

Friday 10th May 2019 at WINS Community Centre, 27
Swift Street Wellington

Attendees	Initials	Position
Garry West	GW	Independent Chairperson
John Goodworth	JG	Community Representative
Lindsay Hough	LH	Community Representative
John Xuereb	JX	Community Representative
Heather Gough-Fuller	HGF	Community Representative
Brad Bliss	BB	Community Representative
John Southwell	JS	Chamber of Commerce
Mark Branson	MB	CWP Renewables – Development Manager
Jessica Petersen	JP	CWP Renewables – Development Officer
Apologies		
John Watts		Dubbo Regional Council representative
Phillipa Smith		Community Representative

Item	Details and Actions
1.0 Welcome and Introductions	Meeting opened at 9:35am. GW welcomed all present and apologised for changes to the meeting date.
2.0 Apologies	As listed above.
3.0 Declarations of Interest	No new declarations of pecuniary interest.
4.0 CCC Guidelines	Nothing new
5.0 Minutes of meeting 02-11-2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approved
6.0 Business Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> JG – Concern regarding traffic along Twelve Mile Road (TMR) & width/condition of road MB – currently undertaking transport/traffic assessment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Twelve Mile Road would need to be upgraded before construction could commence engaging with council to develop plans for upgrade
7.0 Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GW - Wrote letters on behalf of CCC to Federal & State MPs concerning poor communication signals. No

	<p>acknowledgement received to date from Federal MP. Prompt response received from State member.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ GW to send CCC minutes to local state member • JG – applications open for the NSW Black Spot Program • HGF – can individuals write submissions, make comment? • JG – on NSW Farmers Association website, can check if your location has a black spot and write a request
8.0 Company reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1. MB UWF presentation - <i>Hard copies of presentation provided to all attendees. Electronic version to be sent via email and made publicly available with minutes.</i>
9.0 Project Update / Discussion	<p>Key changes to project design/description</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Project would now comprise up to 117WTGs • Decision to remove 8 turbines based on traffic/transport studies, community engagement, environmental & heritage assessment etc. and results in a reduction in traffic impacts for residences along TMR beyond the primary site entrance. • Changes to proposed construction route and site access • Transmission infrastructure in North East still proposed, but is a less preferred option to connection option to the North West of the site – we are still undertaking further electrical studies. • HGF – are there still going to be contractors using the road? • MB – the development consent will identify where over-dimensional and standard heavy vehicles will access. • MB – the decision to use a single site access for OSOM vehicles will reduce impacts to the community. • MB – WTGs up to 250m in height with 170m diameter rotors are being considered. These would be new machines, not yet on the market, so no detailed specifications are available yet but will be available close to the Project's forecast construction period. • GW – obviously, they are far more efficient • MB – yes larger machines will collect more energy and are able to be used at lower wind speed sites such as Uungula. <p>Wind Monitoring</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new 100m meteorological mast has been installed on the site at Wuuluman and is undergoing commissioning tests. • MB - explanation of met mast and location • HGF – question about the mention of Uungula as a low speed wind site • MB – most wind sites in NSW are low-mod wind speed sites. In order to generate consistently, there is a trend towards larger blades as larger rotors capture more wind and can generate at low-moderate wind speeds. <p>Construction transport route:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • complete route study is being undertaken to identify any required upgrades from Port of Newcastle to Goolma Road, along TMR and enter at site entrance on TMR left towards the substation option and right to the primary site entrance. • LH - is the transmission line built by CWP or Transgrid? • MB – it will either be built by our contractors or Transgrid under contract to us. • MB - construction transport will go through project roads and will have to cross over Ilgingery Road to reach western turbines. • JG – What about contractors using Wuuluman Road? • MB - we can't prevent light vehicles from using public roads. • LH – need to work on safe intersection for the primary site entrance as there will be a lot of traffic during construction period, it is quite a busy road at times • MB – a safe intersection design will be developed in consultation with Council to ensure safe access for all road users • JG – concerned contractors will take the shortcut via Wuuluman Rd • JS – comment about dust abatement efficient at Bodangora • MB – we will also use similar dust suppression during construction, requirements to be outlined in development consent • JG - that's fine if dust suppression is used. • MB – we will work with council to understand maintenance requirements and preferred dust suppression options • BB – has a heritage assessment been done for 13km of TMR? high cultural value along creek crossings. Aboriginal people will like to be involved in ecology study • MB – noted • JG – concern regarding traffic, bus routes etc. • MB – the traffic management plan will outline a communications strategy for traffic management and the project contractors will engage with bus route contractor and provide two-way radio communications informing road users when to expect traffic delays etc. • LH – will there be night work? • MB - sometimes it is better to move equipment at night as a traffic management strategy – ie. trucks leaving Port of Newcastle at 1am to avoid peak traffic times. The project will work with RMS, Police and local community closely during construction. • JG - how long will construction take? • MB - project construction period is estimated 2 years • turbine deliveries approx. 12-18 months. a lot of work prior to turbine installation. <p>Community enhancement</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PS raised some good ideas at previous meeting regarding broader community benefits • MB – we are considering options with PCYC, TAFE, Aboriginal Employment Strategy (AES), CSU to provide long lasting benefits to the local community • PCYC in Wellington is in need of some funding and assistance • as a Proponent, we want to identify organisations and local groups to provide funding and support to contribute to long term outcomes, education, training and employment • happy to receive advice on which programs we should contact. • GW – have you had a chance to speak to PS? • MB – we have spoken over the phone and are having meeting with AES to discuss support options after this CCC meeting. • BB – we (Gallangabang Aboriginal Corporation and Wellington Valley Wiradjuri Aboriginal Corporation) don't specialise in the youth support sector. Wellington is lacking in support for indigenous youth. • HGF – complement you on initiatives pursued, as a community we want to see the money contributed in a manner that benefits the broader community. You could look at increasing opportunities by working with other renewable energy projects in the area and expand projects as your sites expand. • MB - we have a number of sites throughout NSW through the Grassroots Renewable Energy Platform, we have a number of CEFs, local committee established with an amount of funding, work with community to establish what the local community needs. We want to see our money used effectively in the local areas we work. • HGF – presume your commitment is 20+ years, (plus other projects) options to provide funding for longer term projects • MB – the project also provides local employment opportunities. Can contribute a certain amount of funding to encourage, apprenticeship positions, skills training for example. We would encourage contractors to hire locally. • HGF - pleasing to hear <p>Planning and approvals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EIS underway, targeting to lodge with the Dept of Planning for adequacy review ideally before September. • BB – as CCC will we be notified prior to the application? • MB – we will notify CCC well before it is on public exhibition
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GW – important to have consultation process when it is lodged. Possibly in our next meeting we will be talking about it • BB - who is conducting the EIS? • MB - we are writing our EIS in house, we have external contractors completing specialist studies, then we summarise and submit the EIS ourselves. <p>Next steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Open Day to be held prior to EIS lodgement. date TBC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ we want to clarify our project description before a public open day. • EIS is in preparation • Lodge DA • Public Exhibition of the EIS • Expect at least 12 months from lodgement to determination • Community Enhancement Fund discussions are ongoing • Engagement with Council regarding road upgrades • JX - Is the public exhibition going to be in Wellington or Dubbo? • MB – hard copies will be available at both councils and online. Submissions should be informed. <p>GW thanked MB for project update and the Q&A discussion</p> <p>Further questions:</p> <p>LH – with the additional turbines removed, will that move the electrical infrastructure to the option at the North West of the site (on the “Connewarra” property)?</p> <p>MB – preferred option is to connect on “Connewarra” into the 330kV line, we need electrical studies to be completed before we commit to one option.</p> <p>LH - if you get DA approved, is it possible for changes to be made?</p> <p>MB – yes, changes such as removal of infrastructure based on layout optimisation can be made through to construction, adding infrastructure would require a Modification. We believe we have an approvable project – we have made a lot of changes and we will continue to make changes prior to lodgement. We are trying to work with the community to ensure good outcomes.</p> <p>BB – if changes are made the community will be informed.</p> <p>LH - is there a minimum number of turbines you would need?</p> <p>MB – the available capacity determines number of WTGs required</p> <p>JX - are there any WTGs proposed on water admin lots?</p> <p>BB – discussion regarding possible indigenous burial site near Horseshoe bend (outside of project site)</p>
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10.0 Matters, which Community Representatives wish to raise.	As above
11.0 Community Engagement Opportunities	As above
12.0 Meeting Dates	July Meeting cancelled to allow sufficient progress on the EIS Next meeting - target Monday 1pm 30 th September – close to EIS submission
13.0 General Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JG – Emergency Management Officer at Dubbo Regional Council, Bryson Rees. Could Bryson attend next meeting? • MB - would like to have a meeting with him in the first instance and learn from his Bodangora WF experience. • MB – request an alternate Dubbo Regional Council representative, to ensure a representative is at each CCC meeting
14.0 Next Meeting	30 th September. GW to confirm

Meeting closed at 10:40am.

GW thanked all present for their attendance.

Action Items:

Item	Issue	Action By:
1	Continue discussions with Federal & State MPs concerning poor communication signals	GW
2	MB arrange meeting with Bryson Rees regarding RFS	MB
3	GW ask Dubbo Regional Council to provide alternate representative	GW