



## COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

### Minutes of meeting held at the Bango Wind Farm site on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022

#### Attendees:

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| Lisa Andrews (LA)   | Independent Chairperson  |
| Malcolm Moore (MM)  | CWP Renewables (Site Supervisor) <i>via video-conferencing</i> |
| Lyn Diskon (LD)     | CWP Renewables (Community Engagement Officer)                  |
| Geoff Frost (GF)    | Community representative                                       |
| Cr Jim Abbey (JAb)  | Yass Valley Council delegate CWP Renewables                    |
| Thomas McGrath (TM) | Community Representative (Host Landholder)                     |
| Jayne Apps (JA)     | Boorowa District Landscape Guardians                           |

#### Apologies:

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| Terry Sellwood   | Community Representative              |
| Laurie Hutchison | Ngunnawal Aboriginal Corporation      |
| Jack Walker      | Yass Valley Business Chamber delegate |
| Jonathan Post    | CWP Renewables                        |
| Delegate         | Hilltops Council                      |

#### Absent:

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| Andrew Winterflood | Community Representative |
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#### **Meeting commenced at 10.05am.**

#### **Welcome and Introductions**

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The Chair welcomed everyone to the Bango Wind Farm (BWF) Community Consultative Committee being held on site. LA advised that MM was attending via video-conferencing and that Michael McNally has left CWP.

LA advised that she had written to both Council's (Yass Valley & Hilltops) requesting new representatives on the CCC following the local government elections in December 2021.

LA welcomed Cr Jim Abbey, Yass Valley Council's new delegate and invited him to introduce himself to the CCC.

#### **Apologies**

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As listed above.

#### **Declaration of Interest**

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The Chair declared her interest as Independent Chairperson of the BWF CCC, approved by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment, and engaged by CWP Renewables to chair the meeting. LA advised that she would forward through the governance forms to Cr Abbey for completion and return. **Action.**

No changes to previous declarations by members.

### Business Arising from Previous Minutes

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Minutes of CCC held on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021, were finalised and emailed to members on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

### Action Items from Previous Meeting

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| Item | Issue  | Responsibility |
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| 1    | MMc to keep the CCC informed of any further developments with CASA on this matter, should they arise. <b>MM advised that there has been no further development about this matter. TM stated that he may raise the issue again with Wendy Tuckerman.*</b> | MMc            |

*\*JAb requested further information about this matter. The history of the issue was provided by LA. MM confirmed that the candela has been reduced. TM mentioned that some lights were still flashing. MM advised that he would inform GE for rectification.*

LA asked LD how the Christmas Light competition went. LD advised that it went well with a lot more entries than the previous year. There was no overarching winner, however, a winner in each category. It was a big success with a lot of people participating.

No other business arising.

### Correspondence Report

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#### Correspondence as sent out with the meeting notice on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022 with 4 additional items.

- 27/11/21– Email to members with the draft minutes for review.
- 27/11/21 – Email from Brooke Watson advising that she will no longer be the Yass Valley Business Chambers' delegate on this CCC and they will appoint a new delegate. I responded and thanked BW for her participation on this CCC.
- 7/12/21 - Email to members with the finalised minutes.
- 7/12/21 - Letter to TS with the finalised minutes.
- 24/1/22 – Email from LD with the latest project newsletter.
- 25/1/22 – Email to Hilltops Council requesting new delegate on the CCC.
- 25/1/22 – Email to Yass Valley Council requesting new delegate on the CCC.
- 25/1/22 – Email from YVC advising that Council will be conducting a workshop on its committees on 31 Jan 2022 and will confirm appointments.
- 14/2/22– Email to members with meeting notice, agenda and correspondence report for this meeting.
- 14/2/22 – Letter to TS with meeting notice information.
- 16/2/22 – Email from Yass Business Chamber advising that Jack Walker, President will be its new delegate on this CCC.
- 26/2/22 – Email to members with a reminder for this meeting. Text to TS and GF.
- 26/2/22 – Email to Jack Walker with governance forms for completion and return.
- 1/3/22 – Email to members with the traffic/site access information.

**Accepted.**

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MM provided attendees with the project update. See presentation.

### **Hold Point Testing update (Slide 2)**

On line 973, HP1 has been passed by the energy authority, allowing generation from 20 WTG.

999 HP0 testing has been concluded and currently awaiting release from AEMO to generate from 8 WTG.

All information has been provided to TransGrid for review and once they come back, it will allow for further testing.

### **Site Map Progress Update (Slides 3 & 4)**

MM provided an overview of the project progress as shown in slide 3 as it currently stands. The 973 western cluster contains 21 turbines and are all but erected. Just need to finalise commissioning and reliability runs. Two have run for 100 hours without any faults, 13 have passed.

The 999 feeder cluster - the last 16 towers in this section. 13 units installed, 2 of which are in the commissioning phase. There is work to do on installation in the eastern cluster.

Slide 4 included photographs turbines, construction works and landscape.

### **Next 3 Months (Slide 5)**

- Completion of civil works and demobilisation of civil contractors.
- Rehabilitation and remediation works across all parts of the project.
- HV Electrical Cable Terminations.
- Completion of all remaining lifts for turbine components.

### **Complaints Register (see Slide 7 for full details):**

No complaints received since June 2021. [Between January 1st 2020 and January 31st 2022, there have been a total of eleven (11) complaints registered.]

### **General Communications Register (see Slide 8 for full details):**

The 1300 communication line is still active. Mainly suppliers looking for work, accommodation offers and employment opportunities.

### **Community Engagement (Slide 9)**

Community Engagement activities remained slow during the past quarter due to C-19 situation and the holiday period.

- December Newsletter distributed
- Continued involvement with both Yass Valley and Boorowa Business Chambers
- Weekly presence in both Yass and Boorowa (lockdowns permitting)
- Entering the Boorowa Scarecrow completion.

- Spoken with both Councils (Yass Valley & Hilltops) regarding the Community Enhancement Fund Committees; keeping them up to date. There will be separate committees for each LGA. Haven't yet advertised for community members as too early. GF asked when the money will be available. LD explained the process – that the funds won't be available until the project is handed over by GE and generating power. JA asked if CWP were being paid for what they have generated to date (testing). MM advised that there is minor payment. TM advised that Neighbourhood Agreements are not paid until final completion. MM stated that staging for sections of the next period should be progressively complete August-September 2022. LD explained that she had the community agreement reviewed by legal counsel to ensure the timing of payment and availability of funding was correct. This was confirmed.
- JA asked if CWP had a power purchase agreement in place, given the delays with the project. MM confirmed that power purchase agreements are in place with Woolworths, Snowy Hydro and Trans Urban. Explaining that the delays are not helping as CWP has contractual arrangements, so everyone is affected.
- Community Christmas Sponsorship program (2 x projects sponsored)
- Christmas Light-Up Competitions – Yass & Boorowa

## General Business

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TM advised that he has been experiencing trespassing on his property over the last couple of weeks with gates being left open. It does not appear to be construction workers. There are motor bike tracks (donuts, etc), where the bikes appear to be accessing from the back. MM said he would investigate the matter with GE and speak with the other affected property owner. TM stated that the area is easy to access from Tangmangaroo Road. GF suggested that TM report this matter to the NSW Police. JA commented that the Police would be in attendance at the Rye Park meeting that evening.

JAb asked if there was any further information on the proposed Open Day. LD stated that due to delays in construction and COVID it has been difficult to plan. CWP may consider tours once the current impacts and suitable climate conditions are able to facilitate. TM commented that the Men's Shed were keen for a tour. LD said that she will also include a presentation to this group prior to any arranged tour.

JAb requested a copy of the previous newsletter. **Action – LD to provide.**

## Next Meeting

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- Tuesday 26 July 2022 (Club House Hotel - Yass), commencing at 10am

***Meeting closed at 10.49am with LA thanking all for their attendance.***

## Action Items

| Item | Issue  | Responsibility |
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| 1    | MM to keep the CCC informed of any further developments with CASA on this matter, should they arise. | MM<br>Ongoing  |
| 2    | Send governance forms to Cr Abbey for completion and return  | LA/JAb         |
| 3    | Send previous newsletter to Cr Abbey   | LD             |