

Minutes of Meeting

White Rock Wind Farm Community Consultation Committee

Present:	Danielle Annells	Independent Chair	DA
	Adam Anderson	Landowner	AAn
	Rob Dulhunty	Landowner	RD
	Karen Weller	Landowner	KW
	Anthony Alliston	Inverell Shire Council	AAI
	Andrew Wilson	Epuron (White Rock Wind Farm)	AW
	Paul Cruickshank	NSW OEH (Observer)	PC
Apologies:	Grant Ryan	Landowner	GR
	Colin Price	Glen Innes Severn Council	CP
	Simon Davey	Energy Australia (Observer)	SD
Date:	24 April 2013		
Venue:	Glen Innes Learning Centre, 71 Grey Street, Glen Innes		
Purpose:	Meeting No 3		

Minutes:

Item	Agenda / Comment / Discussion	Action
1	DA opened the Community Consultation Committee (CCC) meeting at 9:45AM and welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2	The minutes of previous meeting were accepted.	

3	<p>AW provided an update on the status of the project.</p> <p>Nine submissions had been received following exhibition of the proposed modification for the alternative 132kV powerline. All of the submissions were from government agencies. Epuron will lodge a submissions report responding to these submissions shortly.</p> <p>Epuron is not currently planning to re-install wind monitoring mast No. 1 on the wind farm site.</p> <p>A discussion was held on the current market conditions for renewable energy and demand for wind farm projects. Some uncertainty exists as a result of the Coalition's recent statements that it would revisit the Climate Change Authority's Renewable Energy Target Review recommendations within six months of winning office. Several major industry participants continue to call for an alteration to the methodology for calculating the RET target. There was disagreement on the direct impact of the carbon price on the demand for renewable energy projects. PC offer to provide the committee with a recent report on the topic.</p>	PC
4	<p>RD provided an update from landowner group. The group supports the project and would like to see the wind farm built as soon as possible. A number of meetings had been held with Epuron and issues have been dealt with positively.</p>	
5	<p>Review of previous minutes and actions</p> <p>PC noted that the release of the <i>NSW Planning Guidelines: Wind Farms</i> is still imminent.</p> <p>DA circulated copies of the TRUenergy Wind Farms Community Liaison Group Terms of Reference and Community Liaison Group Charter for consideration by the committee. DA provided a draft Terms of Reference for the White Rock CCC. The committee will review these and provide comments and any proposed amendments to the Chair by email prior to the next meeting.</p> <p>DA provided a draft wording from the CCC for inclusion in the next project newsletter. AW advised that the wording looked fine and that the date for the next newsletter hasn't been confirmed yet. It was suggested that information about the project could also be published in the following newspapers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Glen Innes Examiner • Inverell Times • Tamworth Daily Leader <p>A new email address has been created to allow enquiries to be directed to the Chair of the CCC: ccc.chairperson@whiterockwindfarm.com.au This address will also be published in the next newsletter.</p> <p>DA noted that the link on the Epuron website to the CCC documents is not very easy to find and could be improved.</p> <p>AW advised that Epuron had considered the request for the payment of travel expenses for the landowner representatives on the CCC, but that consistent with their other wind farm CCCs, they wouldn't be paying travel expenses for</p>	<p>All</p> <p>Press release to be issued with next newsletter</p> <p>AW to review & update</p>

	<p>this CCC. RD expressed his disappointment with this decision and noted that it may restrict his attendance at CCC meetings. DA requested RD to advise his decision about whether he will continue with the committee and whether he could speak with the other involved landowners about who might attend in his place.</p> <p>Epuron has purchased a digital recorder for the purposes of recording the proceedings of the meetings. The digital file will be retained by the Chair.</p>	
6	<p>General</p> <p>It was agreed that email correspondence was the preferred means of communication between committee members and “reply all” should be used in responding to any correspondence.</p> <p>A discussion was held on the opportunities for the group to engage more broadly with the community at later stages of the project, for example on the application of the community development funds.</p> <p>A discussion was held on whether developers can do more to build relationships with the community in the early stages of a project such as starting CCCs earlier.</p>	
7	<p>Next meeting</p> <p>The proposed date for the next meeting is Thursday 15 August at 11:00AM</p>	
8	<p>The meeting closed at 12:35PM</p>	