

Friday 4th October 2019 at WINS Community Centre, 27 Swift Street Wellington

Attendees	Initials	Position
Garry West	GW	Independent Chairperson
John Goodworth	JG	Community Representative
John Xuereb	JX	Community Representative
Heather Gough-Fuller	HGF	Community Representative
Brad Bliss	BB	Community Representative
Pip Smith	PS	Community Representative
Matt Flower	MF	CWP Renewables – Development Manager
Jessica Petersen	JP	CWP Renewables – Development Officer
Ed Mounsey	EM	CWP Renewables – COO, Head of Development
Apologies		
Lindsay Hough		Community Representative
John Southwell		Chamber of Commerce

Item	Details and Actions
1.0 Welcome and Introductions	<p>Meeting opened at 9:35am.</p> <p>GW welcomed all present and apologised for the confusion regarding the meeting date.</p> <p>Welcome to new UWF Development Manager MF.</p> <p>Introduction to CWP renewables COO and head of Development EM.</p> <p>EM provided a brief history of the Uungula Wind Farm and the company from prospecting until now.</p>
2.0 Apologies	<p>LH</p> <p>JS</p>
3.0 Declarations of Interest	<p>GW received MF's declarations of pecuniary interest as an employee of the Project proponent.</p>
4.0 CCC Guidelines	<p>Nothing new</p>
4.0 Minutes of meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approved by all
6.0 Business Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New representative from Dubbo Regional Council required. GW advised he had been in communication with Council seeking advice on a new appointment
7.0 Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Received letter from Andrew Gee MP and Mark Coulton MP in response to request for expanding mobile reception in the local area. General discussion around the importance of mobile reception during construction for safety reasons Discussion on who is able to submit to the black spot program

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ individuals can contact their carrier directly to seek their interest • Mobile coverage not mandatory for construction processes. The Project would typically boost 2-way radio during construction and provide radio to school bus operators etc. • CWP are interested in how we can make a good contribution to the community. Possible options to co-locate communications boosters on turbines as has been documented in other countries. CWP to find out more. EM to provide link to overseas experiences. • GW – we assume this Project will be approved (with conditions), action to continue to communicate with Telstra to see where the mobile coverage upgrade is up to
8.0 Company reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1. MF 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 since last meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The last few months we have undergone a review and remodel of the turbine locations to ensure the layout considers modern turbine technology, including redesigning the civil and electrical layout based on the new turbine locations. • The Project would now comprise up to 109WTGs. • Turbine locations have not changed substantially, though we have removed a few in the east. • Removal of WaterNSW as a potential host, due to an ongoing tender process on WaterNSW owned land and the expected timelines associated with this. • EIS is in preparation, we are consulting with all stakeholders regarding the new layout, aiming to have the report into the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment for a pre-exhibition check before Christmas and then on public exhibition early next year. <p>Traffic and Transport:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undergoing transport studies for navigating an 82m blade truck including blade overhang from Port of Newcastle to site in consultation RMS and DRC • Since the last meeting, we have met with Council to discuss concept studies along Twelve Mile Road and understand the current status of the road • We will seek EIS approval for road edge modifications & associated vegetarian clearing • Studies along the transport route will include ecology and heritage assessments and will be available in the EIS. • Discussion about current Twelve Mile Road conditions and upgrades to meet requirements • EM – question to the group about a potential for a new fire shed on Twelve Mile Road • JG – offered block that I currently lease (across from Dickerton property) to propose a new fire shed • MF – CWP will reach out to RFS contact to find out more • BB – Gallangabang Aboriginal Corporation and Wellington Valley Wiradjuri Aboriginal Corporation offer to survey RFS site for free.

	<p>Community enhancement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> community enhancement concept ideas ongoing, ideas from the CCC are welcomed. PS raised some good ideas at previous meeting regarding broader community benefits MF – we are considering options with PCYC, TAFE, Aboriginal Employment Strategy (AES), CSU to provide long lasting benefits to the local community JP – since the last CCC meeting, we have consulted with the local community groups including the PCYC, local police, TAFE, Wellington Information and Neighbourhood Services and AES to understand how they work and their needs for funding. 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 we want to start discussions early so there is time for people to undertake training prior to the project starting construction EM – since 2014 the ACT Government has been working towards 100% renewables, which has seen and increase to the education and training geared towards renewables. HGF – there is a wonderful opportunity for this region to become a centre of excellence in the renewables industry <p>Planning and approvals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EIS underway, targeting to lodge with the DPIE for review ideally by end of 2019. MF – we will notify CCC well before it is on public exhibition GW - meeting proposed for 24/1/19 with discussion to focus on the EIS if DPIE feedback has been received. timeline for commencing construction not certain due to assessment and approvals timelines. MF – our focus is on taking the time to consult with neighbours and stakeholders affected Discussion about assessment process and the triggers for a project being referred to the Independent Planning Commission – more than 25 objections, political donations (EM confirmed that CWP does not make political donations) & Local Council objections <p>Next steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Open Day to be held early 2020. Date TBC EIS is in preparation – expected to be with DPIE this year. Consultation with local community ongoing Ongoing engagement with Council and RMS regarding road upgrades
<p>10.0 Matters, which Community Representatives wish to raise.</p>	<p>PS – can you confirm details about the proposed battery? (quoted CWPR letter to DPIE requesting additional Environmental Assessment Requirements)</p>

	<p>MF – we have written letter to the department to include the option of a battery in our EIS. Ensuring it is included in our approval now rather than seek a modification later. Battery optional locations on the proposed layout map, usually co-located with the project substation. Would look like shipping containers, lithium ion is the preferred commercialised technology at the moment.</p> <p>Ventilation, safety mechanisms in place.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - could work in a number of ways, to store oversupply or to help network strength - 150MW would be about 20 shipping containers - in transition to renewables, batteries help to support the grid, batteries to complement renewables for dispatchability - Proponent provided a letter to DPIE to let them know that we will do their required risk assessment <p>Discussion about the national electricity grid and how to manage renewables.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - solar has a consistent peak during the day, which doesn't always match demand, wind over various geographical areas can be generating to meet those peak times and batteries can help dispatch energy when needed and not curtail their energy if it doesn't match demand <p>GW – do other projects around here have batteries?</p> <p>BB – no batteries proposed on the various solar sites</p> <p>Discussion about number of solar projects under development in the local area.</p> <p>HGF - are the batteries in the north east of the project still an option?</p> <p>EM – our preference is the options to the north west</p> <p>PS – why is the black yellow tail cockatoo not included? (in the <i>Guidelines for preparing Assessment Documentation relevant to the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i> (EPBC Act))</p> <p>MF – those 4 matters are protected in the EPBC act were flagged in the project application as required in our EIS studies, though our studies will consider all species common or threatened in the area.</p> <p>Discussion on importance of timing for ecological studies.</p> <p>The EIS will be reviewed by Government Departments as well as the public.</p> <p>GW – the EIS public exhibition period provides the opportunity for the public comment on the studies included in the EIS.</p> <p>PS – How many people have signed up to be hosts or neighbours?</p> <p>MF – that is confidential</p> <p>GW – Details of hosts is not relevant to the CCC at this stage</p> <p>Discussion on the CCC guideline and the no hosts being included in this CCC group.</p>
11.0 Community Engagement Opportunities	<p>PS – to provide CSU contact</p> <p>EM – opportunity to work with Regional Development Australia?</p>
12.0 Meeting Dates	Proposed 24 th January 2020; 24 April 2020; 24 July 2020 & 23 October 2020
13.0 General Business	nil

14.0 Next Meeting	<p>24th January at 930am at WINS centre</p> <p>BB an apology.</p> <p>GW advised the CCC Guideline has a provision for the Chair to agree to an alternate.</p> <p>BB will consider other representatives from GAC and communicate with the Chair</p>
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Meeting closed at 10:56am.

GW thanked all present for their attendance.

Action Items:

Item	Issue	Action By:
1	Continue discussions with Telstra concerning poor communication signals	GW
2	MF arrange meeting with RFS and CSU	MF
3	EH to provide link to articles on overseas experiences of co-locating communication boosters on turbines	EM
4	GW to ask Dubbo Regional Council to provide new and alternate representative	GW