

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

Thursday 4th 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	СТ	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
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Item	Detail	s and Actions	
1.0 Welcome and Introductions	Meeting opened at 9:45am.		
	LA wel	comed all present.	
2.0 Apologies	As liste	ed 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. <i>No changes to members' previous declarations.</i>		
4.0 Business arising from			
Finalised Minutes of 10 th 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
	*2 LA advised that she sought clarification from Mike		

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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 low-
	loader 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 appendix 6 is the development to be
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 longths? BM advised that the decision
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.	
	mater.	
	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 	
	 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 Thursday 13 th December	
	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