



Action Items

Community Consultative Committee – Meeting No 10.

Date	11 February 2015	Time	7pm – Taralga War Memorial Hall
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Attendees

Ian Colley (IC) - Chair	Moira Sharp (MS)	Brett Jones (BJ) CWPR
Mary Mooney (MM)	Karyn Bennett (KB)	Brett Yandall (BY)
Brian Moloney (BM)	Neil Bennett (NB)	Rosey Stronach (RS)
Stuart Liddell (SL)	Frank Nelson (FN)	Siobhan Isherwood (SI) CWPR
Joyce Nelson (JN)	Scott Craig (SC) ULSC	
Guest: Charlie Prell (CP) Australian Wind Alliance	Guest: Chris Mackenzie Davey (CMD) Office of Environment and Heritage	

Apologies

None		
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No.	Action	Responsibility	Due Date
1	Welcome and apologies <ul style="list-style-type: none">Introduction of CWPR representativesCBD is no longer involved in Taralga Wind Farm, having been bought out by Blu Energy.CWP Renewables – JV between Continental wind partners and Wind Prospect to develop wind farms in NSW.Advice about the change of ownership/construction management – still 90/10% ownership.Brett Jones COO, Siobhan Isherwood CLO from CWPR introduced to the committee.Overview of CWPR operations – they had been approached by Banco Santander to take over CBD's role and continue delivery of TWF through construction to operation. CWPR on board since 9 January 2015.	IC SL BJ	
2	Minutes from the last meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">Accepted	IC	
5	Actions outstanding <ul style="list-style-type: none">No actions outstanding noted	IC	
6	Construction update <ul style="list-style-type: none">Turbines now finished (30)Energisation and testing underwayApprovals of next stage (stage 4) in placeFoundation pours and construction underway (concrete batching plant operational)	SL/BJ	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One approval pending for last two turbines near the – natural temperate grass area (shown on map) • All turbine components now on site – haulage complete • Some trucks still on the road to deliver raw materials • BY requested what happens with the final road condition. SL explained pre and post construction survey process. • May – late June 2015 - hopefully all turbines up and running • Commissioning is proceeding very well – BJ indicated the CWPR consider the project is of a very high standard • BY – at completion – how much power is generated? - BJ indicated 300gw hours per year – equivalent to powering approx. 40,000 homes 		
7	<p>General business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TV reception issues – BJ indicated that CWPR had reviewed the issue at commencement of their involvement. • Investigation is continuing to follow up preliminary investigations (pre-construction) and a re-transmitter is still on the agenda – subject to technical assessment, to provide the best outcome for the whole community. • In parallel – CWPR is continuing rolling out the installation of VAST systems that started in late December. Approximately 150 applications had been received and 80 installations completed to date. • Priority installation was for elderly, disabled or locals who had previously provided details. • NB – why only one set top box per property? Most houses have more than on TV. BJ – The initial goal was to get one TV in every house working immediately, while recognising that some homes have multiple TVs, one service was the first priority. • Next step is to find and provide a longer term solution which could be provision of a repeater station to provide signal across the board for everyone – the validity and timing of this option is still in discussion • KB noted that information circulated to date stating the Wind Farm was not responsible for the signal deterioration had upset the local community. BJ acknowledged this and agreed better communication would be forthcoming moving forward. • BJ -If there is a significant time delay while the longer term option is determined – additional set top boxes may be provided. • NB – why wasn't the re-transmitter settled and sorted before now? BJ – a re-transmitter was included in the DA and conditions of consent and probably should have been better investigated 12 months ago • NB – Suggest a media release to immediately explain the situation – but the best suggestion is to stop the wind farm till the issue is sorted because of the local backlash against one set top box per property. • SI confirmed the media had been and will continue to be advised of progress. • BY – what is the delay with deciding on the tower? BJ – no issue as such – it's being investigated at a technical level – a tower may not be the best ultimate solution. A decision will be communicated to the local 	<p>BJ/SI</p> <p>SI</p> <p>SI</p>	

	<p>community and ultimately the TV reception will be improved to benefit the whole community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BM – the EIS stated that the TV reception would be better following construction of the wind farm, the community needs assurance that this will still be the case. • Taralga Progress Association has suggested a combined effort to provide improved TV and mobile phone/telecommunications services. SL – the letter arrived today and the suggestion is being considered. • BM – what will be the source for the signal? Wollongong, Orange or Canberra? BJ - Not known at this time • KB – if the re-transmitter isn't a final solution – what's the alternative? BJ – working through all the issues including installation and maintenance of VAST systems. The changeover from analogue to digital and restack of frequencies had occurred in the past 12 months, so current investigations had to reflect this. • BM – noted that analogue to digital changeover hasn't helped the TV reception issue. • BY – can a land-line cable be run across from east to west? BJ – something further to investigate. • BY – what guarantee is there that a long term solution will be delivered and maintained? SL/BJ – There is a 10 year operational contract and TWF cannot walk away from their obligations. • NB – presented a petition signed by people requesting additional set-top boxes. • Chris MD – Office of Environment and Heritage – is it possible to provide a solution to the issue before the turbines go up? BJ – not with any certainty from a technical point, but there should be some indication and something under consideration. 	<p>BJ/SL</p> <p>BJ</p> <p>BJ/SI noted petition and accepted.</p>	
8	<p>Community enhancement fund.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The amount of the fund – DA condition retrospectively indicated as \$2,500 per turbine/per annum. • Charlie Prell – ex ULSC – explained the establishment of the CEF for Cullerin Range – and advised that TWF's donation to any fund had not been mandated in the approval, but had been negotiated with Council. • CEF – not for the cost of the re-transmitter tower • BM – Council's wind farm policy developed as there was no policy – Committee appreciates that that TWF is making the contribution to the CEF as well as providing for the upgrade of Taralga Road. 	<p>CP</p> <p>Note Note</p>	
9.	<p>Further General Business:</p> <p>Open day – suggestions welcome from the CCC – BJ indicated that the Boco Rock open day over 1000 attended. Perhaps combine with a fund raising event?</p> <p>BY – Will there be a viewing platform? SL – would have to discuss with council – to be advised.</p> <p>NB – Speaking as Glenn Hall's representative, tabled a letter regarding with transmission line construction – SL advised the contractor has returned to discuss with the landowner – grievances will be addressed by TWF.</p>	<p>Note</p> <p>SL</p> <p>SL/BJ accepted the letter SL to action</p>	

10.	Next meeting – 11 March – 7pm – (subject to confirmation)		
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Meeting action items endorsed by:

Signature:

Name: Ian Colley, Independent Chairperson – Make Stuff Happen.

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