

Minutes of Meeting

White Rock Wind Farm Community Consultative Committee

Present:	Jane Newsome	Chair	JN
	Adrian Maddocks	Development Manager, Goldwind	AM
	Sandra Royal	Local Representative, WRWF	SR
	Sunny Rutherford	Community Engagement Manager, Goldwind	SRu
	Adam Anderson	Community Representative (host landowner)	AAAn
	Joanne Wright	Community Representative	JW
	Anthony Alliston	Inverell Shire Council Representative	AA
	Steve Toms	Glen Innes Severn Council Representative	ST
	Lauren Zell	North East Regional Coordinator, Regional Clean Energy Program (RCEP) (observer)	LZ
	Neil Eigeland	Community Representative	NE
	Robert Dulhunty (phone in)	Community Representative (host landowner)	RD
	Dan Ford	Project Manager, White Rock Solar Farm	DF
	Brian Hall	Senior Development Manager, CECEP	BH
Apologies:	Sandy Fitzgerald	Observer	SF
	David Dettwiler	Site Representative, WRWF	DD
	Jim Ritchie	Community Representative	JR
	Peter Sniekers	Department of Premier and Cabinet (observer)	PS

Date: 3 August 2017 at 1:30pm

Venue: William Gardner Room, Glen Innes Severn Learning Centre, 71 Grey Street, Glen Innes 2370

Purpose: Community Consultative Committee Meeting No. 9

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Item	Agenda / Comment / Discussion	Action
1	<p>Introduction</p> <p>The Chair opened the Community Consultative Committee (CCC) meeting at 1:30pm, welcomed all attendees to the meeting, and mentioned that the visitors from Liverpool Range Wind Farm CCC were running late.</p>	

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2	<p>Apologies</p> <p>Apologies received as above.</p> <p>Motion to accept Apologies: moved by AAn seconded by JW. Motion carried.</p>	
3	<p>Declaration of pecuniary or other interests.</p> <p>AAn and RD declared their interest as host landowners and JN declared her interest as Partner in Roberts and Morrow.</p> <p>Motion to accept Declarations: Moved by AA seconded by AM. Motion carried.</p>	
4	<p>Confirmation of previous minutes</p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting on the 4 May 2017 were accepted.</p> <p>Motion to accept Minutes: Moved by AM seconded by ST. Motion carried.</p>	
5	<p>Business arising from previous minutes</p> <p>Action item 13 – SR to organise a media release introducing the new Chair, CCC members, and what the CCC is about. Photos from CCC members all received as at 3 August 2017. August 2017 WRWF newsletter will have all CCC members listed.</p> <p>Action item 16 – SR to organise meeting with editor of the Inverell Times Dependent on Action item 13</p>	<p>Action item 13 – Ongoing</p> <p>Action item 16 - Ongoing</p>
6	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>The Chair noted that there were two items of incoming correspondence since the previous meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 24 July 2017 an email was received by SR from Julian Kasby, Project Manager Epuron on behalf of the Liverpool Range Wind Farm (LRWF) CCC requesting approval for the group to visit the next WRWF CCC meeting in August 2017. Request was discussed with Chair and approval provided to LRWF CCC. - On 24 July 2017 Lauren Zell, Regional Clean Energy Coordinator, Office of Environment and Heritage emailed through link to the Urbis Report of 2016 <i>Wind farms and impacts on property values</i> for the CCC members use and interest. Link: http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/resources/communities/wind-farm-value-impacts-report.pdf 	<p>Action: 17 SR to email Urbis Report link to CCC members</p>

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	<p>Liverpool Range Wind Farm visitors arrived at 1:41pm. WRWF CCC members introduced themselves to the 6 visitors.</p> <p>Motion to accept Correspondence: Moved by ST seconded by JW. Motion carried.</p>	
7	<p>Project update</p> <p>AM presented the WRWF and WRWF S2 project update including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of project details including: project overview, timeline, alternative 330kV connection • Over 500 loads of oversized components have been delivered to site • Transportation via Ben Lomond route • Currently 55 turbines completed and energisation has commenced • All foundations have been completed, access tracks being finalised, and most of the underground cable laying is complete • Stage 2 project overview included estimated 33 klm of internal access track, up to 66 klm of internal 33kV underground reticulation, upgrade of the existing substation and the inclusion of an additional substation, 3 temporary and 2 permanent monitoring masts, 171MW maximum generating capacity • Timeline includes the submitting of Mod 5 to DPE during August 2017 and acknowledgement that the Mod4 approval was the precursor for moving forward. GWA have been in discussion with the Department of Planning and hope that construction will start Q2 2019 (ending 2021) <p>DF presented the White Rock Solar Farm project update including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ground breaking ceremony for the solar farm was held on 10 July 2017 • Construction is scheduled to commence late July and to be operational by end January 2018 • UGL have been appointed as the principal contractor and are currently surveying and setting up a site construction compound • Construction will commence with up to 2 months of civil works on access roads and tracks as well as fencing and ancillary works • Following this piling and cabling are due to start in late August, before frames and modules are installed across the site block by block • In September and October 2017 the cable route and connection into the substation • The use of underground cabling is to reduce the environmental impacts. <p>Members discussed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ST asked who is the adjudicator in relation to the use of the 132 kV transmission line and whether Glen Innes Wind Farm have access. AM advised that Transgrid is the body that manages the process but if GWA 	

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	<p>builds Stage 2 then the 330V connection will be our main access to the grid</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AAn asked when WRWF will connect to the 330kV transmission line. AM advised that at this point in time the marginal increase in output was not in line with the overall cost of the line connection and associated Transgrid fees. The 330kV connection is expected to progress when Stage 2 proceeds. • LZ noted that at the Moree Solar Farm the panel arrived on plastic pallets that were not recyclable and they had great difficulty and associated extra cost in the removal of waste. DF asked LZ to send through information so he can compare the Moree issue against the existing parameters for WRSF. • ST said that if there was any waste disposal WRSF would need to advise Glen Innes Severn Council. DF advised that UGL, EPC contractor, is responsible for this however he would advise their representative at the next WRSF meeting. • AA asked whether the Mod4 substation commenced construction. AM advised that it will not be constructed until Stage 2 progresses, as it is one of the requirements for that phase of the project. 	<p>Action 18: LZ to send DF Moree Solar Farm information</p> <p>Action 19: DF to note waste disposal requirements with UGL</p>
8	<p>Community Fund</p> <p>SR updated the members including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Expression of Interest (EOI) was in the Glen Innes Examiner and Inverell Times on 18, 20, 25 and 27 April 2017 • An email was sent to all CCC members on 18 April 2017 to advise that the EOI would be in the paper • That there had been some interest from the local community and organisations with 18 EOI packages sent out • Applications close 26 May 2017 with 6 applications received • Shortlisting identified 4 applicants that moved to Stage 2 • Stage 2 presentations occurred this morning, Thursday 3 August 2017 • Finalisation of successful applicant will be advised shortly. <p>Members discussed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ST asked when the community fund payment be made. AM advised that the commencement of the fund will align to the Operations of WRWF. <p>JW left meeting at 3:15pm</p>	
9	<p>Community feedback</p> <p>Members provided the following feedback:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AAn noted that WRWF was on Outback Truckers on Tuesday 1 August 2017 on 7Mate, and that it was very interesting. SR advised that the second part of the program will be aired on Tuesday 8 August 2017. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NE requested an update on the incident that occurred onsite and that had been in the local papers. AM advised that there are currently reviews occurring as per legislative and Departmental requirements that are underway. Goldwind takes such incidents very seriously and is investigating. • NE noted that was great to see that GWA was a major sponsor of the Clean Energy Council's 2017 Summit. • NE also advised the CCC that there are now flights from Brisbane to Inverell starting in September through Fly Corporate. 	
10	<p>General Business</p> <p>Liverpool Range Wind Farm discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LRWF visitor David advised that the group had been to Sinclair's Lookout to view WRWF and there seemed to be a lot of collaboration with possible ecotourism opportunities available to the district. • AAn noted that he had noticed how great the development has been for the town and how it has provided a huge economic boost. • ST agreed and noted that the targeted sponsorship into the various community groups had helped spearhead the company's goodwill. • ST acknowledged that there had been a very positive outcome between landowners with and without WTGs and the equity with neighbours. • AM noted that at WRWF, excluding hosts, there are not many neighbours and that agreements have had an uptake of about 75% and are an acknowledgement of any visual and noise impacts. AM also noted that this model will be run out across all GWA projects in some form • DF noted that the GWA strategy is not sector wide, but is about benefits sharing techniques. • AA advised the LRWFCCC that it is up to them, the CCC committee how they want to run and communicate to their towns about the LRWF. <p>AM left the meeting at 3:30pm.</p>	
11	<p>Next meeting</p> <p>The next meeting will be held at 1.30 pm, Thursday 9 November 2017 at the William Gardner Room, Glen Innes Learning Centre, 71 Grey Street Glen Innes.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 3:55 pm</p>	