

Tuesday 27 August 2019 at Pyramul Hall, Pyramul

Attendees	Initials	Position
Michael Silver OAM	MJS	Independent Chairperson
Owain Rowland-Jones	ORJ	Community Member
Esme Martens	EM	Community Member
Max Price	MP	Community Member
Sue Lane	SL	Alternate for Andrew Hundy
Brendan McAvoys	BM	Project Director – CWP Renewables
Tony Igo	TI	Construction Project Manager – CWP Renewables
Beth McCaffrey	BMc	Consortium Manager - GEZ
Dallas Edwards	DE	Construction Manager - GEZ
Observers		
Nil		
Apologies		
Cr Alex Karavas	AK	Mid-Western Regional Council delegate
Ingrid Saywell	IS	Community Member
Andrew Hundy	AH	Community Member
Ralph Price	RP	Alternate for Ingrid Saywell

Item	Details and Actions
1.0 Welcome and Introductions	Meeting opened at 10.34 am. MJS welcomed all present.
2.0 Apologies	As listed above.
3.0 Declarations of Interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MJS declared that his expenses as Independent Chairperson are borne by the proponent. Declarations of Interest forms were provided to MP and SL – no interests declared.
4.0 Alternate Delegates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was noted that Sue Lane had been nominated as an alternate for Andrew Hundy and Ralph Price as an alternate for Ingrid Saywell.
5.0 Community Member Vacancy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MJS indicated that the DPE did not consider it necessary to replace Vera Tomlinson on the CCC.
6.0 Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cr Alex Karavas advising he would be stepping down as Mid Western Regional Council's delegate to the CCC due to business commitments.
7.0 Business arising from Finalised Minutes of 3 May 2019 Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nil
8.0 Action Items	1. Provision of hydrology reports to the community

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BM advised CWP would not be releasing the hydrology reports. He advised that CWP were not seeking additional water. • BM advised that CWP will be utilising two bores - Water NSW satisfied with this use. He advised that monitoring processes are undertaken by Water NSW and DPIE. • MP asked where is the water coming from? DE advised that the two bores will provide adequate water from within the water licence allocation. • ORJ asked is water had been obtained from other sources. DE responded that water for public road upgrade works had been sourced from Mid Western Regional Council. ORJ asked how long this will occur – DE responded that it is constantly being reassessed. • ORJ advised that due to the drought the water level in his bore has dropped – it is becoming quite desperate. Residents can't have bores drying up. • ORJ made that point that Mid Western Regional Council doesn't have water to maintain Pyramul Road. • SL indicated that springs that feed dams dry up when adjacent bores (Healey's bore) draw water. • ORJ suggested Tony Price's bore had dried up on one occasion. DE wasn't aware of this issue • ORJ asked if dust suppression would be reduced due to the current shortage of water. SL asked water happens if adjacent property bores dry up will CWP just continue to draw water for the project? DE advised that bores will operate under Water NSW guidelines. • ORJ advised dust is a big issue effecting both rural and residential uses. SL supported these comments advising that their premises is less that 100 metres from Sallys Flat Road – the increased traffic causing considerable dust. BM responded that there are two water trucks operating twice per day on Aarons Pass Road whilst road upgrade works are occurring. There will be no work on the construction site until Aarons Pass Road upgrading works are completed. • ORJ questioned whether watering the road twice per day is enough and asked whether dust monitoring is being undertaken. • DE advised CWP must suppress dust in accordance with the consent. • MP asked if additional dams was being sought. DE indicated that CWP are looking at various additional water opportunities e.g.: cleaning out dams. • MJS asked if Mid Western Regional Council water can be used for dust suppression on Aarons Pass Road. DE advised that it could be used for dust suppression on the road as this use will be associated with the road upgrade works. • ORJ asked whether dust suppression will be undertaken on Sallys Flat Road suggesting that in the course of the project light traffic on this road may increase 4 or 5 fold.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BM advised that a quarry proposal to the south will use Sallys Flat Road – whilst related to the project this is subject to a separate and unrelated development application to Mid Western Regional Council. He also advised that if light traffic is a serious concern CWP will look at the problem however there is no requirement for dust suppression on Sallys Flat Road or any other road in the area. • SL expressed concern that project workers were driving fast and dangerously. BM noted the comment and advised that vehicles are fitted with dash cameras. DE and BMc indicated issue will be raised at tool-box meetings with crews. • EM suggested as a former local government engineer, she considered the dust suppression on Aarons Pass Road was inadequate. She also sought clarification on the use of Mid Western Regional Council water for dust suppression given it has suspended grading on rural roads due to a lack of water. • BM advised CWP has formal advice from Council. EM requested the advice be table. TAKEN ON NOTICE • BM also advised that DPIE have been onsite for two days recently monitoring activities requested additional dust suppression where machinery is operating. He acknowledged there may be some short-term pain for residents, but a much better road will be available to residents when it is completed in February 2020. • ORJ asked what the delays on Aarons Pass Road will be when the blades, turbines and towers are being transported. BM and BMC indicated a report on the transport of blades and other components will be presented to a future CCC meeting. TAKEN ON NOTICE • MP questioned whether Pyramul Road and Sallys Flat Road are seeing more light traffic. DE advised he was not aware of any significant increase – 20 staff on-site with not many using Sallys Flat Road for access to the work site. • ORJ asked if there are any other large projects in the area. BM said he wasn't aware of any other projects. • DE asked how many vehicles on Aarons Pass Road? EM said seems like there are more – say 6 vehicles per hour. BM agreed to record traffic movements. TAKE ON NOTICE <p>2. Confirmation of distance of turbine HE07 to nearest residence to be verified.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BM advised that micro siting of location approximately 2 kilometres from nearest residence – happy to provide final distance. • MJS sought clarification as to what information AH is seeking. SL indicated it is proposed to occupy the dwelling. Chair suggested that it would be possible to clarify the distance from design plans prior to commencement of construction. BM advised this
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	<p>information will be available in March 2020. TAKE ON NOTICE</p> <p>3. Provision of noise level calculations and associated reports to the community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BM advised that CWP is required to comply with the conditions of consent. It will be held to account in respect of compliance with noise standards and shall report on same and any non-compliances. • MJS outlined general compliance standards and the reporting mechanisms. Chair to provide contact details of DPIE compliance section to CCC.
<p>9.0 Project Update / Discussion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BM introduced Tony Igo, Construction Project Manager for CWP – he will be the CCC representative if BM unavailable. • BM advised that clearing on Aarons Pass Road commenced last week. DPIE have visited site and have requested through documentation of the clearing process. An independent ecologist attends site weekly to verify clearing information provided by contractor. This validated information is placed on the CWP website as public information and copies forwarded to DPIE. • BM offered to take CCC members on a site inspection of an area being prepared for clearing. • BM advised that each kilometre of clearing is set-out, with 6.59 hectares to be cleared. This will involve 38 days of clearing. It anticipated that roadworks on Aarons Pass Road will start in a couple of weeks at the Castlereagh Highway end. BM indicated that CWP is looking to put more crews on to speed up the upgrade works and reduce the overall impact of the works. BMC said this would occur when the civil crews have a “feel” for the more intricate upgrade work. BM advised that the February 2020 completion timeframe was based on one crew undertaking the work. • BM said when the roadworks is completed the internal construction works will start. He indicated delivery will start in June 2020 – there will be 130 days of delivery with 360 construction components to be transported from Newcastle with RMS permission. • BM expects the first section of the wind farm to be commissioned by November 2020 with the project completed in March 2021. • MP questioned the amount of clearing. BM advised 6.59 hectares – a map detailing the clearing is available on the CWP website. • DE the explained the colour coding on-site to delineate the areas to be cleared. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pink: Ribbon and paint – redundant ○ White pegs: Extent of civil works (toe of batter) – 0.5 metre tolerance ○ Pink pegs: Blade tip tolerance (access for vehicle obstructions)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Coloured ribbon: Habitat trees identified requiring a gentler approach <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Red: Stop ▪ Yellow: Prune ▪ Green: Remove ○ White line: Alignment line <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An ecologist is on-site at all times. • DE indicated bulk crew remove major obstructions followed by a habitat crew. Prior to work each day and orientation inspection/meeting is conducted with the contractor regarding work to be undertaken. Approximately 800-1000 lineal metres is accessed each day with about 500 metres cleared. • ORJ expressed the view that resident's concerns revolved more around the development assessment and determination process than the actual wind farm. He suggested that there were still issues associated with the determination and the approval – particularly the level of detail on certain areas of the consent. He believed DPIE doesn't listen.
10.0 Other Agenda Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nil
11.0 General Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ORJ request that CWP make its staff aware, that given the drought conditions, there will be more stock on roads being moved between paddocks – they need to take notice of the stock signs. BM noted the request. • MJS advised members that a site inspection could be undertaken. It was agreed that members would make individual arrangements at a later time.
12.0 Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday, 12 November 2019 at Pyramul Hall commencing at 10.00 am.

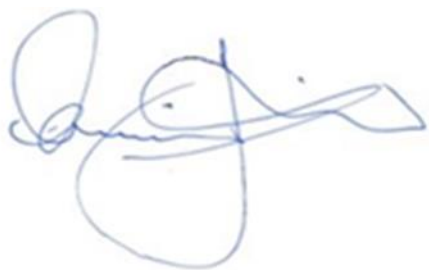
Meeting closed at 12.20pm.

MJS thanked all present for their attendance.

Action Items:

Item	Issue	Action By:
1	Provision of hydrology reports to the community	BM COMPLETED
2	Confirmation of distance of turbine HE07 to nearest residence to be verified.	BM DEFERRED
3	Provision of noise level calculations and associated reports to the community.	BM COMPLETED
4	The Chair to approach DPE regarding approval for the appointment of additional alternate members for community members of the CCC.	MJS COMPLETED
5	Presentation of formal advice from Mid Western Council regarding use of Council water for roadworks.	BM
6	Report on transport of blades and other components along Aarons Pass Road to a future CCC meeting	BM
7	Report on traffic movements on Aarons Pass Road	BM

Meeting Minutes Approved:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Michael J Silver', with a large loop at the end.

Michael J Silver OAM
Independent Chair
7 October 2019