

## Minutes of Meeting

Liverpool Range Wind Farm

Community Consultation Committee

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<b>Present:</b>	Danielle Annells	Independent Chairperson	DA
	Greg Piper	Uninvolved landowner	GP
	Graeme Booker	Coolah Caravan Park	GB
	Ant Martin	Involved landowner	AM
	Anne-Louise Capel	Involved landowner	ALC
	Pauline Dunne	Observer (OEH)	PD
	Alia Slamet	Warrumbungle Shire Council	AS
	Daniel Gilbert	Epuron	DG
	Gordon Fraser	Regional Co-ordinator OEH	GF
<b>Apologies:</b>	Catherine Van Laeren	Mid-Western Regional Shire Council	CVL
	Donna Ausling	Liverpool Plains Shire Council	DA1
	Councillor Ron Campbell	Upper Hunter Shire Council	RC
	Sean Constable	Upper Hunter Shire Council	SC
	Linda Gant	Uninvolved landowner	LG
	Brian Hall	Epuron	BH
	Julia Imrie	Mudgee District Environment Group	JL
<b>Date:</b>	8 August 2014		
<b>Venue:</b>	Teleconference / Webinar		
<b>Purpose:</b>	Meeting No 7		

**Minutes:**

Item	Agenda / Comment / Discussion	Action
1	<p>DA opened the Community Consultation Committee (CCC) meeting number 7 at 10 am. This scheduled meeting was to discuss the status of the project and plan for the upcoming open days.</p> <p>Copies of the meeting agenda and minutes of the last meeting were distributed to CCC members prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Meeting apologies were accepted from;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Cr Ron Campbell, Upper Hunter Shire Council.</li> <li>b. Donna Ausling, Liverpool Plains Shire Council.</li> <li>c. Catherine Van Laeren, Mid-Western Regional Shire Council.</li> <li>d. Julia Imrie, Mudgee District Environment Group.</li> <li>e. Sean Constable, Upper Hunter Shire Council.</li> <li>f. Linda Grant, Uninvolved Landowner.</li> <li>g. Julia Imrie, Mudgee District Environment Group.</li> <li>h. Brain Hall, Epuron</li> </ul>	Noted.
2	<p>DA asked all CCC members present to confirm they had received minutes of the previous meeting. After reviewing the minutes during the course of the meeting there were no changes proposed. As there were no changes DA moved that the minutes be accepted. The minutes were accepted by all CCC members present.</p>	Noted.
3	<p>GF discussed his visit to the Bungendore Wind Farm the previous day as his role as Renewable Energy Co-Ordinator. GF found the visit extremely worthwhile and noted the quiet nature of the wind turbines, the economic focus of the visit and the state and federal members in attendance. CCC members expressed interest and agreed that the wind farm tour discussed in previous CCC meetings should be addressed later in the CCC meeting.</p>	Noted.
4	<p>DG presented current project information including development status and key activity since the last meeting.</p> <p>Key comments, questions, feedback and action points from the discussion were (listed in no particular order);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. DG will be looking after the project until BH returns from holiday at the start of September 2014.</li> <li>b. The Liverpool Range Wind Farm project has been accepted and is now on exhibition from the 1<sup>st</sup> of August to the 1<sup>st</sup> of October (62 days).</li> <li>c. Epuron has been organising to do a presentation to each of the four local councils during the exhibition period.</li> <li>d. Epuron has been organising to do an Open Day during the exhibition period. Due to feedback from the CCC and others, Epuron has decided to do two separate Open Days, one in Coolah on Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> of September from 12pm-7pm at the Coolah Sports Club and then one in Cassilis on Tuesday the 9<sup>th</sup> of September from 11am-6pm at the Cassilis</li> </ul>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>DG.</p> <p>DG.</p>

	<p>Bowling Club. It was discussed if the Pandora Gallery would be a better location for the Coolah Open Day but it was decided that it would be too small.</p> <p>e. Epuron discussed plans to do a newsletter and local newspaper advertising after the CCC meeting.</p> <p>f. Epuron discussed plans to organise BH to go on Coolah radio after he returns from leave. ALC suggested do go on the radio before and after the open days. Coolah diary is on the Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August and the Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August is the radio show. ALC warned that 22<sup>nd</sup> August is the final day to get advertising in for the local Coolah newspaper. CCC asked for DG to send around newspaper advertisement to CCC members.</p>	<p>DG.</p> <p>DG.</p>
5	<p>Further discussion raised by members of the CCC meeting included:</p> <p>a) Tea &amp; coffee and snacks are needed at the Open Days.</p> <p>b) The CCC members would come to the Open Days if they were available. It was suggested that CCC members should come at a specific timeslot of 5pm. AM stated that he is likely busy that week with cattle sale.</p> <p>c) It would be good to specifically invite some groups to the Open Day, and suggest they come at the CCC timeslot of 5pm. These groups include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Farmers Association NSW</li> <li>ii. Businesses</li> <li>iii. Councillors</li> <li>iv. Service Clubs</li> <li>v. Landcare Dunedoo</li> <li>vi. LLS catchment management</li> <li>vii. P&amp;Cs from schools</li> <li>viii. Rural Fire Service</li> <li>ix. SES (VRA)</li> <li>x. National Parks</li> <li>xi. TAFE NSW</li> </ol> <p>d) It was suggested that further community engagement could include school newsletters or a presentation at the school assembly.</p> <p>e) Advertising for the Open Days were discussed and these methods were suggested:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Project Newsletter</li> <li>ii. Local newspapers</li> <li>iii. Letterbox drop (contact Coolah and Cassilis post offices)</li> <li>iv. School Newsletters</li> <li>v. Radio interview</li> <li>vi. Business mail out</li> </ol> <p>f) GF had to leave the meeting to catch a flight at 10.30 am.</p> <p>g) Resources available at the Open Day were discussed and DG stated that Epuron would provide a copy of the EA as well as large maps, photomontages and feedback forms. AS requested that large maps of vegetation mapping be included. DA asked for the feedback forms to be sent through to CCC members to see if any further questions should be added to it (for example specific questions about the Community Enhancement Fund). It was also suggested that Epuron provide an ongoing video of turbine construction on a laptop or similar.</p> <p>h) PD discussed the wind farm tour and requested that it be named a</p>	<p>DG.</p> <p>All.</p> <p>DG.</p> <p>DG.</p> <p>DG.</p> <p>DG.</p> <p>GF.</p> <p>DG.</p> <p>PD &amp; DG.</p>

	<p>Renewable Energy Open Day (REOD). It should be at least 2 days and 1 night and pick up people from Coolah, Cassilis and Mudgee. It should show wind farms operating and during construction and a solar farm. It should maximise the economic and community aspects. PD stated that OEH were not in a position to fund the REOD, at least not in a large capacity. It was agreed that attendees of the Open Days should be able to request information or attendance at the REOD, possibly through the feedback forms. PD to send around a EOI for the REOD and itinerary.</p> <p>i) The Community Enhancement Fund (CEF) was discussed. It was agreed that the CEF should be discussed in detail at the next CCC meeting which will be in person. CCC members asked whether the CEF is part of the development consent given to wind farms. DG stated he did not know but would look it up.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>&lt;&lt;Note: Since then DG has sent through information showing that the CEF for the Gullen Range Wind Farm currently under construction (also designed by Epuron) had the CEF as part of the development consent.&gt;&gt;</i></p> <p>ALC noted that the CEF needed to be administered by locals.</p> <p>j) PD stated that the biodiversity offset program by OEH is currently under review and that she can advise of its outcome once it is completed. ALC noted that the Warrumbungle Shire Council has been losing its rate income recently due to mining companies buying land for biodiversity offset. DG stated that Epuron (and the company likely to buy the wind farm once it is approved) have no plans to purchase land, and that the required biodiversity offset for the wind farm is small. AS asked if this meant there would be rate exceptions or not for that land. PD stated she would find out the details for the next CCC meeting. DG noted that this topic would likely be important at Epuron’s meeting with local councils.</p> <p>k) DA suggested that the CCC need to put together a submission for the project, possibly at the next CCC meeting. GB stated that it should include a request for the Department of Planning and Environment (DP&amp;E) to include the CEF as development consent.</p> <p>l) PD suggested contacting Neville Osborn at the DP&amp;E regarding the CEF being part of development consent. GP actioned to write letter.</p> <p>m) AS asked ALC about TAFE in Coolah and whether TAFE NSW should be invited to the Open Days, as well as Dundedoo Youth Express. It was accepted that they should be invited.</p> <p>n) It was requested that Epuron bring a list of wind farm related jobs to the Open Day. PD suggested that there is some information on the Clean Energy Council website.</p> <p>o) DG was advised that CCC minutes/summary is often put in the local newspapers. DG was not aware, but can organise this to happen in regards to this CCC meeting. Minutes will also be emailed to CCC members and put on the Epuron website.</p>	<p>All &amp; DG.</p> <p>PD.</p> <p>All.</p> <p>GP.</p> <p>DG.</p> <p>DG.</p> <p>DG.</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>DA ran through items from the previous meeting minutes.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>The following are general ongoing discussion items to be carried forward at future meetings;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Identifying and maximising project benefits available to the community.</li> <li>b. Impacts on local councils, mainly roads in Warrumbungle Shire.</li> <li>c. Ensuring the CCC continues to communicate more broadly.</li> <li>d. Channelling community feedback to and from the CCC.</li> </ul>	<p>All.</p>

