

## MINUTES OF THE BOCO ROCK WIND FARM COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (CCC)

11.00am, Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018  
Nimmitabel Community Centre, Nimmitabel

### Attendees

Lisa Andrews (LA)	Independent Chairperson
Fiona Taylor (FT)	Community Representative
Howard Charles (HC)	Community Representative
Bill Garnock (BG)	Host Landholder
John Harrington (JH)	Community Representative ( <i>arrived at 11.17am</i> )
Vickie Pollard (VP)	Nimmitabel Advancement Group representative ( <i>left at 12.24pm</i> )
Maryanne Renfrey	Country Women's Association representative (Nimmitabel Branch)
Adam West (AW)	Facility Manager, BRWF
Mark Branson (MB)	Senior Development Manager, CWP Renewables

### Apologies

Nil.

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<b>1.0 Welcome and Introductions</b> <i>Meeting opened at 11.10am.</i> Lisa Andrews welcomed the attendees and introduced two new members; Vickie Pollard from Nimmitabel Advancement Group & Maryanne Renfrey from the Country Women’s Association (Nimmitabel Branch). Mark Branson, CWP’s Senior Development Manager was re-introduced to all present.	All present were requested to complete the Attendance Sheet.													
<b>2.0 Apologies</b> Nil.														
<b>3.0 Declarations of Interest</b> LA declared that she was an Independent Chair, approved by the Department of Planning and Environment and engaged by CWP to chair the CCC meeting.	No change to previous declarations.													
<b>4.0 Business arising</b> The minutes of 14 <sup>th</sup> August 2018 were finalised and sent to CCC members on 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2018.	<b>1 Meeting held with landowners. Each agreed to continue their existing agreement with the proponent.</b> <b>2 DPE not encouraging host membership as they already have open engagement with the proponent. With the 2 new stakeholder group representatives, the</b>													
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4	Recruitment of additional member on the CCC (actioned 25/8/18)		<b>CCC meets the requirements of the guidelines.</b> <b>3 Complete.</b> <b>4 Complete. Two applications received.</b> <b>Report to DPE who endorsed membership.</b> <b>5 Ongoing.</b> <b>6 Emailed 24/8/18.</b>
5	Details on BR Community Enhancement Fund to be provided to CCC (Included with finalised minutes)	AW	
6	Image of comparison size of approved vs proposed turbines (Emailed 24/8/18)	MB	
<b>5.0 Correspondence (emailed with Meeting Notice 2/11/18)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>15/8/18 - Email from Fiona Taylor with feedback/questions from Mark Branson's presentation at the previous meeting. This email was forwarded through to Mark Branson who responded.</li> <li>20/8/18 – Email to members with FT's questions and CWP's response as well as the electronic presentation from 14/8/18.</li> <li>23/8/18 – Email to members with the updated turbine comparison image (will be included in the newsletter &amp; at the Community Open Day).</li> <li>24/8/18 – Email to members with the updated turbine comparison image (hub height showed 100m when it should have been 80m for the turbines already installed in stage 1.</li> <li>25/8/18 – Letters to stakeholder groups (NAG, CWA &amp; Business Chamber) seeking delegates on the CCC.</li> <li>1/9/18 – Email to members with the finalised minutes from the 14<sup>th</sup> August meeting.</li> <li>21/9/18 – Email to members with an update on the assessing of applications for the BRWF Community Enhancement Fund.</li> <li>8/10/18 – Letter to DPE with stakeholder group recommendations</li> <li>27/10/18 – Email to members advising that Mark Branson, Senior Development Manager was unable to attend the next scheduled CCC meeting (7/11/18)</li> <li>29/10/18 – Email to members with a proposed change of date (12/11/18) to facilitate attendance of CWP's Senior Development Manager, Mark Branson</li> <li>31/10/18 – Additional information sent to DPE for stakeholder consideration.</li> <li>2/11/18 – Email to members with a Meeting Notice &amp; Agenda for this meeting, including correspondence report.</li> </ul>			
<b>6.0 Reports/Updates</b> <b>Community Enhancement Fund (CEF)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>JH provided an update on the CEF following a telephone call that morning from Snowy Monaro Regional Council, advising that a new resolution had been approved regarding the construction of the path around Lake Williams.</li> <li>Concerns were raised regarding the distribution of funds to the areas most impacted by the BRWF project</li> </ul>			<b>A hard copy of the presentation was provided to all attendees (see addendum).</b>

and whether the membership will ensure the best outcome.

- The CEF provides additional funding, separate to the Voluntary Planning Agreement with Council that is negotiated between them and the developer.
- JH & VP are delegates on the CEF and will write to EDCO providing them with an update from the meeting. Perhaps EDCO could make its own representations to Council.
- On a separate matter of funding EDCO has agreed to additional sponsor the Nimmity Show, the Bombala Show and the horse camp drafting event.

#### **BOCO ROCK STAGE TWO**

- An update was provided by Mark Branson, on progressing Boco Rock Stage Two.
- CWP has revisited the project in relation to the Yandra Cluster, off Springfield Road with a consolidation of the approved layouts.
- Two turbines are proposed to be removed.
- Construction of up to 20WTG from 30 approved locations.
- Increase in WTG tip height to c.200m.
- Increase in WTG rotor diameter to C.160m.
- Addition of a temporary construction compound.
- It was explained that no further changes to the project footprint are proposed.

#### **Community Consultation**

- CWP has been conducting community engagement regarding the Modification with:
  - Face to face meetings with all landowners within 4km of the Yandra cluster, as well as other key neighbours and community members
  - Meetings with Snowy Monaro Regional Council.
  - Presentation to Council public meeting.
  - Newsletter distribution directly to neighbours and copies left in Council offices and local Nimmitabel shops
  - Letter box drop through the entire Nimmitabel post code
  - Advertising in the Monara Post Newspaper and the Nimmity News.
  - Community Open Day held at Nimmitabel Community Centre in August with approximately 40-50 people through on the day. VP commented that the feedback was good with attendees impressed with the information provided.
  - Direct communication with local community groups including Nimmitabel Advancement Group, Lions Club, Nimmitabel Chamber of Commerce and the local Country Women's Association. Responses were generally positive

<p>with some concerns raised regarding potential noise, visual and traffic impacts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ MB advised that generally there is good support for renewable energy, employment opportunities and economic flow-on effects for the region.</li> </ul> <p><b>Planning and Approvals Process</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A draft request for the Modification was submitted to DPE in September 2018.</li> <li>• It is expected that formal Modification will be lodged and placed on public exhibition before the end of 2018.</li> <li>• The EIS will be on public exhibition for 14 days and open to public submissions.</li> <li>• A Response to Submissions (RTS) will be prepared by the Proponent to address every submission.</li> <li>• The DPE will evaluate and EIS and the RTS.</li> <li>• A determination will be made on whether to approve the Modification in 2019.</li> </ul> <p><b>Impact Assessment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A preliminary risk assessment was undertaken across all technical aspects of the development to ensure that the proposed Modification would be technically feasible.</li> <li>• Technical studies were carried out by specialist consultants to address the risks and evaluate the impacts of the Modification, including visual impact assessment, noise, biodiversity, heritage, aviation, traffic &amp; transport.</li> </ul> <p><b>Landscape &amp; Visual Assessment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The assessment include, zone of visual influence, wireframe analysis, photomontages and analysis of worst case scenario when comparing the approved 32 WTG layout to the 30 WTGs at 200m tip.</li> <li>• All residences within 4km of the project have been offered Neighbour Agreements to address and mitigate any visual impacts.</li> </ul> <p><b>Noise Impact Assessment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assessments have been undertaken on worst-case scenarios including cumulative assessment of the Stage 1 noise emissions.</li> <li>• Noise predictions will comply with the project approval at all receptors.</li> <li>• Post-construction noise levels will be monitored to ensure compliance.</li> </ul> <p><b>Biodiversity Impact Assessment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The modification is expected to result in a new gain of approximately 12.35 ha of Ribbon Gum Show Gum Open Forest and Derived Grassland.</li> </ul>	<p><b>The CCC to be advised of when the Modification will be placed on exhibition.</b></p> <p><b>Link to the application is via the DPE Major Projects website:</b></p> <p><a href="http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au/">http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au/</a></p>
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- The proposed reduction in reducing road width from 12m to 6m and removing unnecessary roads, hardstands and footings will improve vegetation and habitat outcomes.
- The impacts of the entire approved Project have already been offset with the establishment and ongoing management of two offset sites nearby.

#### **Bird & Bat Impact Assessment**

- A comprehensive study has been conducted, which assessed the impact of the increase Rotor Swept Area size as well as the change in risk profile, depending upon each species' flight habits and ecology.
- The changes in WTG dimensions would reduce impacts on low flying bird and bat species and increase impacts on those few species flying at heights above 100m.

#### **Heritage Impact Assessment**

- Following assessment of the heritage values of the project site, the Stage II area has been found to be of low archaeological potential and sensitivity.
- Prior to construction, a Heritage Management Plan will be prepared by a suitably qualified archaeologist to ensure that any construction impacts are provisioned for during construction.

#### **Aviation Impact Assessment**

- The aviation impact assessment considered all 32 approved WTG locations as possible sites, with the highest elevation being 1098m AHD.
- There are no airports or aerodromes within 30 km of Stage II and the modification is outside the clearance zones associated with any aeronautical navigations aids. Accordingly, the turbines will not have a significant impact upon local flying activities.
- Formal notification to CASA and the Dept. of Defence will be assessment for the need for any aviation hazard lighting.

#### **Traffic & Transport Assessment**

- Turbine components will most likely be delivered to either the Port of Eden or Port Kembla, depending on the size and specifications of the turbines.
- A detailed route assessment for the transport of the larger turbine components along the possible routes is required to determine which port is suitable.
- A Transport Management Plan will be completed prior to construction in consultation with the road authorities.

**Discussions regarding aviation hazard lighting.**

**HC raised the issue of Springfield Road and enquired whether there were any long term plans to update the road prior to or following construction of the project. MB advised that CWP will enter into a road dilapidation agreement with Council as it is their asset.**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The project will work to ensure that there are no significant adverse traffic or safety impacts, establishing in relation to local road uses, school bus drivers, etc.</li> <li>• Modification Timeline</li> <li>• The modification will be placed on public exhibition from the end of 2018 into early 2019.</li> <li>• Public submissions are welcomed.</li> <li>• Submissions will be addressed by the proponent in early 2019.</li> <li>• A determination is likely to be made in the first half of 2019.</li> </ul>	<p><b>NAG will present to the Local Traffic Committee regarding the upgrading of Springfield Road.</b></p> <p><b>MB to notify CCC of when the project goes on public exhibition.</b></p>
<p><b>7.0 Community Concerns</b> – No questions provided prior to the meeting.</p>	
<p><b>8.0 General Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When the project is fully de-commissioned, all above ground infrastructure will be removed off site, power lines, sub-stations, etc. Turbine foundations will be reduced to ground level and the site rehabilitated.</li> <li>• A fund is established over the project to ensure these costs are covered. Generally the value of the components is more than enough to cover the costs.</li> <li>• FT requested that a list of the groups approved for CEF grants be provided. This should be a public document, available in the Council business paper.</li> <li>• AW advised attendees of unauthorised access issues on the project site with people coming onto land for shooting activities, without permission.</li> <li>• Carcasses left on site within certain distances of the turbines may cause issues with bird strikes and environmental conditions of consent.</li> <li>• CWP are working with land owners to advise them of deliveries and to keep stock away from weed spraying.</li> <li>• May look at putting in security monitoring.</li> <li>• BG advised that communications between the wind farm and neighbours is much better.</li> <li>• BG enquired whether there would be enough capacity in the existing transmission line to accept Stage II power and the proposed Grant Hills project. MB advised that if both projects went ahead, they would be in direct competition with each other.</li> </ul>	<p><b>AW to keep committee informed.</b></p>
<p><b>9.0 Meeting Schedule for 2019</b></p> <p>Following discussions, it was agreed that the CCC would meet quarterly in 2019 as the Modification for Stage II of the project is advertised, assessed and considered by DPE.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019,</b></li> <li>• <b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2019,</b></li> <li>• <b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2019; and</b></li> <li>• <b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2019</b></li> </ul> <p>Still at the Nimmitabel Community Centre, commencing at 9am.</p>	<p><b>JH to arrange booking of venue.</b></p>

***Meeting closed 12.44pm with LA thanking all for their contribution and attendance, as well as wishing them a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.***

**Action Items:**

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1	Advise CCC when Modification is placed on public exhibition	MB/LA
2	Keep CCC informed of CEF outcomes	AW