



Community Consultative Committee – Meeting No 13.

Minutes.

Date	24/07/ 2015	Time	6.30pm – Taralga War Memorial Hall
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Attendees

Ian Colley (IC) - Chair	Brett Yandall (BY)	Siobhan Isherwood (SI) CWPR
Derek Dymond (DD) CWPR	Karyn Bennett (KB)	
Joyce Nelson (JN)	Frank Nelson (FN)	

Apologies

Rosey Stronach (RS)	Brian Maloney	
Chris Mackenzie Davey (CMD) OEH	Charlie Prell (CP) AWA	

No.	Action	Action item / Responsibility
1	Welcome and apologies	
2	Minutes from the last meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">Accepted	
3	<p>Actions outstanding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Siobhan to share a link to the Community Enhancement Fund agreement – <i>this was done.</i>Response provided on interference between a potential mobile phone transmitter and TV re-transmitter: <i>The TV and mobile phone networks operate on different frequencies and are designed to not interfere with each other. It is quite common for TV transmitters and mobile phone network towers to be located at the same place.</i>Response provided on whether or not the meteorological masts can cause TV reception interference: <i>The masts on-site are lattice masts, 80m in height with simple wind monitoring instruments mounted on them. They are much thinner than wind turbine towers and are static and therefore have no effect on the TV transmission signal. All data transfer occurs over fibre optic cables.</i>Response provided on contact with the RFS: <i>Derek met with Crookwell and Goulburn RFS contacts a week ago to discuss high level emergency planning at site into operations. When a final Emergency Response Plan is developed in response to feedback, the local brigade will do a site visit at some point for familiarisation.</i>	

4	<p>Construction update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All turbines are now installed and generating electricity • Commissioning is ongoing • De-mobilisation is now taking place – the cranes have been taken offsite, and three quarters of the construction compound has also been removed from site. • Rehabilitation is now being undertaken at the site, including seed laying and weed spraying those areas disturbed during construction. These works will continue until the areas disturbed during construction not being used during operation are sufficiently rehabilitated. We have also purchased a property to offset the environmental impacts associated with construction and operation. 	
5	<p>General business</p> <p><u>TV reception issues report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigations into the re-transmitter have been positive and have confirmed the suitable type and location of equipment. • As such, construction and installation of the re-transmitter will begin in the coming weeks and is expected to take 4-5months. • Once installed, testing and commissioning of the re-transmitter will be undertaken to ensure it is working adequately before the new service is made available to the public. • TVs will need to be re-tuned to receive channels, and antennas may need to be re-configured or reoriented to receive the transmission. We will continue to keep the community updated on progress, and will work with residents to ensure systems are working. • BY queried the extent of effectiveness of the re-transmitter. DD commented that the current area that is experiencing impacts associated with turbines will be addressed by the re-transmitter, but the wind farm can't commit to improved reception beyond that. There are many factors that influence the effectiveness of re-transmitters, especially in areas that already receive poor transmission. <p><u>CCC members contact details made public</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposal to make committee members names and email addresses public via the project website. • This could assist other community members to contact to committee with items for discussion. • Nobody raised an objection, however, Siobhan will send through a proposal to the whole group to make sure everyone is happy to proceed. <p><u>Community Fund</u></p> <p>BY asked when money would be transferred into the community fund. SI responded one year from the start of commercial operations, which would make it mid-2016 for the first funds to be made available.</p>	
6	<p>Next meeting: 7pm 21st October 2015</p>	