



**MINUTES OF UUNGULA WIND FARM
COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (CCC)**

Friday 16 July 2021, via Microsoft Teams teleconference

Attendees	Initials	Position
Garry West	GW	Independent Chairperson
Heather Gough-Fuller	HGF	Community Representative
Brad Bliss	BB	Community Representative
John Southwell	JS	Community Representative
John Goodworth	JG	Community Representative
Matt Flower	MF	CWP Renewables (CWPR) – Project Manager
Trish McDonald	TM	CWP Renewables (CWPR) – Project Manager

Apologies

Lindsay Hough	LH	Community Representative
John Xuereb	JX	Community Representative
Pip Smith	PS	Community Representative

Item	Details and Actions
Welcome and Introductions	Meeting opened at 9:36am via Microsoft Teams teleconference GW welcomed the committee and thanked everyone for attending online, noting the Covid situation in NSW.
1.0 Apologies	Lindsay Hough John Xuereb Pip Smith
2.0 Declarations of Conflict of Interest	Nil
3.0 Minutes of previous meeting	The Committee confirmed the minutes of previous meeting held 12 March 2021. To be uploaded to Uungula Wind Farm (UWF) website.
4.0 Business Arising	Nil.
5.0 Correspondence	Nil.
6.0 Company reports	MF thanked the Committee for adapting to the online platform and noted that the presentation has also been circulated by email. Questions following review of the presentation after the meeting are welcome. MF shared the presentation on the meeting screen and spoke to it. Consent conditions: MF referred to the previous email advising the Committee of the granting of consent by the NSW Government. Commonwealth approval under the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act</i> is expected in the next couple of weeks. CWPR is required to prepare a number of Management Plans for the UWF, many prior to construction, some prior to commissioning or operations. The list in the presentation is some of the key plans but not an exhaustive list. Further questions are welcome.

	<p>MF spoke to the presentation slides on the consent conditions, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limits on the consent, including total number of wind turbines and height. • Voluntary Planning Agreement – the terms agreed with Dubbo Regional Council are within the consent at Clause A14. • Community Consultative Committee operation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ GW noted that the Committee is operating within the guidelines established under the SEARS and no change is required as a result of the development consent. There may be a change to the meeting schedule as the project goes forward into construction. This may also change post commissioning, for example the Bodangora CCC meets every 6 months. ○ GW noted, and MF confirmed, that there is nothing stipulated in the consent with respect to approval of the Management Plans by the Committee. ○ MF noted that there is no change proposed to the frequency of the Committee meetings, however at some point in the next 12 months MF's role on the Committee will be handed over to the CWPR Construction Team. An introduction to the Construction Team is proposed for the next meeting. • Visual impact mitigation (condition B2) • Hours of operation during construction (condition B6) • Operational noise criteria and the requirement to measure noise levels during operation (condition B12) • Biodiversity (conditions B20-B24) • Heritage (conditions B25-B26) – includes the salvage methodology and participation by Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs). MF noted that CWPR is working with the RAPs on a cultural heritage induction for workers on site. • Transport – MF referred to previous discussions by the Committee on the requirements. CWPR's previous statements and commitments regarding transport issues, including road upgrades, are now enshrined in the consent and must be complied with. The design plans for road upgrades are also included within the consent. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ HGF – will the road upgrades remain after the construction of the project is complete? MF – confirmed the road will be upgraded to Council's requirements and will remain after construction. The benchmark for the road will be set by the pre-construction upgrade. After construction CWPR will repair any damage to bring the road back to the benchmark condition set by the pre-construction upgrade. ○ HWF – who is obliged to maintain the road given it is a Council road? MF - after construction the road will be managed and maintained as a Dubbo Regional Council asset. CWPR is also
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	<p>required to pay funds to Council to maintain the roads associated with the project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hazards, including bushfire management (condition B41). CWPR is required to be suitably equipped to respond to fires on site, including provision of a large water tank and procedures in accordance with RFS requirements. • Emergency plan (condition B42). MF - CWPR will work with RFS and the local emergency management committee to ensure they are familiar with the project site. • JG – the local RFS will also develop their own plan in line with the CWPR plan to sure it is consistent where required. This will occur down the track. MF – agreed and noted. • Accommodation and employment strategy (B45) – CWPR will work with in consultation with Dubbo Regional Council on this requirement. <p>Timeline:</p> <p>With NSW development consent now granted, the next phase in the project timeline is construction which is forecast to commence February 2022.</p> <p>Next steps:</p> <p>Activities between now and the commencement of construction include; environmental permitting, design of the road upgrades and wind farm, selection of main contractor(s), and financing.</p> <p>To foster local supplier engagement and training, CWPR is in discussion with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TAFE regarding education and training opportunities. HGF noted this is a pleasing outcome. • Regional Development Australia (RDA) Orana – a Commonwealth funded body which identifies skills needs of industry and helps the local supplier base with tender readiness. MF noted that CWPR is looking to work with RDA Orana on this tender readiness element which may include a Q&A workshop with local suppliers. • ICN Gateway – a Commonwealth funded body which connects industry with suppliers. JS confirmed this is the Industry Capability Network. <p>Community sponsorship opportunities:</p> <p>CWPR has launched a community sponsorship program which will be available during the development and construction of projects, not just during operation. The guidelines and application form are on the website and a media release has been provided to local media. MF noted that the focus is on local events, groups and initiatives and encouraged the Committee to let people know.</p> <p>JS – has the media release been provided to ABC Dubbo? MF noted that it had been provided to the local papers and Binjang Radio.</p>
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	<p>HGF – how will CWPR decide who to support? MF referred to the sponsorship guidelines, noting that the focus would be on initiatives in the local area in which the projects are being developed and that the decision would be made by the relevant project teams.</p> <p>JS – is the community sponsorship separate to the disbursement of funds by Council? MF confirmed that this is separate community sponsorship program that CWPR has decided to provide.</p> <p>HGF – this is a good initiative. Is it something that the Committee can be involved in? GW – the Committee can provide an advisory role on VPA matters but in terms on what the company wants to spend money on, the Committee cannot get involved. It can provide advice, but only if the Committee is invited by company to provide advice.</p> <p>MF – Will take this question on notice and advise whether CWPR would consider inviting the Committee to provide an advisory role on how the funding for community sponsorship applications is allocated. (Action – MF).</p> <p>Following a question from HGF, MF confirmed that the community sponsorship is not a one-off initiative but is ongoing.</p> <p>GW – a lot of information has been provided today. If there are any broader questions that you think are relevant to the group, please cc. everyone. Otherwise please direct any questions you have to MF.</p> <p>The Committee confirmed there were no further questions on the presentation at this stage.</p>
<p>7.0 Matters which Community Representatives wish to raise</p>	<p>HGF – noting the discussion in previous meetings regarding the mobile phone reception in the area, is there capacity to work with telephone providers to install a tower? Are there opportunities to work with other projects or providers? MF – GW has made enquiries with Telstra who have advised this is part of their network improvement program which is geared to cost benefit. CWPR does not have the authority to do this from a regulatory perspective and it is beyond what the project can do.</p> <p>GW – maybe something which can be encouraged at the Renewable Energy Zone (REZ) level as there is more cross government agency impetus involved and a potentially a bigger pool of effort. Will make enquiries. (Action – GW).</p> <p>HGF – informed by other sources that some companies can work with Telstra to do the engineering works where towers can be installed. Given the REZ there will be lots more vehicles on the road and to have areas with no reception for people driving is not safe.</p> <p>JS – does it have to be a tower, can it be a booster?</p> <p>HGF – can it be on top of the wind turbine tower? CWPR is talking to TAFE about courses, but people may not have solid, reliable internet coverage to do the courses.</p> <p>MF – will take these questions on notice. (Action – MF).</p>
<p>8.0 Community Engagement Opportunities</p>	<p>Nil.</p>
<p>9.0 General Business</p>	<p>Nil</p>

10.0 Next Meeting	<p>9.30am, Friday 15 October 2021. WINs Community Centre, Wellington (subject to Covid status).</p> <p>MF – will aim to bring a member of CWPR’s Construction Team to this meeting.</p> <p>GW – photographs on CWPR’s website of the construction of Crudine Ridge Wind Farm may be of interest and assist with questions the Committee may wish to raise at the next meeting.</p> <p>MF – feel free to share questions in lead up to next meeting with GW to assist us with proving the most relevant material for discussion.</p> <p>GW – thank you for attending today.</p>
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Meeting closed at 10:34am.

Action Items:

Item	Issue	Action By:
1	Advise whether CWPR would consider inviting the Committee to provide an advisory role on how the funding for community sponsorship applications is allocated.	MF (prior to next meeting)
2	Make enquiries about potential incentives through the REZ for installation of a mobile phone tower to improve coverage.	GW (prior to next meeting)
3	Look into the feasibility of locating a mobile phone booster on top of a wind turbine.	MF (prior to next meeting)