



## COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

### Minutes of meeting held at the Bango Wind Farm at Club House Hotel - Yass on Tuesday 26 July 2022

#### Attendees:

Lisa Andrews (LA)	Independent Chairperson
Malcolm Moore (MM)	CWPR Renewables (Site Supervisor)
Lyn Diskon (LD)	CWPR Renewables (Community Engagement Officer)
Brad Jachmann (BJ)	CWPR Renewables (Site Manager - Operations)
Geoff Frost (GF)	Community representative
Cr Jim Abbey (JAb)	Yass Valley Council delegate
Cr John Piper (JP)	Hilltops Council delegate
Thomas McGrath (TM)	Community Representative (Host Landholder)

#### Apologies:

Jayne Apps	Boorowa District Landscape Guardians
Terry Sellwood	Community Representative
Laurie Hutchison	Ngunnawal Aboriginal Corporation
Jack Walker	Yass Valley Business Chamber delegate
Jonathan Post	CWPR Renewables

**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 at the Club House Hotel in Yass. LA introduced Brad Jachmann, CWPR's new Site Manager - Operations & Cr John Piper from Hilltops Council.

#### Apologies

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As listed above.

#### Acknowledgement of Country

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The Ngunnawal people were acknowledged as the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the land that the Bango Wind Farm is located on. Respect was paid to all Aboriginal Elders, past, present and emerging.

#### 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 and Environment, and engaged by CWPR Renewables to chair the meeting. LA advised that she would forward through the governance forms to Cr Piper and Brad Jachmann 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 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022, were finalised and emailed to members on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022.

## Action Items from Previous Meeting

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Item	Issue	Responsibility
1	MM to keep the CCC informed of any further developments with CASA on this matter, should they arise. <b>No further developments with CASA – lighting remains at reduced candela.</b>	MM Ongoing
2	Send governance forms to Cr Abbey for completion and return <b>Complete 14/4/22</b>	LA/JAb
3	Send previous newsletter to Cr Abbey <b>Complete 12/4/22</b>	LD

\*The flashing lights issue raised at the last CCC was discussed with the contractor. It appears they look like they are flashing, but the flickering is caused by the blades turning.

TM commented that residents are still upset with the lights. GF commented on the radar system, stating that there are two more wind farm proposals in the area and perhaps they should combine the technology and have one radar system for the two wind farms.

No other business arising.

## Correspondence Report

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### Correspondence as sent out with the meeting notice on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022 with 1 additional item.

- 1/3/22 – Email from Yass Valley Shire Council advising that Cr Jim Abbey is its delegate on this CCC.
- 10/3/22– Email to members with the draft minutes for review.
- 19/3/22 – Email to GF with the governance forms for completion and return.
- 21/3/22 - Email to members with the finalised minutes and presentation.
- 12/4/22 – Email to members with the April 2022 Bango Wind Farm Newsletter.
- 14/4/22 – Completed governance forms received from Cr J Abbey.
- 27/5/22 – Email from LD advising that Cr John Piper is Hilltops Council’s new delegate.
- 25/5/22 – Email from Heather Studley who is undertaking a survey of farmers re environmental awareness and literacy, seeking members input. This email was forwarded through to members on 26/6/22 without any endorsement.
- 30/5/22 – Email to LD forwarding governance forms for Cr Piper to complete and return.
- 11/7/22 – Email to members with meeting notice, agenda and correspondence report for this meeting.
- 11/7/22 – Letter to TS with meeting notice information.
- 25/7/22 – Email to members with a reminder for this meeting. Text to TS and GF.

**Accepted.**

## Project Update – CWPR Renewables

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MM presented the project update. *See presentation attached.*

## **Introduction of Brad Jachmann (Slide 2)**

Brad has been with CWPRR for almost two years as the Site Operations Manager at the Crudine Ridge Wind Farm, having previous experience on other wind farms during the installation and operation phases. His responsibilities at BWF include day-to-day operations of the plant, including safety, contractor management, plant performance, and representing the company with local stakeholders.

**Site Map Project Update (Slide 3)** *See map for clusters and layouts.*

Western side all up, operational and running. In the east, most machines are up with the exception of #45, which was finished yesterday. The crane has moved to do #46. Now getting to the end of the installation.

Doing grid compliance with AEMO and TransGrid to make sure the turbines operate how they are designed.

GF enquired when the project would be complete on the eastern side. MM responded towards early to late October. All turbines will be up in the next month, but still have to do the testing. GE will have to remove all their gear. Downer will need to complete the rehabilitation, which is pushing out to October due to the weather. The site will be tidied up.

It is hoped to be fully functional by September 2022 and going through testing.

## **Snowy Hydro 2.0 (Slide 4)**

LD explained that the Power Purchase Agreement with Snowy Hydro 2.0 has been signed. This is a contractual agreement where the wind farm feeds into the network, which is sold to Snowy Hydro 2.0. GF asked if BWF fed directly into the Humelink. MM explained, eventually, but BWF feed into smaller networks.

CWPR is working with Snowy Hydro 2.0, growing its clean energy business.

Snowy Hydro 2.0 Update June 2022 video shown. Link:

<https://www.google.com.au/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=&cad=rja&uact=8&ved=2ahUKEwj64ZClhaz5AhXiv2MGHeKiC34QtwJ6BAgHEAI&url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.youtube.com%2Fwatch%3Fv%3DeaiD99GdbAM&usg=AOvVaw3ooJ1woSDXSJBlgINFCwt2>

## **Next 3 Months (Slide 6)**

Currently there are approximately 100-120 personnel on site each day. CWP anticipate, 8-10 operational staff (Site Manager, Engineers, technicians) of which, all will be locally based after construction is completed.

BJ explained how the machines will be serviced.

JP asked if there is a monitoring system that shows how much energy BWF is producing. BJ stated that there is a system that shows power generated.

Over the next 3 months:

- Complete final WTG lifts, fit out and commissioning.
- Commissioning and grid compliance
- Testing.
- Rehabilitation and remediation works.

- Demobilisation of contractors.

### **Complaints Register to June 2022 (see Slide 7 for full details):**

Between January 1st 2020 and June 30th 2022, there have been a total of twelve (12) complaints registered

JAb asked if CWPR had heard any more about the VPA with Hilltops Council. LD responded that she spoke to the General Manager and Director of Infrastructure. JAb asked if LD would confirm the exact figures in relation to the number of turbines in Yass LGA & Hilltops LGA. Further, that he be kept in the loop about this matter. **Action.**

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

Between 1st January 2022 and 30th June 2022 There have been 19 communications to the Bango Wind Farm. (349 since

Contacts January 2022 – June 2022:

- Suppliers 21%
- Employment 16%
- Visuals 12%
- Directions/Deliveries 7%
- Accommodation 7%
- Assorted 37%

GF advised that he was aware of some behaviour issues in town from people working on the Wind Farm. MM advised that CWPR has taken action and it has been effective. NSW Police have been out on site and spoken to the groups. There has been conjecture on what site the alleged offenders came from, however, Police have also visited the Rye Park Wind Farm site and spoken with personnel there as well.

JP asked who the community representatives were on the CCC. LA advised – stating that there is one vacancy as Andrew Winterflood had not attended any meetings for a few years.

GF enquired about potential noise complaints in relation to nearby residences. MM explained that testing will be conducted upon completion of the installation and operation of the turbines. Noise levels and assessments will be undertaken in accordance with the project's conditions of consent.

**Action: Noise monitoring criteria to be presented at next CCC.**

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

- April & July Newsletters distributed
- Continued involvement with both Yass Valley and Boorowa Business Chambers
- Working with Yass Valley & Hilltops Councils to progress Voluntary Planning Agreement actions
- Weekly presence in both Yass and Boorowa
- Sponsorship of:
  - Renovation of Binalong Tennis & Netball Courts
  - Alive in the Park – Yass
  - Young Schools Expo (now postponed to March 2023)

## General Business

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- TM advised that he has completed the survey by Heather Studley, an honours student from the Australian National University who is exploring environmental literacy and awareness in landholders of south-eastern NSW, specifically in reference to wind farms.
- TM also thanked CWPR for the generous donation for the young man from Boorowa (Nathan Stapleton) who injured his spine in a Rugby Union match.
- JAb asked if there has been any appetite for an Open Day on site. MM responded that there is definitely an appetite and CWPR are trying to coordinate with the handover from GE. LD stated that an Open Day is very much on the fore front to organise. GF enquired if this would be a one off, or something regular. LD stated that it would probably be a one off and will include tours.
- LD also advised that CWPR are looking at March 2023 for other project completion celebrations.

## Next Meeting

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- Tuesday 22 November 2022 (Boorowa), commencing at 9am and possibly include site tour (TBC).

***Meeting closed at 11am with LA thanking all for their attendance.***

## Action Items

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1	MM to keep the CCC informed of any further developments with CASA on this matter, should they arise.	MM Ongoing
2	Send governance forms to Cr Piper & CWPR's Brad Jachmann	LA
3	Link to Snowy Hydro 2.0 video on You Tube.	LA
4	Confirm the number of turbines in each LGA	LD
5	Confirm site inspection for next CCC in Boorowa	LD/LA