

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

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

Attendees	Initials	Position	
Owain Rowland-Jones	ORJ	Community Representative	
Judith Rowland-Jones	JRJ	Community Representative	
Alan Heath	AH	Community Representative (Host)	
Karen Croake	KC	Community Representative (Host)	
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	IA	Independent Chairperson	
Brendan McAvoy	BM	Project Director (CWP Asset Management Team)	
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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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Item		and Actions	
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Item	Details and Actions
1.0 Welcome and Introductions	Meeting opened at 9:45am.
	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 26 <sup>th</sup> April 2018 CCC Meeting	1	List of water sources to be provided, once available.	DE/CT
	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	<ul> <li>will arrange.</li> <li>ORJ suggested an Open Day for the broader community.         MB to take on board.     </li> <li>The next meeting was set down for Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October</li> <li>2018 at the Pyramul Hall, commencing at 9.30am</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>with RMS, which is the relevant authority and these negotiations are in accordance with the approval.</li> <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>

# 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