

# RECORD OF ADJOURNED MEETING BOCO ROCK WIND FARM COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (CCC)

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2016 Nimmitabel Community Centre

#### **Attendees**

Howard Charles (arrived 9.15am) Community Representative (host landholder)

Albert Tory (prior to 9am)

Lisa Andrews (prior to 9am)

Mark Wiggins (arrived at 9.50am – Bertie's Café)

Observer (host landholder)

Independent Chairperson

Operations Manager, BRWF

#### **Absent**

Mark Fleming Office of Environment & Heritage
Delegate from Snowy Monaro Regional Council Name of delegate to be advised

#### **Apologies**

Richard Lawson (RL) Community Member

Fiona Taylor (FT) Community Member/Neighbouring Landholder

Fr Sergei Shatrov Community Member

Bill Garnock (BG) Community Member (host landholder)

John Harrington (JH) Community Member

Meeting opened at 9.35am – Apologies were acknowledged and due to a lack of quorum, the meeting did not proceed. Meeting closed at 9.38am.

Following the adjournment of the meeting, the persons present held an informal discussion at Berties Café, Nimmitabel.

#### **Previous Draft Minutes**

Confirmation of the previous minutes of 7th March 2016 will be held over until the next meeting of the CCC.

The action item from the 7th March 2016 meeting was sent with the draft minutes (see link).

Item	Issue	Action By:
1	Link to media release by NSW Trade & Investment regarding the Sapphire Wind Farm Project:	LA (Completed)
	http://www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au/about-us/news/2016/a-new-nsw-wind-farm	

#### Correspondence

- 22/4/16– Email from Chair to CCC Members with the draft minutes from the Monday 7 March 2016 including the link to the media release by NSW Trade & Investment regarding the Sapphire Wind Farm Project.
- 5/5/16 Email from Mark Wiggins advising that he was attending the Transfiguration Monastery, at Bombala at the invitation of Father Sergei Shatrov on Thursday 19 May 2016
- 24-9-16 Email from Chair to CCC members with meeting notice and agenda for today's meeting
- 24-9-16 Email from Chair to Snowy Monaro Regional Council requesting a delegate be appointed to the CCC
- 7-10-16 Email from Snowy Monaro Regional Council advising that the Administrator had requested the General Manager send a delegate, however, timing may not allow at this meeting
- 7-10-16 to 10-10-16 Late apologies from CCC members

#### Report

#### **BRWF Heritage Salvage Plan Update**

BRWF in partnership with NSW Office of Environment & Heritage completed the Salvage Plan exercise during May-June and Sept-Oct 2016. These works were carried out in conjunction with the traditional landowners from the Bega Valley Lands Council and supported by Downer Engineering.

The works consisted of several survey sites being explored in two areas around turbine 12 at the southern end and alongside the roadways to turbine 65. Both survey units were conducted within the windfarms construction envelopes and were supervised by Downer Engineering, as this was one of the last chapters of the construction program of works.

The survey revealed a number of minor but interesting artefacts, such as stone tool shards (fragments of quartz used to make tools etc) and what was possibly a stone axe head/hammer. These items are now in the hands of NSW Archaeology for further examination.

The survey sites were subsequently levelled, rehabilitated with original soil and rocks then reseeded.

A full report as to the findings is expected sometime towards the end of 2016; however, at this stage, no further works are expected and this now completes the windfarms heritage commitments.

## **Operations**

Nothing new to add but as reported at the March 2016 CCC meeting, the wind farm's maintenance continues as per the schedule with no majors works expected for 2016. A wet winter has provided a good subsoil moisture profile and the rehabilitation areas are expecting a good start for spring growth.

### Community

The BRWF community enhancement program is continuing with the Bombala area now accepting letters of interest and proposals seeking funding.

# 2017 Meeting Schedule (including site visit to BRWF)

It is proposed to hold **two meetings in 2017** based similarly on the 2016 schedule:

- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017 on site at Boco Rock Wind Farm, incorporating a site tour (commencing at 9am).
- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at Nimmitabel Community Centre, commencing at 9am.