

# Minutes of Meeting

## Rye Park Wind Farm

## Community Consultation Committee

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<b>Present:</b>	Nic Carmody	Chairman	NC
	Greg Medway	Involved landowner	GM
	Neil Privett	Involved landowner	NP
	Malcolm Day	Involved landowner	MD
	Joyce Day	Involved landowner	JD
	Bev Davis	Uninvolved landowner	BD
	Rodney Ahern	Proponent (TrustPower)	RA
	Rontheo Van Zyl	Proponent (TrustPower)	RVZ
	Brian Hall	Proponent (Epuron)	BH
<b>Apologies:</b>	Mayor Wendy Tuckerman	Boorowa Council	WT
	Councillor James Wheelwright	Upper Lachlan Council	JW
	Councillor Ann Daniel	Yass Valley Council	AD
	Jenny and Chris Hally	Uninvolved landowner	JCH
<b>Date:</b>	30 September 2013		
<b>Venue:</b>	Rye Park Memorial Hall		
<b>Purpose:</b>	Meeting No 6		

**Minutes:**

Item	Agenda / Comment / Discussion	Action
1	<p>NC opened the Community Consultation Committee (CCC) meeting at 12.35pm.</p> <p>Copies of the meeting agenda and minutes of the last meeting were distributed to members prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Apologies were accepted from the following members who were not able to attend the meeting;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Mayor Wendy Tuckerman – Boorowa Council</li> <li>→ Councillor Ann Daniel - Yass Valley Council</li> <li>→ James Wheelwright – Upper Lachlan Council</li> <li>→ Jenny and Chris Hally – Uninvolved landowners</li> </ul> <p>There were no conflicts of interest declared by those present.</p>	Noted
2	<p>NC asked all members present to confirm they had received minutes of the last meeting and asked if there were any changes.</p> <p>There was one change requested by NC to the tenth bullet point under item 6b of the previous minutes (meeting 5) as follows;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ NC put forward <del>a suggested value</del> <u>indicative figures</u> of \$1,600-2,500 per turbine per annum as a guide from other projects regarding the value of a community enhancement fund. BH indicated this seemed to be a high number and needs to be discussed further once the type of initiatives required from the project have been identified by the community.</li> </ul> <p>As there were no other changes proposed NC moved that the minutes be accepted. The minutes of meeting 5 were accepted by all members present.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>BH</p> <p>Noted</p>
3	<p>NC reminded members that Councillor David Needham was no longer available to represent Yass Valley Council on the CCC. The position vacated by Councillor Needham has been taken up by Councillor Ann Daniel. The CCC thanks Councillor Needham for his contribution to the CCC.</p>	Noted
4	<p>BH ran through the Epuron action items arising from last meeting;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Follow up Yass Rural Fire Service (RFS) for a response to letter from BD regarding concerns for fire. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ BH advised that the Yass RFS had been followed up by phone and email regarding the letter from BD. No response to the letter had been received from the Yass RFS to date. It is understood the letter from BD has been forwarded to NSW RFS head office for consideration/response.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Noted

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ NC offered to send an email/letter to the State Member for Burrinjuck, The Hon Katrina Hodgkinson MP, seeking that the Yass RFS respond to the letter from BD.</li> <li>b. Provide A1 size wall map to Yass Valley council with the inclusions of council LGA boundaries, 2km buffer zone from turbines and involved and uninvolved houses. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Complete.</li> </ul> </li> <li>c. Upload copy of CCC meeting 4 presentation materials to website. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Complete.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>NC</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
5	<p>BH introduced RA and RVZ from Trustpower to members and explained their involvement in the project. Trustpower have an option to acquire the project and to construct subject to the successful completion of matters such as planning approvals and land etc.</p> <p>RA from Trustpower handed out some presentation material about the company and wind farm experience in Australia. Action items from the discussion were;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Members asked TP to run an EOI process in due course (prior to construction) for the identification/registration of local skills and services available for construction.</li> <li>b. Members to provide feedback to Epuron (will pass to TP) with current thoughts on how best structure a community fund and what type of support is required from the project. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ GP suggested any available funding should be allocated to local road upgrades, repairs and maintenance to the benefit of landowners living near the wind farm. The condition of some local roads is very poor.</li> <li>○ GM would like to see any available funding allocated to the establishment of an IT Hub to help with local employment of young people which will also help to keep families living in the local area.</li> </ul> </li> <li>c. BH reminded the CCC that Epuron remain the proponent for the project and all communications must be managed through them and not directly with TP at this stage.</li> </ul>	<p>Noted</p> <p>BH/RA</p> <p>CCC</p> <p>Noted</p>
6	<p>BH presented current project information including development status and key activity since the last meeting. The presentation consisted of 15 PowerPoint slides and a colour copy was provided to each member present at the CCC meeting and will be uploaded to the website after the meeting. An A3 size scale colour map of the proposed final wind farm layout forming part of the submitted EA was also handed out to each member for reference purposes and ease of viewing. A larger A1 size version of the layout was also displayed for general viewing.</p> <p>BH presented and discussed the presentation. Key comments, questions, actions and feedback points arising from the presentation were (listed in no particular order);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <b>Letter from NSW RFS.</b> BD was appreciative of letter from RFS but felt turbines were more of a risk in the landscape than powerlines.</li> </ul>	<p>Noted</p>

	<p>b. <b>Community fund.</b> NC asked if an estimate of the number of houses and total hectares that existed out to 0-2km, 2-4km and 4-6km from turbines could be provided. This would assist the CCC to understand how many houses may be considered for seeking access to community funding. BH will provide a high level estimate on numbers.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>BH</p>
7	<p>General Business / Other Matters</p> <p>a. BD asked that BH contact V&amp;C Walters who may have concerns about exiting their property in the case of a fire (helicopter landing).</p> <p>b. BH to upload copy of presentation material to website.</p>	<p>BH</p> <p>BH</p>
8	<p>Next meeting</p> <p>Date: TBC (aiming for just before or just after xmas)</p> <p>Time: TBC (aiming for 12.30 to 2.30)</p> <p>Venue: TBC (aiming for Yass Valley Council to host the meeting)</p> <p>BH to circulate confirmation of the proposed next meeting date and venue once exhibition dates are progressed with DPI.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>BH</p>
9	<p>NC closed the meeting at 2.28pm</p>	<p>Noted</p>