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**Minutes of meeting held  
on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2018  
Ex Servicemen & Citizens Club, Boorowa**

**Attendees:**

Lisa Andrews (LA)	Independent Chair
Kristy Old (KO)	CWP Renewables (Development Manager)
Tegan Doblinger (TD)	CWP Renewables
Cr Wendy Tuckerman	Hilltops Council delegate
Thomas McGrath (TM)	Community Representative – Host Landholder
Jayne Apps (JA)	Boorowa District Landscape Guardians
Cr Geoff Frost (GF)	Yass Valley Council delegate

**Apologies:**

Terry Sellwood – Community Representative  
Andrew Winterflood – Community Representative

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***Meeting commenced at 11:03am.***

**Welcome and Introductions**

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The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Bango Wind Farm (BWF) Community Consultative Committee (CCC) and introduced Cr Wendy Tuckerman and Tegan Doblinger. TD explained her role with CWP, stating that she is based in Canberra and is the conduit between the development phase and construction phase of the project.

The attendance sheet was distributed for signing.

**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 CWP Renewables.

No changes to previous declarations by members.

**Business Arising from Previous Minutes**

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Minutes of CCC held 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2018 were finalised in accordance with DP&E Guidelines and emailed to members on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

## Action Item

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Item	Issue	Responsibility
1	CCC members to be informed when the project is undergoing an exhibition period for comment	KO Ongoing
2	Advise CCC on the Aboriginal Management Plan consultation (which groups) Emailed 8/6/18 with the finalised minutes	KO Complete
3	Provide dates of Preliminary Documentation exhibition and advertising periods Emailed 8/6/18 with the finalised minutes	KO Complete
4	Provide LGA boundary maps and turbine distances to Council representatives Emailed 28/5/18 with the finalised minutes	TB Complete

LA advised of an issue that had been raised by a member of the public concerning the November 2017 CCC minutes. Page 3, 5<sup>th</sup> dot point of the minutes stated that the turbines would have a hub height of 200m, this is incorrect. The **turbine tip height will be 200m**.

**TM moved that the amendment to Page 3 of the CCC minutes of 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2017 be made to reflect the change;**

**Seconded: GF. Carried.**

## Correspondence

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- 28/5/18 – Email to members with the draft minutes for review.
- 28/5/18 – Letter to Terry Sellwood with the draft minutes.
- 4/6/18 – Email from Cr Rita O’Connor with responses to questions taken on notice at the previous meeting. This information was forwarded on to CCC members the following day (5/6/18).
- 5/6/18 – Email from Cr Geoff Frost advising that Yass Valley Council would be proceeding with a separate VPA.
- 8/6/18 – Email to members with the finalised minutes, the electronic presentation and responses to two of the action items.
- 8/6/18 – Letter to Terry Sellwood with the finalised minutes as well as the information from Cr O’Connor, Cr Frost and CWP.
- 24/8/18 – Email to members with Meeting Notice and Agenda, confirming this meeting.
- 24/8/18 – Letter to Terry Sellwood with the same information.
- 1/9/18 – Email to members with a reminder for this meeting.
- 3/9/18 – Apology from Terry Sellwood due to attendance at a funeral.

**LA moved that correspondence be received.**

**Seconded: TM**

***LA advised that in future, the correspondence report will be emailed to members with the Meeting Notice & Agenda for the following CCC. No objections raised.***

## Reports and Updates

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KO provided the project date and handed a hard copy of the presentation to members:

- The Federal Department of Energy and Environment approved the project under the EPBC Act, which are generally in accordance with the NSW Government approval conditions. Link: <http://epbcnotices.environment.gov.au/referralslist/>
- Condition 13 of this approval requires CWP to contribute \$100,000 over 5 years to the prepare and implement a Superb Parrot Conservation Research Plan (extract below):

13. To compensate for potential cumulative impacts on **Superb Parrot**, the **approval holder** must prepare and implement a **Superb Parrot** Conservation Research Plan (SPCRP).

The SPCR must be submitted to the **Minister** for approval prior to **commencement of the action**. The action must not **commence** unless the **Minister** has approved the SPCR. The approved SPCR must be implemented.

The SPCR must contribute to better understanding **Superb Parrot** habitat use and breeding ecology within the **South-west Slopes of NSW Important Bird Area**, with a focus on identification of key breeding sites, better understanding local movement patterns during the breeding season and landscape scale movements between the key breeding areas and the winter foraging grounds.

The SPCR must contain, but is not limited to, the following:

- a. Conservation research activities consistent with the *National Recovery Plan for the Superb Parrot *Polytelis swainsonii** (2011) or any subsequent revised version and reflect input and advice from the **National Superb Parrot Recovery Team**.
- b. Specific project objectives, indicative timetable for activities, nomination of persons or organisations responsible for carrying out the activities, and outline commitments to the provision and timing of funding.

- Work is continuing on secondary approval documents.
- VPAs have been finalised with both Yass and Hilltops Councils
- An appeal has been lodged against the development consent issued by the Independent Planning Commission. It is unknown how long this process will take to resolve.
- There have been no public exhibition periods (action item – ongoing).
- Prior to the commencement of construction the following will be undertaken:
  - Environmental Management Strategy
    - Biodiversity Offset Strategy
    - Biodiversity Management Plan
    - Aboriginal and Heritage Management Plan\*
    - Traffic Management Plan
    - Bird and Bat Adaptive Management Plan (prior to commissioning of any wind turbine)
    - Final layout still to be determined. (71 turbines have been approved, but may not build all)
- \*The Aboriginal and Heritage Management Plan consultation has been conducted in accordance with the relevant guidelines and as set out in the Bango Wind Farm EIS. JA enquired whether the Wiradjuri Aboriginal Group had been consulted. WT explained that the Wiradjuri Nation was the overarching Indigenous Group with the Onerwall Local Aboriginal Land Council and Nguuawal Heritage Aboriginal Corporation being two groups underneath the Nation as separate tribes in the region.

## General Business

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- WT asked if there was a sign-up page on the project website for local businesses and sub-contractors to express their interest in supplying goods and services. KO confirmed that there is a section of the project website where contractors can provide their details: <https://bangowindfarm.com.au/contractors/>
- TD explained that CWP will use an ICN/Gateway register where contractors and suppliers will be able to enrol.
- It was suggested that advertising also be placed in the local print media as well as contact with the Business Chamber to encourage registration of local businesses.
- The flow on effects for labour providers, accommodation providers, food outlets, etc would benefit the business community. Perhaps CWP should write an article and submit it to the local newspaper.
- GF stated that with Rye Park commencing construction in mid-2019 there are opportunities for a number of businesses.
- JA suggested more accommodation needs to be available.
- TM enquired about the membership of the Community Fund Committee and was advised that it was not open to host landowners with WT explaining that this was only one part of the process for the community to be involved.
- GF advised that Yass Valley Council had accepted a motion in relation to wind farm developments. Whilst it was acknowledged that they were State Significant Developments, YVC has an obligation to its ratepayers and constituents to ensure their interests are considered.
- GF further advised of a proposal for a solar farm on 800 acres in the shire, which has raised some concerns with residents. Council is also concerned about sterilising industrial land in the vicinity, which is against its approved Settlement Strategy.
- WT advised that Hilltops Council are currently going through its LEP (Local Environmental Plan).
- KO advised that it was CWP's intention had been to commence construction of the project in Q1 2019. However, this is likely to be impacted by the appeal.
- In this regard, KO further advised that there is a conciliation meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> December between CWP and applicants.

## Date of Next Meeting

Given the appeal process, it was recommended that the meeting not be set until CWP have something meaningful to report back to the CCC. Accordingly LA will provide sufficient notice to CCC members early 2019 on when the next meeting will be held.

**Meeting closed at 11.45apm with LA thanking all for their attendance.**

## Action Items

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Item	Issue	Responsibility
1	Chair to inform members of next CCC meeting	LA