

Tuesday, 6 September 2022 at Pyramul Hall, Pyramul  
(10.15 am)

Attendees	Initials	Position
David Johnson	DJ	Independent Chairperson
Owain Rowland-Jones	ORJ	Community Member
Dr Robert (Buzz) Sanderson	RS	Community Member
Ben Deer	BD	Squadron Energy
Mike Maguire	MM	Squadron Energy

**Observers:** None

<b>Apologies:</b> Alan Cattermole	AC	Bathurst Regional Council
Max Price	MP	Community Member

Item	Details and Actions
<b>1.0 Welcome and Introductions</b>	<b><i>Meeting opened at 10.10am.</i></b> David Johnson welcomed those present, and noted the apology he had received.
<b>2.0 Acknowledgement of Country</b>	The Chair acknowledged the Wiradjuri people, the Traditional Owners of the land on which the meeting is being held and paid respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.
<b>3.0 Declarations of Interest</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None.</li> </ul>
<b>4.0 Correspondence</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There was no formal correspondence to record</li> </ul>

<b>5.0 Minutes of Previous Meeting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was noted that the last meeting of the CCC was held on 22 February 2022. There were no comments made regarding the previous minutes.</li> </ul> <p><b>Business Arising</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was noted that SQE's responses to a series of questions on notice from the last meeting were provided and circulated to all members on 12 August 2022. The only matter outstanding on that list is Action Item 2 (see below)</li> <li>• Action Item 2 from previous minutes – Sonus have responded recently to say that the noise monitor near Andrew Hundy's residence is in the current position because that was the location used previously during the pre-construction monitoring.</li> <li>• ORJ asked when results from the most recent noise monitoring will be available. BD to check and confirm whether it will be by the end of this month or next month. (ACTION ITEM)</li> </ul>
<b>6.0 Proponent's Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The first year's annual maintenance program has now been completed by the GE service team. GE has the service contract for at least 10 years.</li> <li>• It was noted that the project has now reached 'practical completion', where the construction and commissioning is effectively finished and the wind farm operations are now the responsibility of SQE and the service provider (GE).</li> <li>• SQE is 'on the market' at the moment and therefore the Crudine Ridge wind farm is likely to have new owners within the next few months.</li> </ul>
<b>7.0 Other Agenda Items</b>	<b>None</b>

<b>8.0 General Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ORJ noted that while he finds the turbines visually intrusive, most younger and more 'citified' residents are less concerned. He also stated that he previously considered that the wind farm would lead to reduced property values, but now believes that this is unlikely.</li> <li>• ORJ expressed concern that, with new owners, there may be an intent to add more turbines in between the northern group and the southern group (which were removed from the original proposal). There is no intention for this at present and, if it is ever to be proposed would require a new development proposal and full assessment process.</li> <li>• ORJ also noted that due to the large number of host landowners (many of whom are only present on a part-time basis) in the Pyramul area, much of the land is not being well managed and weeds such as Sifton Bush (also known as 'Bidy Bush") are spreading rapidly. This is now becoming a major problem in some areas.</li> <li>• RS advised that the Rylstone &amp; District Environmental Society are keen to make a visit and inspect the wind farm facilities, if that could be arranged. DJ suggested SQE could reach out to the Society and arrange such a visit. This was noted by MM and BD, and will follow up. (ACTION ITEM)</li> <li>• ORJ asked if the heavy rainfalls had caused any serious incidents or landslip problems requiring remedial works on any of the wind farm properties. BD noted there was one area of minor impact near the park and where the old quarry is, where soil material etc washed across the road, but nothing serious.</li> </ul>
<b>10.0 Next Meeting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was agreed that we should hold the next meeting early in 2023.</li> </ul> <p>The date for the next meeting was selected as <b><u>Tuesday 14 February 2023, at 10 am</u></b>, unless there is a good reason to change that.</p>

**Meeting closed at 10.50am**

DJ thanked all present for their attendance.

**Action Items:**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Action By:</b>
1	When will the results of recent noise level monitoring be available ? SQE to advise.	<b>BD</b>
2	SQE to make contact with the Rylstone & District Environmental Society to arrange a visit and inspection.	<b>MM/BD</b>

David Johnson  
Independent Chair