

Friday 3 May 2019 at Pyramul Hall, Pyramul

<b>Attendees</b>	<b>Initials</b>	<b>Position</b>
Michael Silver OAM	MJS	Independent Chairperson
Owain Rowland-Jones	ORJ	Community Member
Esme Martens	EM	Community Member
Andrew Hundy	AH	Community Member
Brendan McAvoy	BM	Project Director – CWP Renewables
Scott Pagett	SP	Site Representative – CWP Renewables
Beth McCaffrey	BMc	Consortium Manager - GEZ
Dallas Edwards	DE	Construction Manager - GEZ
<b>Observer</b>		
Ralph Price		
<b>Apologies</b>		
Cr Alex Karavas	AK	Mid-Western Regional Council delegate
Max Price	MP	Community Member
Ingrid Saywell	IS	Community Member

<b>Item</b>	<b>Details and Actions</b>
<b>1.0 Welcome and Introductions</b>	<b>Meeting opened at 11.10am.</b> MJS welcomed all present.
<b>2.0 Apologies</b>	As listed above.
<b>3.0 Declarations of Interest</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MJS declared that he is an Independent Chairperson with his expenses borne by the proponent.</li> <li>Declarations of Interest forms were received from ORJ, EM &amp; AH – no interest declared</li> </ul>
<b>4.0 Member Introductions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Each CCC member provided a brief outline of their background and interest in the CCC.</li> </ul>
<b>5.0 Community Consultation Committee Guidelines and Meeting Protocols</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MJS advised that the operation of the CCC shall be in accordance with the requirements of the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) Community Consultative Committee Guidelines. He also indicated that the focus of the CCC shall be on the construction phase of the project having regard to the consent issued. He noted that the consent was subject to a modification and progress of this application would be a matter of interest for the committee.</li> <li>MJS sought confirmation on the process for approval of attendance of observers. It was agreed that a request to attend should be given to the Chair seven days prior to the meeting. The Chair shall then seek concurrence of the members to an individual's attendance.</li> <li>MJS enquired how specific or 'on notice' questions were addressed, noting previously that a "Community Concerns" item had been placed on the meeting</li> </ul>

	<p>agenda. It was agreed that specific questions relating to the project should be provided in writing to the Chair two weeks prior to the meeting for inclusion in the agenda and provide notice to the proponent for a response at the meeting.</p>												
<b>6.0 Alternate Delegates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MJS advised that IS had requested consideration of community members being able to nominate an alternate community member to attend committee meetings in their stead. MJS noted that ORJ was the only community member with an approved alternate.</li> <li>• It was agreed that the Chair approach DPE regarding approval for the appointment of alternate members for other community members.</li> </ul>												
<b>7.0 Community Member Vacancy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MJS reported that Mrs Vera Tomlinson had tendered he resignation from the CCC. The resignation had been accepted.</li> <li>• MJS indicated that DPE had been advised and he had sought direction as to how it wished a replacement to be appointed. MJS indicated he would advise the committee when he had a response from DPE.</li> </ul>												
<b>8.0 Correspondence</b>	<p>Nil</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MJS noted that in the minutes of meetings of the previous committee that all correspondence was listed – this included many administrative emails and actions.</li> <li>• It was agreed that at future meetings, only correspondence relevant to committee actions or for the committee’s determination or required information would be tabled.</li> </ul>												
<b>8.0 Business arising from Finalised Minutes of 4 October 2018 Meeting</b>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Item</th> <th>Issue</th> <th>Action By:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>Low frequency noise and decibel levels to be provided, once available</td> <td>BM advised superseded by modification - refer below</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>Advise when company decided to reduce the project to 37 turbines</td> <td>BM advised awaiting modification determination</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3</td> <td>Will length of blades impact more on bat &amp; bird communities?</td> <td>BM advised awaiting modification determination</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BM indicated that issues detailed in actions now superseded by modification proposal. CWP awaiting determination but Independent Planning Commission timeline uncertain.</li> </ul>	Item	Issue	Action By:	1	Low frequency noise and decibel levels to be provided, once available	BM advised superseded by modification - refer below	2	Advise when company decided to reduce the project to 37 turbines	BM advised awaiting modification determination	3	Will length of blades impact more on bat & bird communities?	BM advised awaiting modification determination
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AH question if CWP had provided DPE with all information. Advised all responses to DPE provided.</li> <li>• AH asked if wire masts can be removed. Advised that no work may occur on site, consequently mast removal can't be undertaken.</li> <li>• AH questioned the viability of the project given the reduction in the number of turbines. Advised project still viable.</li> </ul> <p>Other matters arising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AH questioned the availability of water supply, noting local concerns regarding groundwater.</li> <li>• DE advised bores are on stand-down. AH asked what the bore flow rates are and if they had run dry.</li> <li>• DE indicated flow rates are still satisfying the hydrology reports.</li> <li>• ORJ asked if the flow rates are available. BM advised he will assess what information can be shared, noting that CWP have applied for licences.</li> <li>• AH asked if community can have access to the hydrology reports. BM advised <b>TAKEN ON NOTICE</b>.</li> <li>• BM advised that he is happy to have direct contact with community members regarding concerns or issues that arise that result from rumours. This includes addressing matters directly rather than processing through the CCC.</li> <li>• AH requested opportunity for further considerations of matters detailed in the October 2018 minutes that he may raise at the next CCC meeting. Chair grant AH leave to raise these matters at the next meeting.</li> </ul>
<p><b>7.0 Project Update / Discussion</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BM tabled the proponent's Report that had been previously circulated to the CCC members. (Copy attached)</li> <li>• BM indicated that CWP is hoping for a speedy process in the determination of the modification.</li> <li>• AH question the location of turbine siting HE07 – requesting clarification of the distance of the nearest residence and its compliance with the guidelines. BM advised distances would be verified. <b>TAKEN ON NOTICE</b></li> <li>• AH enquired how work on site had commenced before the Aarons Pass Road upgrade had been completed.</li> <li>• BM advised that CPW had made some assumptions regarding the consent requirements relating to commencement of site works. The road works and work on site were being undertaken in parallel following discussions with Mid-Western Regional Council. In a meeting with DPE in December 2018 regarding Aarons Pass Road, the Department didn't agree with CWP's assumptions and interpretation of the consent. The penalty notice issued related to</li> </ul>

	<p>commencing work on site before Aarons Pass Road upgrade had been completed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AH expressed concern at the extent of road side vegetation clearing and question the process used to determine the trees to be cleared and the associated area calculations.</li> <li>• BM advised that discussions had been held with DPE regarding area to be cleared having regard to a road width of 6metres.</li> <li>• ORJ also expressed concern at the breadth of the clearing, noting that it was not just the trees concerned and within their dripline that had been cleared but also all other vegetation within the vicinity.</li> <li>• BM advised that the extent of clearance work required was consistent with the provisions of the consent. ORJ suggested that the "extent" of clearing required clarification.</li> <li>• AH expressed concern as to how the consultants had calculated the vegetation clearance area required for road works and how it had been approved by DPE.</li> <li>• AH asked whether the noise level calculations and associated reports were available for community review. BM indicated that the request would be <b>TAKEN ON NOTICE.</b></li> <li>• MJS suggested that if members have concerns with probity, regarding of preparation or assessment of environmental documentation that these concerns should be raised with the DPE or the Minister. ORJ indicated that correspondence in this regard had previously been sent to DPE and the Minister.</li> </ul>
<p><b>8.0 General Business</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ORJ commented that Aarons Pass Road was considerably better after completion of recent work.</li> <li>• In response BM advised that CWP currently maintain the road and had used a better-quality gravel in recent re-sheeting. ORJ raised concern regarding a couple of 'bull-dust pits' on bends and straight sections. DE indicated he would follow up on these issues.</li> <li>• ORJ asked why all the regrowth in the area cleared is being poisoned. He asked who was do this, suggesting it was environmental degradation as it was beyond that required for the safety of road users. DE advised Mid-Western Regional Council had asked CWP to restrict regrowth to ensure sight distance issues are managed.</li> <li>• ORJ expressed concern at the level of dust, suggesting it is horrendous. He was concerned at the level of 'black dust' and was disappointed there is no watering of Price Lane. In reply BM outlined the maintenance regime and said the dust may not be directly coming from the project.</li> </ul>

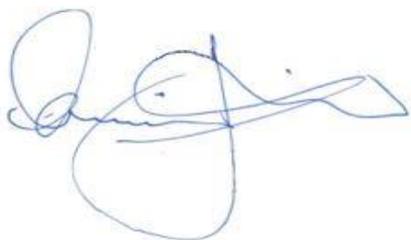
	<p>Minimal watering on Aarons Pass Road will occur until site construction starts, but Price Lane is not part of the project scope, hence no watering will occur.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ORJ questioned wording of the Proponent’s Report regarding outcome of modification application, suggesting it was arrogant. BM disagreed, advising CWP was planning for a positive outcome.</li> <li>• ORJ noted that about 28% of internal roadworks were constructed and asked whether aerial photographs had been taken. BM advised no aerial photographs were currently available.</li> <li>• AH enquired whether turbine components had been delivered. BMc advised two batches had arrived at the port of Newcastle. She advised that components were sourced from India, China and Vietnam.</li> </ul>
<b>10.0 Next Meeting</b>	The next meeting will be at a date to be established following determination of the Modification of Consent application.

**Meeting closed at 12.55pm.**  
***MJS thanked all present for their attendance.***

**Action Items:**

Item	Issue	Action By:
1	Provision of hydrology reports to the community	BM
2	Confirmation of distance of turbine HE07 to nearest residence to be verified.	BM
3	Provision of noise level calculations and associated reports to the community.	BM
4	The Chair to approach DPE regarding approval for the appointment of additional alternate members for community members of the CCC.	MJS

Meeting Minutes Approved:



Michael J Silver OAM  
Independent Chair  
28 May 2019