

Minutes of Meeting 6

Yass Valley Wind Farm & Conroys Gap Wind Farm Community Consultation Committee

Present:	John McGrath Andrew Wilson Michael Kurnik	Non-involved landowner Epuron Epuron	JM AW MK
Apologies:	Nic Carmody Councillor Neil Reid Councillor Ann Daniel Paul Regan Mark Glover Chris Shannon Alan Keith Rowena Weir Stan Waldren Chris Mackenzie Davey	Chairman Harden Shire Council Yass Valley Council Non-involved landowner Non-involved landowner Bookham Ag Bureau Non-involved landowner Non-involved landowner Involved landowner Renewable Energy Precinct Coordinator NSW-ACT border	NC NR AD PR MG CS AK RW StW CM
Date:	Thursday 7 th November 2013		
Venue:	Yass Valley Council Chambers, Comur Street, Yass		
Purpose:	Meeting No 6		

Minutes:

Item	Agenda / Comment / Discussion	Action
1	AW opened the Community Consultation Committee (CCC) meeting at 2:20 pm. Apologies were noted from Nic Carmody, Cr Neil Reid, Cr Ann Daniel, Paul Regan, Mark Glover, Chris Shannon, Rowena Weir, Alan Keith and Stan Waldren and Chris McKensie-Davey.	-
2	Pecuniary or other interests No declarations were made.	-
3	Minutes of Previous meeting No comments were received on the draft minutes of meeting number 5. The minutes were accepted and will be placed on the Epuron website.	AW
4	Matters arising from the Previous Minutes Item 4 - An additional photomontage for the Bowning Pub had been prepared and displayed by JM. Item 12 - AW advised that for the Gullen Range wind farm currently under construction that approximately 70% of the construction jobs were sourced from the local area. Item 14 – Site visit to Gullen Range wind farm site – CM had offered either 31 October or 14 November as possible dates for the visit, but hadn't had a response back from NC.	
5	Conroys Gap Wind Farm update AW advised no change in the status of the Conroys Gap wind farm project.	
6	Yass Valley Wind Farm Update AW advised that there was no update on the timing of the assessment process from the NSW Department of Planning & Infrastructure. EPBC Approval – A decision on the section of the project south of the Hume Highway was expected within the next week. The section of the project north of the Hume Highway is a controlled action. An Additional Information Report will be submitted within the next few weeks to enable the Department of Conservation to complete their assessment.	
7	General Business <u>Potential impact of wind farms on property values</u> JM queried whether Epuron can state that there will be no devaluation of neighbouring properties as a result of the wind farms. AW responded that the potential impact on neighbouring properties had been addressed in the project Environmental Assessments.	

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8	<u>Community Fund</u> It was agreed to discuss the proposed community fund in more detail at the next meeting.	
9	Next meeting: The proposed date for next meeting was discussed with possible dates in late January 2014, February or early March 2014.	
10	Meeting closed at 2:45 pm	Noted