

# MINUTES OF CRUDINE RIDGE WIND FARM COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (CCC)

### Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at Pyramul Hall, Pyramul

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	Observers		
	Sue Lane		Hundy Family Representative
	Laureen Price		

Item	Details and Actions		
1.0 Welcome and Introductions	Meeting opened at 9:36am.		
	LA welcomed all present.		
	Sue Lane and Laureen Price were acknowledged as being		
	granted observer status.		
2.0 Apologies	As listed above.		
3.0 Declarations of Interest	LA declared that she is an Independent Chairperson, approved by the Department of Environment & Planning and engaged by CWP to chair the meeting.		
	No changes to members' previous declarations.		
4.0 Business arising from Finalised Minutes of 7 <sup>th</sup> December 2017 CCC Meeting	<ol> <li>Distribute final layout plan of turbines, including coordinates – once confirmed. (MB) Hard copies of plan provided to all attendees. Electronic version to be emailed by LA.</li> <li>Distribute updated Traffic Management Plan – when finalised. (MB) Complete - Members advised on the 10th January that this Plan &amp; others were now available on the project website.</li> <li>Provide information on how much water will be required</li> </ol>		
	for each base (550m3 concrete) (MB) Included in this meeting's presentation.		

	4. Hard copies of documentation to be provided to Max Price	
F.O.C.,	(LA). Ongoing.	
5.0 Correspondence	<ul> <li>11/12/17 – Draft minutes to CCC members for review.</li> <li>19/12/17 – Finalised minutes sent to CCC members.</li> </ul>	
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	• 10/1/18 – Email from Mark Branson advising that the	
	Environmental Management Strategy and the four	
	Management Plans (Aboriginal Heritage, Biodiversity, Bird	
	& Bat and the Traffic Management Plans were approved by	
	the Department and uploaded on the project website.	
	• 11/1/18 – This information forwarded onto CCC members.	
	• 11/1/18 – Letter to Max Price with the same information.	
	• 18/1/18 – Email from Mark Branson with a project update	
	regarding financing the turbine layout.	
	• 19/1/18 – This information forwarded through to members.	
	• 19/1/18 – Letter to Max Price with the same details.	
	• 1/2/18 – Email received from Mark Branson advising of the new project website and providing a link to the media	
	release for the Power Purchase Agreement.	
	• 1/2/18 – Email forwarded to members with this	
	information.	
	• 9/4/18 – Email to members with the meeting notice and	
	agenda for this meeting	
	• 12/4/18 – Email from Owain Rowland Jones requesting	
	observer status for Mrs Sue Lane. This request was	
	forwarded through to CCC members for their	
	consideration.	
	• 16/4/18 – Email from Esme Martens with an apology for	
	this meeting.	
	• 17/4/18 – Email from Ingrid Saywell on behalf of Max Price seeking observer status for Mrs Laureen Price. This request	
	was forwarded through to CCC members for their	
	consideration.	
	• 17/4/18 – Email from Ingrid Saywell on behalf of Max Price	
	asking to see the projected sound profile & enquiring who	
	would be building the roads. This request forwarded	
	through to Mark Branson.	
	• 21/4/18 – Email to members advising that observer status	
	has been granted to Sue Lane & Laureen Price.	
	• 23/4/18 – Email from Ingrid Saywell on behalf of Max Price	
	asking where the water would be sourced for the concrete,	
	dust suppression, etc. This email was forwarded through to	
7.0 Community Concerns	Mark Branson for inclusion in this CCC's presentation.  LA reminded members of the new agenda item "Community	
7.0 Community Concerns	Concerns", where members or the broader community are able	
	to submit questions two weeks out from the proposed CCC, for	
	response from CWP at the meeting. Questions and answers	
	will be recorded in the minutes.	
	It was noted that the questions from Max Price, received in	
	correspondence, would be included in the project presentation.	

### 8.0 Project Update / Discussion

#### **Construction Timeframe**

- The Voluntary Planning Agreements have been endorsed and signed by Council.
- CWP has entered into a Power Purchase Agreement with Meridian Energy, who own and operate the retail energy company Powershop.
- Whilst a final decision has not been, GE remain the
  preferred supplier for turbine supply. GE are one of the
  world's leading turbine manufacturers and its turbines are
  operating and performing in a number of countries. It was
  suggested that CWP investigate the company's financial
  position as this may affect its ability to maintain the
  equipment. MB indicated that the contract teams would be
  undertaking their due diligence throughout the contracting
  process.
- Biodiversity surveys and design works for Aarons Pass Rd are complete, with tendering underway for the road upgrades required to service the project
- Financing and due diligence is underway with debt and equity being a combination of Australian and International funds.
- The construction phase will commence in May 2018 with the first generation commencing in approximately Q2 2019.

### **Visual Impacts**

- Visual impacts have been significantly reduced due to the decrease in turbines from 77 to 37.
- If wire frames are requested, CWP will provide to those residences with entitlements under the Development Consent.
- Acquisition Rights: It was confirmed that owners of properties nominated within the consent conditions, have 5 years from commencement of construction to request acquisition. Neighbour Agreements are a voluntary option, which are offered at the discretion of CWP. There is no time frame imposed to enter into neighbour agreements.

### **Noise Impacts**

 The project's development consent sets the limits for noise with the EPA being the agency who will enforce the EPL (licence) requirements. MP's question was clarified with MB advising that he will investigate the low frequency level obligations and provide decibel limits. It was noted that noise monitoring is required to be undertaken within three months of the project's operation.

### **Water for Construction**

- A third party, Australian Resources Development Group (ARDG) has been investigating the availability of water supply for project construction.
- The water requirements for dust suppression, foundations, wash down areas, rehabilitation, etc amount to .25ML per day throughout construction.
- 70 KL of water per foundation will be required = 2.5ML for the project.

- It will be necessary to go the market to obtain the required water licences as no new licences are being issued by WaterNSW.
- Preference will be to source as much water from existing bores and dams on site and have them licenced under a Water Access Licence with a zero share component.
- A list of water sources was requested to be supplied. Following investigation and identification, this information will be provided to the CCC.

### **Material Sourcing**

- As previously advised, Council has asked that the project not use the existing Council quarries in the area due to its need for the resources to meet Councils road maintenance requirements.
- The contractor is investigating opportunities for sourcing the hard rock and gravel within the project area.
- It is understood that one quarry will be located to the south of the A4 turbine and one near the A13 turbine.
- ARDG has submitted three DA's for quarries to be used during the project construction. CWP are not the applicants. These DAs are currently being assessed by Council.

### **Geotechnical Study**

- Surveys are underway to assess rock and soil structure for the construction of foundations, access roads, substation and compound areas.
- These works are permitted under the development consent.

### **Bombandi Road**

The upgrading of Bombandi Road and Castlereagh
Highway Intersection is required. Concern was raised with
the dotted line that appears on the plan, which would
indicate the drivers are able to overtake in this area. It was
also noted that there is no turning lane. RMS will be
undertaking a review of the concept plans prior to any
construction taking place,

#### **Aarons Pass Road**

- The road design upgrade works for Aarons Pass Road have been completed and signed off by MWRC. Concerns were raised about the additional upgrades required to enable the vehicles to manoeuvre the road, which was not available at the time of the PAC's consideration. It was explained that concept plans were provided at the DA assessment stage and that civil designs require more detailed investigation and plans for safety and road standards.
- Discussions on equipment being delivered by helicopter drops instead of via road ensued. It was explained that this was not a viable option (safety, costs, etc).
- Additional biodiversity survey of Aarons Pass Road has been undertaken to minimise impacts with the road design.
- The projects impacts will be offset with the establishment of the 674ha Stewardship Site in Hill End (Glen Maye). A

- Management Plan will be developed to ensure the property is operated in perpetuity in accordance with OEH requirements, ie weed management, fencing, de-stocked, etc
- It was confirmed that this land has similar fauna and flora of the project site, including white box, yellow box, native grass land, etc. During the construction phase, fauna will be managed in accordance with the Biodiversity Plan.

### **Road Upgrades**

- MWRC Council has advised the Project to externally tender the road upgrade works. Its Works Department will supervise and audit the works to ensure they meet Council's standards.
- Concerns were raised regarding the current dry conditions impacting on the amenity of residents due to dust. The existing gravel roads are also causing problems with driver safety.
- The CCC were informed that the traffic routes have been limited by CWP to ensure contractor vehicles use Illford and Sofala Roads instead of Sallys Flat Road. Heavy Vehicle routes will be in accordance with the Traffic Management Plan.

### **Management Plans**

- In consultation with MWRC the following management plans were approved by NSW DP&E in December 2017:
  - Environmental Management Strategy
  - Biodiversity Management Plan
  - Aboriginal Heritage Management Plan; and
  - Traffic Management Plan.
- All plans are available on the project website.
- Following an enquiry regarding the Bush Fire Management Plan, it was advised that the contractor will be preparing an emergency response plan to address all potential emergencies, including bush fire.

### **Community Benefits**

- CWP has committed to contribute to help run the Pyramul Hall over three years. The first payment has been made.
- \$167k per annum (+CPI) will be contributed to the region annually across the two Council areas.
- Concerns were raised regarding the expenditure of these funds by Council. All expressed their desire in ensuring the money is spent where the project has the most impact and not in other areas of the shire.

Moved: That the chair write to MWRC & BRC expressing these concerns and requesting that Council allocate the funds paid by CWP for community benefit, to be spent within the project area and its environs.

• Extensive road upgrades and their maintenance will be undertaken throughout the construction phase.

9.0 General Business	ORJ questioned CWP's transparency and integrity. He stated that is was likely that there will be change in the federal government to Labor/Greens at the next election. He requested that a written undertaking be provided from the company, stating that they would not attempt to apply for the project to be increased at a future date.  MB stated that CWP had no intention of altering the project and re-opening this issue. Whilst CWP were disappointed, they have heard the concerns of the community and the project has been reduced significantly to address these concerns. CWP are confident that it has a viable commercial
	project it can deliver, without requiring additional turbines.
10.0 Next Meeting	The next meeting was set down for <b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2018</b> at the Pyramul Hall, commencing at <b>9.30am</b>

# Meeting closed at 11:17am. LA thanked all present for their attendance.

### **Action Items:**

Item	Issue	Action By:
1	List of water sources to be provided, once available	MB
2	Low frequency noise and decibel levels to be provided, once available	MB
3	Write to MWRC & BRC regarding the allocation of community funds	LA



# Crudine Ridge Wind Farm

CCC Meeting 26/4/18





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### Project Update

- Design
- Contracting
- Community Benefits

### Pre-construction Update

- Management Plans
- Road Upgrades
- Material Sourcing
- Noise Impacts
- Visual Impacts
- Construction Timeline



# Project Update: Design

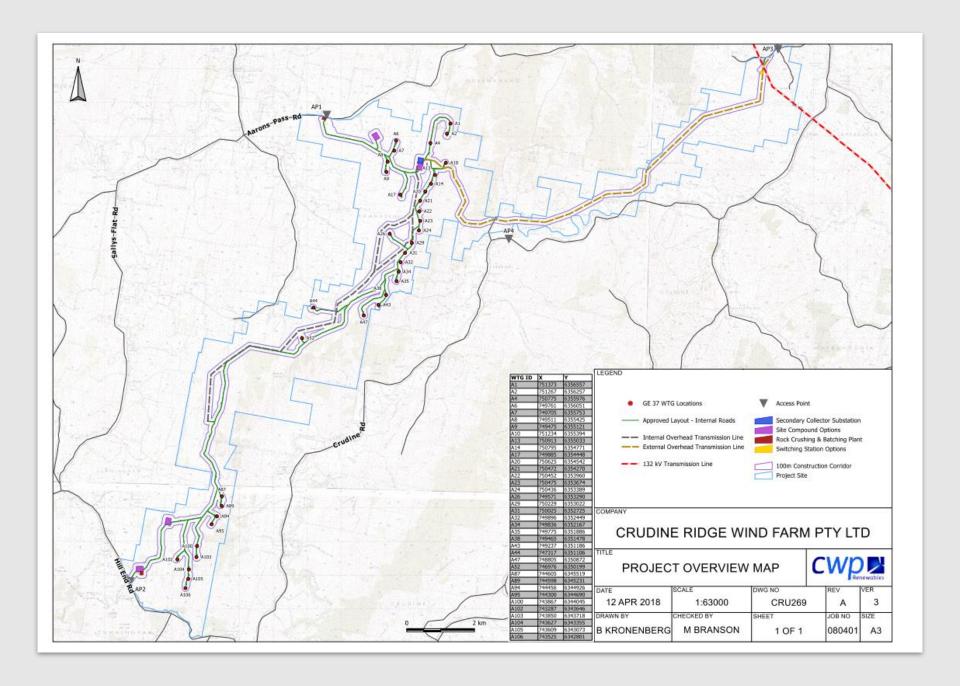


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- The Project secured a Power Purchase Agreement with Meridian Energy earlier this year and is expected to commence construction in May.
- The project will consist of:
  - 37 wind turbine generators
  - Each of 3.63 MW capacity
  - Project capacity of approximately 135MW
  - a maximum tip height of 160m
- 27 turbines will be constructed in the Mid-Western Regional Council area.
- 10 turbines will be constructed in Bathurst Regional Council area.
- Project Financing is underway using an equity and debt funding model and we expect to commence construction in May.







# Project Update: Contracting



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Construction contracts are being finalised with preferred suppliers:

Turbine Supply:



Balance of Plant:



Substation:



- Contracts are expected to be finalised in April.
- An Early Works contract is underway to deliver long-lead time items:
  - Aarons Pass Road design
  - Geotechnical studies
  - Material and water procurement





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# Project Update: Community Benefits



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- The Project has an Australian Industry Participation Plan and Zenviron is using the Industry Capability Network to maximise the local workforce during construction.
- Construction contracts have been open for tender for the past two months.
- CWP has recently committed to contribute to help run Pyramul Hall.
- Community Benefits Funds will generate approx. \$167,000 for the region annually in contributions.
- Extensive road upgrades and maintenance program throughout the construction phase of the Project.





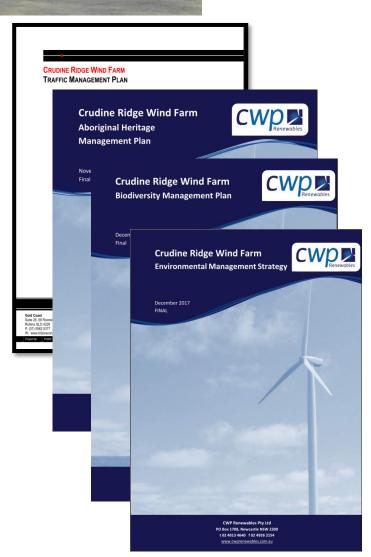
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# Management Plans



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- Following consultation with MWRC, management plans were approved by NSW Department of Planning and Environment in December 2017:
  - Environmental Management Strategy
  - Biodiversity Management Plan
  - Aboriginal Heritage Management Plan
  - Traffic Management Plan
- These plans provide the framework under which construction and operations must occur.
- The Project will conduct regular monitoring programs and will be externally audited for compliance against these plans.



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# Road Upgrades



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- The Project Approval requires upgrades to be undertaken to Aarons Pass Road and Bombandi Road.
- CWP has been engaged with MWRC for over twelve months in relation to the scope and design of the works program to ensure that it meets the needs of Council, the community and the Project.
- Detailed design has been prepared to address the design criteria required for project transport:
  - Supersedes the original concept plans prepared during the Environmental Assessment
  - Improves the safety of Aarons Pass Road, particularly in relation to blind corners and crests
  - Avoids and minimises impacts to threatened species and endangered ecological communities
  - Was provided to MWRC Works Dept. for review and for costing
- MWRC has advised us to tender the works for the road upgrades which is currently in progress.
- MWRC Works Dept. supervise and audit the works to ensure they meets council standards.
- The revised 3D design has been approved as a component of the Traffic Management Plan which was endorsed by both Mid-western and Bathurst regional councils, and approved by the Department of Planning and Environment in December 2017.

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- The Development Consent requires that the Project upgrades Aarons Pass Road to the satisfaction of MWRC.
- CWP engaged the experienced wind farm civil design team, iCubed, to design the road upgrades with multiple aims:
  - Improving safety of the road during project construction
  - Avoiding impacts to threatened species and endangered ecological communities
  - MWRC standards and project transport requirements.
- MWRC has reviewed and confirmed that the plans are to MWRC satisfaction.
- The approved Biodiversity Management Plan has guided the procedures to ensure that impacts to biodiversity are minimised and are within the limits of the Development Consent.
  - Additional biodiversity survey of Aarons Pass Road was undertaken and threatened species locations were identified by cadastral survey.
  - Detailed design of the road was prepared to ensure avoidance of threatened species.
  - Vegetation clearance will be within the limits permitted in the Development Consent.
- The project impacts will be offset with the establishment of the 674ha Stewardship Site in Hill End.

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# Bombandi Road



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■ The Project is required to upgrade the Castlereagh Hwy / Bombandi Rd intersection.

A Works Authorisation Deed has been initiated to undertake the upgrade to RMS requirements.

Additional minor upgrades to culverts and gates will be undertaken along Bombandi Rd as required

under the Consent.

Minor upgrades are agreed with MWRC Works Dept.



# Geotechnical Study



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- Geotechnical surveys have been underway to assess rock and soil structure across the site:
  - Turbine footing and crane pad locations
  - Substation and compound areas
  - Along the access roads
- Geotechnical works are permitted under the Development Consent as defined as pre-construction minor works.
- Excavator test pits and drilling is being undertaken which will be backfilled following works.





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# Material Sourcing



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- The Balance of Plant contractor has been investigating opportunities for sourcing hard rock, gravel and water within the Project area.
- The benefits of sourcing materials onsite include:
  - 1. Improved safety by reducing traffic, particularly along Aarons Pass Road and Hill End Road
  - 2. Reduced dust and noise impacts on neighbouring residences
  - 3. Minimise damage to Council roads from heavy vehicle haulage
  - 4. Avoid existing quarries required for the ongoing Council road works program
- Australian Resource Development Group (ARDG) is a third party that has been assessing suitability and availability of construction materials:
  - ARDG has submitted three Development Applications for quarries to be used during project construction to minimise traffic and other impacts.
  - Water supply licences will be sought from the NSW Office of Water.
- ARDG are not a related entity to CWP or the Project, but would supply materials under a commercial contract.

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# Water for Construction



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- ARDG has been investigating availability of water for Project construction.
- 65ML of water is required for construction this includes all direct and indirect consumption for the project.
- A Water Access Licence with a Zero Share Component is currently being procured from Water NSW.
- Once a WAL is established with zero units, water from another holder will be transferred on temporary basis after WaterNSW issues an approval. The WAL is to be traded within the Murray Darling Basin Fractured Groundwater Source.
- Landholders wishing to supply water to the project will need to provide an authority for utilisation of their bores, to be consented by WaterNSW under the terms of the WAL.
- Water supply options include:
  - Existing bores
  - Existing dams
  - Bulk water supply contracts as a back up
- Licence is planned for commencement on 1 July 2018, to be renewed annually during construction. There are no other approvals required by WaterNSW since the project is of 'State Significance'.
- ARDG are not a related entity to CWP or the Project, but would supply water under a commercial contract.

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# Noise Impacts



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- The Development Consent sets the limits of permissible noise impacts at neighbouring residences to the wind farm.
- Noise impacts are predicted to be significantly lower at neighbouring residences based on the 37 turbine layout, than the impacts predicted from the 77 turbine layout.
- An Environmental Protection Licence (EPL) is being prepared currently by the NSW EPA which will enforce the noise limits and set the monitoring and auditing procedures.
- The EPL is enforceable by the NSW EPA.
- The Development Consent requires that:
  - 12. Within 3 months of the commencement of operations, the Applicant shall:
  - a) Undertaken noise monitoring to determine whether the development is complying with the relevant conditions of this consent; and
  - b) Submit a copy of the monitoring results to the Department and the EPA.

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# Visual Impacts



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- The visual impacts for all residences within 4km of a wind turbine, as well as individual residence listed in the Development Consent, are currently being revisited based on the final Project layout.
- Visual impacts have seen a significant reduction across the board because of the reduction in turbines from 77 to 37.
- Within one month of the commencement of construction, the project will contact each of those residences to inform them of the anticipated impacts, and their entitlements under the development consent.

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# Construction Timeframe



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- VPAs Endorsed and signed by Council
- Management Plans approved by DPE
- Road Upgrades
  - Biodiversity surveys completed
  - Detailed design and avoidance completed
  - Tendering underway
- Construction Contracting underway
- Pre-construction Minor Works underway
- Due Diligence and Financing underway
- Construction period to commence in May
- First generation will commence ~ Q2 2019



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Questions and discussion





## MINUTES OF CRUDINE RIDGE WIND FARM COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (CCC)

### Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July at Pyramul Hall, Pyramul

Attendees	Initials	Position	
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Mark Branson	MB	CWP Renewables (Development Manage)	
Vera Tomlinson	VT	Community Representative	
Max Price	MP	Community Representative	
Malcolm Healey	MH	Community Representative (Host)	
Lisa Andrews	LA	Independent Chairperson	
Brendan McAvoy	BM	Project Director (CWP Asset Management Team)	
Brendan WeAvoy	DIVI	Project Director (CVV) Asset Management Teamy	
Apologies			
Lorette McLean		Bathurst Regional Council	
Cr Alex Karavas		Mid Western Regional Council	
Esme Martens		Community Representative	
Observer			
Ingrid Saywell		Price Family	
Guests			
Scott Pagett	SP	CWP – Site Representative	
Chris Tanti	CT	Project Manager – Zenviron	
Dallas Edwards	DE	Deputy Project Manager - Zenviron	
David May	DM	Project Manager for GE	
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	LA welcomed all present & thanked KC for organising the heaters.	
	It was acknowledged that key personnel were in attendance as representatives of the next phase of the project, as it enters construction stage. The guests were introduced and invited to explain their background. Members introduced themselves and declared their position on the CCC.	
	Ingrid Saywell was acknowledged as being granted observer status. LA informed the committee that Sue Lane (who had been granted observer status) was unable to attend due to work commitments.	
2.0 Apologies	As listed above.	
3.0 Declarations of Interest	LA declared that she is an Independent Chairperson, approved by the Department of Environment & Planning and engaged by CWP to chair the meeting.  No changes to members' previous declarations.	

4.0 Business arising from	Item	Issue	Action By:
Finalised Minutes of 26th April 2018 CCC Meeting	1 List of water sources to be provided, once available.		DE/CT
g	2	Low frequency noise and decibel levels to be provided, once available. Predictive modelling report with data observations will be disseminated to the committee.	ВМ
3		Write to MWRC & BRC regarding the allocation of community funds Letters written and sent to both Council's 31/5/18. Response received from MWRC dated 5/6/18 & emailed to members. To date response not received from BRC. LA to chase up.	LA
4.0 Correspondence Report	30/4/18 – Draft minutes to CCC members for review.		

### (Sent with Meeting Notice)

- 8/5/18 Finalised minutes, together with the electronic presentation and project overview map were sent to CCC members.
- 8/5/18 Letter to MP with the finalised minutes.
- 29/5/18 Email to members advising that the project is now fully financed and the "Notice to Proceed" was being issued to the construction contractors. The same information sent to MP via post.
- 31/5/18 Letters to MWRC & BRC expressing the committee's ongoing concerns with the proposed allocation of community funds generated from the project.
- 5/6/18 Letter from MWRC regarding the VPA.
- 16/6/18 Email to members providing a copy of MWRC's response.
- 17/6/18 Email from ORJ to MB asking if CWP had provided a project analysis in its EA to meet the regulations.
- 21/6/18 Email from MB stating that the EA met the requirements and DP&E approved the project in 2016.
- 22/6/18 Email from ORJ to MB seeking further information on the EA.
- 22/6/18 Email response from MB to ORJ providing information on the EA.
- 23/6/18 Email from ORJ requesting a 'proxy' be granted for he and JRJ.
- 25/6/18 Email from a resident enquiring why they had not received a letter about the commencement of the construction period.
- 25/6/18 Email from CWP Asset Management, stating that a letter had been posted to the resident and providing an electronic copy.
- 25/6/18 Email to ORJ responding to request for proxy.
- 25/6/18 Email from ORJ requesting an alternate representative be appointed, in the event that he, JRJ or both, are unable to attend the CCC.
- 26/6/18 Email acknowledged, referred to DP&E for clarification.
- 26/6/18 Email to members with meeting notice and agenda for the meeting, including the correspondence report.

• 26/6/18 – Email to MP with the same information.

### NEW ITEMS (after 26/6/18)

- 26/6/18 Email from ORJ asking about existing alternate representative arrangement.
- 27/6/18 Email response to ORJ advising that pre-existing membership arrangements occurred prior to the guidelines being introduced.
- 2/7/18 Email from IS on behalf of MP regarding survey pegs being positioned on his property. Email forwarded to CWP for investigation. MB rang and discussed matter with MP & IS.
- 3/7/18 Email form IS on behalf of MP with 2 questions about the project (layout & quarry). Email forwarded to CWP for response.
- 7/7/18 Email to members advising that observer status for Ingrid Saywell & Sue Lane had been granted. This email included advice regarding the attendance of the key construction personnel.
- 9/7/18 Email to members with CWP answering the two questions on the layout & the quarry from MP.
- 9/7/18 Email from Sue Lane advising that she was unable to attend the CCC due to work commitments.

#### 7.0 Briefing on CCC Guidelines

The Chair provided a briefing on the CCC guidelines and feedback from the workshop attended by the newly appointed "Talent Pool" of Independent Chairpersons at the Department of Planning Environment earlier in the year.

Information was provided on the importance of early engagement with the community, the advertising process for establishing CCC's, Code of Conduct & Pecuniary/Non Pecuniary Interest Declarations, recording, review and finalisation of minutes, community representative membership, observers and alternate representatives.

ORJ raised an issue with the template of the CRWF minutes that had a "header" in the document stating; Boco Rock Wind Farm. LA advised that this matter had been raised by MB and had been rectified. LA to check that other minutes on website are not affected. ORJ also raised issue of LA chairing five CWP/ Wind Farm projects and implied there was a pecuniary interest. LA advised that it is a matter for public record & that declarations are made at the commencement of each meeting. ORJ commented that Mike Young (DP&E) was of the opinion that host land owners had a conflict of interest (pecuniary) in the project and therefore should not be on the CCC. LA stated that there are no prohibitions for 'host' members, who are included in all wind farm CCC's. LA took on notice to contact Mike Young to seek clarification on his alleged statement.

### **8.0 Community Concerns**

LA reminded members of the new agenda item "Community Concerns", where members or the broader community are able to submit questions two weeks out from the proposed CCC, for response from CWP at the meeting. Questions and answers will be recorded in the minutes.

It was noted that the questions from Max Price, were responded to prior to the meeting, as advised in correspondence.

### 9.0 Project Update / Discussion

- MB informed the CCC that the project has now moved from development to construction.
- He provided members with a hand out of the "Site Construction Development", which included a map showing the locations of the site office, proposed concrete batching plant, substation and quarry. The document provided contact details for key personnel (CWP and GE/Zenviron). A timeline for the upgrading of Aarons Pass Road, the internal access tracks, turbine foundations, crane pads, electrical collector networks, wind turbine locations and transmission line was included in the sheet. Electronic version to be sent to members.
- ORJ raised concern with the final layout plan that was sent to residents, which indicated one less turbine. MB checked both maps and advised that it was on the plan, however, due to the scale, it was covered over. MB to raise A4 vs A3 plan with communication team to ensure accuracy.
- BM advised that he will be CWP's representative on the CCC moving forward. He stated that the approvals have been completed and they have entered into a formal entity with GE & Zenviron. Downer will also be undertaking some of the works.
- BM advised that he is happy to be contacted by the community with any concerns.
- CT explained the quarry locations (3) and stated that they are currently going through the development assessment process with MRWC.
- He stated that the contractors are fully aware that they are guests in the community and reiterated that the project is a great opportunity to work with local businesses.
- They have been working with Council on the design of the upgrading of Aarons Pass Rd, which will include passing bays and incorporate dust suppression and noise mitigation. ORJ reiterated previous and current concerns with dust nuisance. CT informed the CCC that higher grade material will be used, instead of the existing fine shaley material that is used by MRWC, which will provide a better result.
- 34kms of internal tracks will be constructed.
- A temporary batching plant will be built.
- Met masts (5) will be installed.
- Water applications are with NSW Water. Negotiations are currently occurring with landowners for bore water licences. ORJ raised concerns with the potential impact on existing bores, groundwater, etc.
- MP raised his displeasure with surveyors coming onto his land and placing pegs. MB apologised and stated that he had raised these concerns with the contractor, once he had been made aware. MB explained that the surveyors were preparing lease plans for agreements with landowners.

### The pegs were actually placed on the Croake property, as the fence did not run along the boundary. 10.0 General Business JRJ asked if the wind monitoring is consistent with the modelling. MB advised that they had 10 years of data and confirmed that the wind modelling is consistent. There is a science behind the correlation in calculating the wind generated and there has been improvements in technology (blade size, etc). ORJ asked if the company had a "Plan B" in case climate change has an impact on wind. MB stated that if wind changes; technology is able to adapt. GE will be installing the largest onshore wind turbines, which will suit the conditions. BM advised that due diligence had been undertaken by investors to ensure the commercial viability of the project. JRJ enquired about having a site visit during construction to ensure the turbines are sited in the approved locations, to avoid what happened in the Gullen Range. BM advised that an independent technical adviser will be on site to ensure the turbines are installed in the correct location. EPA, DP&E Compliance will also be inspecting the project throughout its construction. At the moment the site is a construction zone and any inspections would need to be undertaken in a safe environment with appropriate approvals and safety equipment. JRJ questioned GE's financial capabilities, given its recent troubles. DM responded that GE's core business is very strong in Australia and Asia. They currently have \$2B worth of projects going forward. It is a very prosperous and busy time for GE. ORJ asked how many local businesses will be undertaking works. MB explained that companies have registered on CWP's ICN gateway website. Action: Update CCC on local contractors being engaged. ORJ questioned the payment by CWP to the Pyramul Hall committee and what governance surrounded this. KC advised that the books are currently being audited by the Department of Fair Trading. ORJ asked MB if he was aware of LDC Infrastructure contacting local property owners/residents attempting to buy up leases. MB advised that CWP had no dealings with LDC. ORJ commented that information has been provided to them on property ownership. MB confirmed that CWP has no association with LDC. ORJ raised the issue of noise from the turbines and whether a modification was required because of the change. MB advised that no modification was required as the noise was still within the limits contained in the conditions of consent. ORJ questioned the location of the southern transport route and whether a modification was required because of the change. MB advised that they had lengthy discussions

11.0 Next Meeting	ORJ suggested an Open Day for the broader community.  MB to take on board.  The next meeting was set down for <b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2018</b> at the Pyramul Hall, commencing at <b>9.30am</b>
	<ul> <li>ORJ asked whether CWP would accept full responsibility for all the contractors and employees undertaking work on the project site. BM stated that each company had the necessary qualifications and safety procedures to ensure the project is constructed in accordance with the approval and regulations.</li> <li>ORJ questioned whether the project was still viable with the change from 77 to 37 and raised concerns that the PAC had made a determination on the project based on the information provided by DP&amp;E and that this information had now changed. MB commented that lengthy engagement had occurred with the Commonwealth and Department on the alternate layout.</li> <li>JRJ asked if the 'wire frames' where going to be undertaken. MB advised that if residents contact him, he will arrange.</li> </ul>
	with RMS, which is the relevant authority and these

# Meeting closed at 11:17am. LA thanked all present for their attendance.

### **Action Items:**

Item	Issue	Action By:
1	Low frequency noise and decibel levels to be provided	BM
2	Contact DP&E regarding conflict of interests with host landowners & CCC membership	LA
3	Electronic version of site construction handout to be sent to CCC	BM/LA
4	Final site layout plan to be checked for accuracy (A4 vs A3 scale issue)	MB
5	Advice on local contractors being engaged (ongoing)	BM



### **Site Construction Development**

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### AARONS PASS ROAD (Aug 18 - Dec 18)

- 20km upgrade to facilitate oversized turbine deliveries
- Local community interaction focus: dust suppression, traffic control (design includes passing bays), and notification of delivery periods



### **WIND FARM** (Aug 18 – Oct 19)

- 37 Wind Turbines with capacity to power up to 55,000 homes
- **GEZ Consortium** to undertake construction of the site, which includes:
  - 34km of internal access tracks
  - Turbine foundations and crane pads
  - Electrical collector networks
  - Wind turbine erection and commissioning
- O Quarries on the site will significantly reduce local road traffic





SECTION 2 (Completion: Jul 19)



**SECTION 3** (Completion: Sep 19)



**SECTION 4** (Completion: Oct 19)







▲ To Castlereagh Hwy

- Grid connection will be constructed, owned and operated by TransGrid
- Construction includes:

Oversized deliveries

- New 33/132kV **substation** within the wind farm site (construction access via Aaron's Pass Rd)
- New 15km x 132kV **transmission line** within Crudine valley (construction access via Crudine Rd / Bombandi Rd)
- Upgrade 75km of existing overhead line to Beryl Substation

Feature Description	Easting	Northing
Meteorological Mast	744,189	6,345,551
Meteorological Mast	743,979	6,344,790
Meteorological Mast	749,710	6,352,918
Meteorological Mast	744,455	6,345,791
Meteorological Mast	746,975	6,350,001
Water Source – Northern	746,826	6,354,856
Water Source – Southern	741,935	6,342,243

- Main Site Office
- Concrete Batch Plant
- Substation
- Met Masts
- O Quarry
- Water Source (Bores)

### **LOCAL OPPORTUNITIES**

- Accommodation (Mudgee and Bathurst), food and beverage sales
- Local suppliers & industry (equipment & vehicle hire, construction materials, general hardware etc.)
- Subcontracts & jobs (earth moving, concreting, trades, servicing of facilities etc.)
- Local businesses are encouraged to register interest via the ICN Crudine Ridge Wind Farm page Visit the ICN gateway at www.gateway.icn.org.au

For further information or enquiries, visit the Crudine Ridge Wind Farm website www.crudineridgewindfarm.com.au









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The CRWF project forms part of the Grassroots Renewable Energy Platform, an energy investment portfolio owned by **CWP Renewables** and **Partners Group**.

**CRWF Delivery Structure:** 





GEZ Consortium formed by
General Electric Renewables Pty Ltd and;
Zenviron Pty Ltd





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## MINUTES OF CRUDINE RIDGE WIND FARM COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (CCC)

### Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at Pyramul Hall, Pyramul

Attendees	Initials	Position
Lisa Andrews	LA	Independent Chairperson
Owain Rowland-Jones	ORJ	Community Representative
Judith Rowland-Jones	JRJ	Community Representative
Alan Heath	AH	Community Representative (Host)
Esme Martens	EM	Community Representative
Max Price	MP	Community Representative
Brendan McAvoy	BM	Project Director – CWP Renewables
Scott Pagett	SP	Site Representative – CWP Renewables
Chris Tanti	CT	Consortium Manager – GEZ Consortium
Apologies		
Loretta McLean		Bathurst Regional Council
Malcolm Healey		Community Representative (Host)
Karen Croake		Community Representative (Host)
Vera Tomlinson		Community Representative
Cr Alex Karavas		Mid Western Regional Council delegate

Item	Details and Actions			
1.0 Welcome and Introductions	Meeting opened at 9:45am.			
	LA welcomed all present.			
2.0 Apologies	As listed above.			
3.0 Declarations of Interest	LA declared that she is an Independent Chairperson, approve by the Department of Environment & Planning and engaged by CWP to chair the meeting.			
4 O Business spisings from	No changes to members' previous declarations.			
4.0 Business arising from Finalised Minutes of 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Item	Issue	Action By:	
2018 Meeting	1	Low frequency noise and decibel levels to be provided. Internal review being undertaken. Following which, information will be provided.	BM Held over	
	2	Contact DP&E regarding conflict of interests with host landowners & CCC membership LA provided a response.  See * below.	LA Complete	
	3	Electronic version of site construction handout to be sent to CCC Emailed 27/7/18	BM/LA Complete	
	4	Final site layout plan to be checked for accuracy (A4 vs A3 scale issue) Emailed 27/7/18	MB Complete	
	5	Advice on local contractors being engaged (ongoing)	BM Ongoing	

Young, DPE, who advised that the statement at the Jupiter Wind Farm CCC was more around that 'hosts' already have a direct line of communication with the proponent, therefore, any available positions on the CCC should be for community representatives in the first instance and then hosts if positions are available. However, there is no need to remove hosts from existing CCC's moreover, replace vacancies with community representatives.

No other business arising from the previous minutes.

### 5.0 Correspondence

- 12/7/18 Email from Janet Bingham BRC advising that Simon Armitage, Works Manager is the new delegate on this committee.
- 12/7/18 Email to JB thanking her and asking her to chase up my letter to the GM about the community funds.
- 14/7/18 Letter form the GM of Bathurst Regional Council responding to the Community Fund question and VPA
- 19/7/18– Draft minutes to CCC members for review.
- 19/7/18 Email from ORJ regarding the water bores and request for information. This email was acknowledged the same day by Brendan McEvoy
- 27/7/18 Email from Brendan McEvoy advising that there was a delay in responding as he was awaiting further information.
- 28/7/18 Finalised minutes, together with the electronic presentation and project overview map were sent to CCC members.
- 9/8/18 Follow-up email from ORJ requesting response to his email from CWP.
- 9/8/18 Email copied in from CWP to ORJ with a response to the questions asked.
- 23/8/18 Email from CWP to chair advising that letters have been sent to potentially impacted neighbours regarding deadlines for requests for visual mitigation following commencement of construction
- 4/9/18 Email to members advising of a compliance issue concerning clearing along Aaron's Pass Rd.
- 19/9/18 Email to members requesting postponement of the 4/10/18 to 1/11/18
- 21/9/18 Email from Ingrid Saywell on behalf of Max Price requesting meeting proceed and tabling questions
- 23/9/18 Email from Owain Rowland-Jones requesting meeting proceed and tabling questions.
- 26/9/18 Email to members advising that meeting will proceed on 4/10/18
- 26/9/18 Letter to Max Price with meeting notice and agenda for this meeting.
- Emails to and from Owain Rowland-Jones regarding observer status
- Emails to and from Ingrid Saywell regarding observer status.

### 7.0 Project Update / Discussion

- Letters have been sent to neighbours of the project, advising that they have five years to make a claim for visual mitigation.
- 5 x met masts are on site (2 permanent & 3 temporary). The temporary masts should be removed by Christmas, depending on the data collected.
- Contractors Village CT & the team have been busy installing buildings for the workforce that will be based on site.
- The compound will comprise of site office facilities, amenities, kitchen, etc. No accommodation.
- Satellite office is being set up at the south end.
- Council will still be able to access the gravel pit area, as it has been delineated.
- Quarry's in the north has been established with standalone access. It is intended to source material on site, via internal roads (shown on the project map in green).
- The access points on Aarons Pass Road are one entrance for the state significant development approval and one for the quarry's local development approval (from MWRC).
- There are five independent quarries (four gravel and one aggregate).
- ORJ raised concerns from a community member that there
  has been excessive traffic use of Sally's Flat Road, which is
  not acceptable. He also raised an incident with a lowloader that had occurred when he and his son were
  moving stock.
- CT explained the number of controls in place for travel movements, including signage, speed limits (go slow around people's homes). All delivery drivers go through an induction process.
- CT further advised that traffic movements associated with the delivery of construction materials is logged (details of the driver, company, vehicle details, registration, etc) and encouraged all members of the community to contact the site if they encountered any issues as there would be a record of CWP/GEZ vehicles, which could be followed up. The CCC was reminded that there may be other road users causing concern.
- MP advised of an incident on 3/10/18 where one of the vehicles had a flashing beacon. CT will look into.
- AH advised the stock movements are auspiced through Local Land Services (LLS) and any illegal driving should be reported to the Police.
- CT reiterated that any contractors/employees caught doing the wrong thing, would be moved off site.
- BM advised that clearing had commenced along Aaron
  Pass Road and shortly after a complaint had been lodged
  to DPE. He further advised that although compliant there
  were ongoing discussions with the DPE and accordingly he
  would not be commenting on this matter.
- As previously advised, it had been the company's intention to postpone the meeting to allow finalisation of the matter so he could report back to the CCC on the outcome.

- ORJ advised that he had raised the issue with the Department, as he didn't think the clearing was compliant.
   He stated that the company had committed environmental vandalism and an act of bastardry.
- BM informed the CCC that DPE had advised that CWP/GEZ had not breached the consent. CWP are currently looking at design issues which have delayed works on Aarons Pass Road, but intend to commence works again shortly once issues have been resolved.
- It should be noted that the Department have not issued a stop work notice and have not issued any fines.
- ORJ asked about the clearing of the road shoulder and the measurements incorporating the road (6m), the road shoulder (11m) and 2.5m either side.
- BM advised of Appendix 6 of the development consent which provided an indicative total of vegetation to be removed, these are to be read in conjunction with the traffic management plan and biodiversity plan, which conform to the satisfaction of MWRC.
- EM asked if the changes to the vegetation removal require a modification to the consent, as she was advised by MWRC. BM advised that he had not been informed of this by MWRC.
- AH commented that it was necessary to undertake the clearing for transportation of the blades, however, the upgrading of the road will be of benefit to the community.
- EM stated that she was not querying whether it was necessary to undertake the clearing, just the process. She will seek advice from the General Manager & Mayor.
- MP agreed that you need to undertake clearing to do the road.
- Council will get a good road out of it.
- ORJ stated that the roadside was a unique environment with old timber growth.
- CT confirmed that the trees identified with pink paint, did not mean all would be removed:
  - P = prune, O = Out and Dot = to be assessed.
- BM advised that it was unfortunate that the figures quoted by some members of the community, exaggerated the number, with some feedback of 8,000 then 800 trees, which was totally incorrect.
- Ecologists are currently on site working with the project team.
- ORJ queried the EEC identified on the roadside.
- BM said that he wouldn't comment further until the outcome of the investigation was finalised.
- ORJ asked when the company decided to reduce the project to 37 turbines. **Taken on notice.**
- ORJ Was it necessary to undertake more clearing because
  of the longer blade lengths? BM advised that the decision
  of the road design was made in conjunction with MWRC
  and covered a range of factors including meeting council
  specifications and standards, the delivery of components

to the site, road safety requirements, traffic managements and access for the public. ORJ – as a result of the increased blades, is it necessary for a modification to consider the impact on bat and birds? Taken on notice. JRJ raised concerns with the financial position of GE (supplier of the turbines). BM confirmed the advice provided at the last CCC meeting about this issue. ORJ raised concerns on whether the project will have sufficient water and whether it will be cut back if it hasn't. Will CWP submit a modification regarding its use of water? BM confirmed that the necessary approvals/licences had been granted by DPI Water. BM confirmed that they would not be sourcing any water from Windeyer Dam. **8.0 Community Concerns** LA reminded members of the new agenda item "Community Concerns", where members or the broader community are able to submit questions two weeks out from the proposed CCC, for response from CWP at the meeting. Questions and answers will be recorded in the minutes. It was noted that the questions from Max Price, received in correspondence, were asked and answered during the project presentation. The questions received from ORJ prior to the meeting in relation to lack of public apology was responded to by BM, who stated that the company did not believe it had acted wrongly. The questions received from ORJ prior to the meeting in relation the observer status were responded to by LA: At the last CCC, the chair provided a briefing to all attendees regarding the guidelines and advice received from DPE on the intention of observers from the public attending on a regular basis. The chair had recommended to the DPE that it issue an addendum to the guidelines to assist in clarification of the matter. The two questions raised by ORJ during the meeting have been taken on notice and included in the Action Item list for response at a later date. 9.0 General Business • JRJ asked what CWP were going to do to resolve the problem? BM advised that CWP do not believe they have a problem and are not in breach of the current conditions of consent. AH asked about Crudine Road. SP advised that CWP are looking after it and currently preparing a Dilapidation Report. There is not too much traffic on this road.

JRJ asked if it was intended to seal Aarons Pass Road.

An answer of no was provided.

10.0 Next Meeting	The next meeting was set down for <b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>
	2018 at the Pyramul Hall, commencing at 9.30am

# Meeting closed at 11:17am. LA thanked all present for their attendance.

### **Action Items:**

Item	Issue	Action By:
1	Low frequency noise and decibel levels to be provided, once available	BM
2	Advise when company decided to reduce the project to 37 turbines	BM
3	Will length of blades impact more on bat & bird communities?	BM