

Minutes of Meeting

Liverpool Range Wind Farm

Community Consultation Committee

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| Present: | Danielle Annells | Chair | DA |
| | Emily Doolan | Warrumbungle Shire Council | CW |
| | Anne-Louise Capel | Involved landowner | ALC |
| | Greg Piper | Uninvolved landowner | GP |
| | Linda Gant | Uninvolved landowner | LG |
| | Graeme Booker | Coolah Caravan Park | GB |
| | Julia Imrie | Mudgee District Environment Group | JL |
| | Brian Hall | Epuron | BH |
| Apologies: | Councillor Ron Campbell | Upper Hunter Shire Council | RC |
| | Catherine Van Laeren | Mid-Western Regional Shire Council | CVL |
| | Donna Ausling | Liverpool Plains Shire Council | DA1 |
| | Ant Martin | Involved landowner | AM |
| | Pauline Dunne | Observer (OEH) | PD |
| Date: | 13 August 2013 | | |
| Venue: | Plough Inn, 16 Buccleugh Street, Cassilis | | |
| Purpose: | Meeting No 3 | | |

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| Item | Agenda / Comment / Discussion | Action |
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| 1 | <p>DA opened the Community Consultation Committee (CCC) meeting number 3 at 11.40am.</p> <p>Copies of the meeting agenda and minutes of the last meeting were distributed to members prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Meeting apologies were accepted from;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pauline Dunne from OEH. - Ant Martin, involved landowner. - Councillor Ron Campbell from Upper Hunter Shire Council. - Catherine Van Laeren from Mid-Western Regional Shire Council. - Donna Ausling from Liverpool Plains Shire Council. - Tony Meppem from Warrumbungle Shire Council is no longer available to attend meetings and has been replaced by Emily Doolan. <p>The following new CCC members were welcomed;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Emily Doolan from Warrumbungle Shire Council who is replacing Tony Meppem. - Julia Imrie from the Mudgee District Environment Group. - Graeme Booker from Coolah Caravan Park. | Noted |
| 2 | <p>DA asked all members present to confirm they had received minutes of the last meeting and moved that the minutes be accepted. During the course of the meeting there were no changes proposed and the minutes were accepted by all members present.</p> | Noted |
| 3 | <p>DA asked JI to introduce herself and her role representing the Mudgee District Environment Group (MDEG) on the CCC. Discussion points raised by JI were;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MDEG is supportive of wind farms but have concerns for the powerline easement alignment proposed near Ulan. - Would like to see more detailed powerline easement mapping. - That EP should consider alternative powerline easement routes to the west connecting near Gulgong. - A biodiversity comparison of powerline easement options. - Concerned powerline will breakup the important east/west environmental corridor between Pilliga and Goulburn River National Park. <p>EP to consider and respond to the above.</p> <p>Other general points raised by JI were;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Was of the view that the Cundys were not comfortable with powerline easement negotiations and wanted the route moved to run along their boundary. - There has been some feedback that landowners have not felt listened to in relation to powerline negotiations. BH to take on board. - Would like to see detailed costing and analysis of all easement options considered. BH discussed that mapping is available and option | <p>BH</p> <p>BH</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>BH</p> |

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| | <p>comparison will be set out in the EA.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - That a meeting be arranged with Bev Smiles in response to MDEG letter. | |
| 4 | <p>GP asked for status/clarification on timing for certain development activity. BH confirmed the EA had been submitted to DPI and is undergoing adequacy review. It is expected the EA will be finalised and resubmitted in November and DPI were aware of this timing.</p> | Noted |
| 5 | <p>General action items arising from the meeting are;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Send GB a copy of the Cost of Energy and Q&A papers from the first CCC meeting as background information. - ALC suggested the visual consultant consider preparing a photomontage at a location on the Black Stump Way heading into Coolah as this should provide a good vantage point for viewing the wind farm. - CCC would like to see the 4 photomontages and updated maps showing more road detail etc displayed at the Plough Inn (liaise with LG) and the Coolah Library (liaise with ALC). EP to print sets and mount on backing board. - A sign up sheet for requesting to be on project newsletter mailing list will also be provided at these locations. - ALC will make mention of the new photomontages, maps and newsletter sign up sheet in her Coolah Diary column once they are in place. - DA asked that when future project newsletters are released if councils could circulate on their websites if possible and also invite people to request inclusion on the project newsletter distribution list. - GP has created a facebook page for the Economid Development Group and will place updates and links to information on this site also. | <p>BH</p> <p>BH</p> <p>BH</p> <p>LG</p> <p>ALC</p> <p>Councils</p> <p>GP</p> |
| 6 | <p>DA and LG discussed the "OEH Information Kiosks" held recently in Coolah and Cassilis that were organised by PD. Key point were;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Generally good attendance at both venues. - While many people were aware of the project some others had not seen any information to date. - Updated information needs to be provided going forward to keep the community informed. - Lack of detail on the maps was raised as an issue by attendees. This was also raised at the previous CCC meeting and BH has since made adjustments to better highlight the roads and key locations – however these maps were not the ones on display at the information kiosk. - DA shared some of the feedback from the report compiled by PD. DA to circulate to the group with permission from PD. | Noted |
| 7 | <p>Following an action item from last meeting BH discussed the process established for placing CCC meeting outcomes in selected local media.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Following each meeting BH and PD will prepare a summary of key points from the meeting and circulate to members - Summary to be forward to Merriwa Ringer and Coolah Diary for placement. - Costs around \$40-50 to be paid by Epuron. - BH will also try the Mudgee Guardian for next publication. | BH and PD |
| 8 | <p>ALC would like to see Warrumbungle Council commence discussions around a project VPA (Voluntary Planning Agreement) with Epuron soon with intention of protecting ratepayer assets. The focus will be on a traffic and transport plan and</p> | Noted |

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| | roadwork related matters, among other things. | |
| 9 | <p>GB outlined plans to increase capacity at the Coolah Caravan Park and how the wind farm project would complement its development. Details of the parks expansion include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increasing from 42 to 63 sites. - New recreation room. - Improved facilities. <p>In relation to the wind farm opportunity GB would like to understand broad numbers and timing so planning can be considered by the community and businesses such as the caravan park.</p> <p>GB and GP will talk to local businesses (including Cassilis) and provide feedback to the CCC about what the community sees as the benefits and opportunities of development in the region. The CCC would like to know what local businesses can provide and what they would like to receive by way of investment, and the priorities. (For example, would the community like a viewing platform/information area for tourists to the region?)</p> <p>The CCC will use this feedback in a submission as it is important that key items be included in the EA. The next CCC meeting will focus on this.</p> <p>ALC advised that the TV show on 7-Mate on wind farm construction (Turbine Cowboys) could be a useful resource for the community in getting a better understanding of what is involved.</p> | <p>GB and GP</p> <p>All</p> <p>Note</p> |
| 10 | <p>A lengthy discussion took place between members regarding the establishment of a community enhancement fund for the project. Key discussion point was for the community to identify what type of support is required from the project and how best to administer such a fund.</p> <p>Epuron was asked to provide some further detail around expenditure estimates, job numbers and the types of jobs required including what type of services are required from the local communities such as gravel, transport and trades.</p> | BH |
| 11 | <p>Next Meeting</p> <p>Date: Wednesday 16 October 2013</p> <p>Time: 11.30am to 2.30pm</p> <p>Venue: Plough Inn, Cassilis</p> <p>Agenda details for next meeting to be circulated 1-2 weeks beforehand.</p> | <p>All</p> <p>DA and BH</p> |
| 12 | <p>DA closed the meeting at 2.35pm.</p> <p>Julia Imrie left the meeting at 1.00pm due to another commitment.</p> | Noted |