND FARM COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

### CCC MEETING #4 MINUTES

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2016

#### Attendees:

Lisa Andrews (LA)	Independent Chair
Siobhan Isherwood (SI)	CWP Renewables
Thomas McGrath (TM)	Host Landholder Representative
Terry Sellwood (TS)	Community Representative
Jayne Apps (JA)	Boorowa District Landscape Guardians
Nicole Brewer (NB)	Department of Planning and Environment
Elle Donnelley (ED)	Department of Planning and Environment
Chris Corcoran (CC)	Hilltops Council

#### Apologies:

Andrew Winterflood  
Cr Ann Daniels (Yass Valley Council)

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**Meeting commenced at 2:35pm.**

#### Welcome and Introductions

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The Chair welcomed everyone to the fourth meeting of the Bango Wind Farm (BWF) Community Consultative Committee (CCC), hosted by CWP Renewables. Each person was invited to introduce themselves and state their position on the Committee.

The representatives from the Department of Planning and Environment (NB & ED) were introduced, and CC was welcomed as the new representative from Hilltops Council.

#### Declaration of Interest

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The Chair declared her interest as Independent Chair of the BWF CCC, engaged by CWP Renewables.

#### Confirmation of Previous Minutes

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Minutes of CCC #3 were confirmed by TM and seconded by JA.

#### Business Arising

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1. SI to place a project map on the website
2. SI to provide information regarding the nearest non-involved neighbour to the project
3. Chair to forward information from the DPE to the group

These items were actioned and are covered in Correspondence.

## Correspondence

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18/11/15 - Email to CCC members with the DPE'S previous response

28/11/16 - Email from Chair to CCC members with the Draft minutes from the last meeting held on 16 November 2015 and the project newsletter

28/11/16 – Letter to Terry Selwood with the draft minutes from the last meeting together with the project newsletter

26/5/16 - Email from Chair to CCC members with the EIS submission information and seeking EOI for a meeting to be held on 15/6/16

26/5/16 – Letter to Terry Selwood with the information on the EIS submission

31/5/16 – Letter to Wendy Tuckerman congratulating her on her appointment as the Administrator for Hilltops Council

2/6/16 – Letter to Anthony McMahon, Interim General Manager of Hilltops Council, inviting him to nominate an alternate representative if Ms Tuckerman is unable to attend due to her busy schedule

2/6/16 – Email from Chair to CCC members with the Meeting notice and agenda for day's meeting

2/6/16 – Email from Cr Ann Daniel from Yass Valley Council with her apology for today's meeting

2/6/16 – Letter to Terry Selwood with meeting notice and agenda for today's meeting.

10/6/16 – Email from Hilltops Council advising that Chris Corcoran is the Council delegate for the CCC

11/6/16 – Email of introduction to Chris with a meeting notice, agenda for today's meeting

**Moved:** LA

**Seconded:** TS

## Reports and Updates

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Presentation from SI covering information on:

- The project
- Key findings from reports within the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).
- Ongoing consultation work that will be undertaken during exhibition
- General Exhibition timeline

Questions that arose from presentation were:

**Q. What process is followed to ensure there is no exceedance of noise criteria, what happens if there is an exceedance?**

A. The criteria adopted by the NSW DPE and EPA (who licence wind farms) are some of the strictest in the world. The modelling undertaken at the project for the EIS is very conservative to ensure that the worst case impacts are considered and assessed. The proponent is required to demonstrate that the wind farm can comply with the criteria adopted by NSW, to avoid any potential for the project to be non-compliant. Once the wind farm is operational, an additional assessment is undertaken to determine compliance with the criteria. If an exceedance is found, there are a set of processes that the proponent must follow to ensure compliance is achieved, and this must be demonstrated to the EPA and DPE.

**Q. Were Council vegetation maps used to inform the Ecological assessment?**

A. Yes, vegetation mapping was used from a wide range of sources.

## Presentation by Nicole Brewer – Department of Planning & Environment

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A presentation was provided by NB, explaining that the EIS will be exhibited for a 60 day period; the approval pathway for the project, and what further information may be required. A flow chart was shared. NB explained the Exhibition Phase, and advised that the DPE will hold a community information session during exhibition.

NB also said that policy context for wind farms is currently being considered, and guidelines will likely be on exhibition in the coming months. These new guidelines have been developed as the previous ones did not provide a useful framework for project assessment.

Questions were asked and answered concerning:

- Micrositing of turbines
- Advertising events with sufficient notice for people to attend.
- Discussions on possible newspaper advertising and relevant circulation numbers (Young Witness, Borrowa News, Pheonix, Yass Tribune, etc)
- Why the DPE don't regulate wind farms based on population density, controlling where wind farms are located based on lower population (or alternatively, in places that are densely populated).

## General Business

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- A request for the noise contour maps was made – these will be provided with the report when it goes on exhibition.
- SI offered that the EIS document could be provided on a USB stick for CCC members
- SI made note regarding discussions about the community fund with regard to the changed LGA boundaries of Boorowa/Hilltops Council. It was agreed that the community area most impacted by the proposed turbines should benefit from the fund.
- JA asked what the maximum blade tip height would be, SI stated that approval is being sought for a 192m max blade tip height.

## Date of Next Meeting

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It was confirmed that the CCC meeting be held alternately between Yass and Boorowa, with the next meeting to be held in Yass.

Date to be confirmed – approximately two thirds of the way through exhibition. This will be confirmed when the project goes on exhibition.

**Meeting closed at 4pm.**

## Action Item

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- 1 SI to provide a larger Noise Control Map to CCC members, when the EIS goes on exhibition.

## Attachments

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- Meeting Presentation from SI