

## Minutes of Meeting

### White Rock Wind Farm Community Consultation Committee

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<b>Present:</b>	Danielle Annells	Independent Chair	DA
	Adam Anderson	Landowner	AAn
	Rob Dulhunty	Landowner	RD
	Karen Weller	Landowner	KW
	Anthony Alliston	Inverell Shire Council	AAI
	Colin Price	Glen Innes Severn Council	CP
	Andrew Wilson	Epuron (White Rock Wind Farm)	AW
	Simon Davey	Energy Australia (Observer)	SD
	Paul Cruikshank	NSW OEH (Observer)	PC
<b>Apologies:</b>	Grant Ryan	Landowner	GR
<b>Date:</b>	6 February 2013		
<b>Venue:</b>	New England Club, Glen Innes		
<b>Purpose:</b>	Meeting No 2		

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#### Minutes:

Item	Agenda / Comment / Discussion	Action
1	DA opened the Community Consultation Committee (CCC) meeting at 3:30pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2	The minutes of previous meeting were accepted.	

3	<p>A discussion was held on CCC protocols in relation to issues such as communication with the public, contact with the media and attendance by others at the CCC meetings.</p> <p>It was agreed that Terms of Reference should be established by the group for the running of the CCC.</p> <p>SD agreed to circulate a sample code of conduct to be considered by the committee. PC and DA also agreed to research and provide additional samples of CCC terms of reference for consideration by the group. (Others are also welcome to contribute).</p>	<p>SD to circulate sample protocol.</p> <p>DA and PC to research additional samples.</p>
4	<p>AW provided an update on the project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The two additional wind monitoring masts had been collecting wind data on the site for approximately 12 months</li> <li>• A modification application for the alternative powerline to connect the wind farm to the TransGrid 330kV transmission line has been submitted to the NSW Department of Planning &amp; Infrastructure. The application is on public exhibition from 30 January to 15<sup>th</sup> February 2013.</li> </ul>	
5	<p>PC noted the release of two recent publications in relation to wind farms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A guideline for host landholders issued by the NSW Farmers Association <a href="http://www.nswfarmers.org.au/news/global-news/wind-farm-guide-for-host-landholders">http://www.nswfarmers.org.au/news/global-news/wind-farm-guide-for-host-landholders</a></li> <li>• A study on infrasound near wind farms by the South Australian EPA <a href="http://www.epa.sa.gov.au/xstd_files/Noise/Report/infrasound.pdf">http://www.epa.sa.gov.au/xstd_files/Noise/Report/infrasound.pdf</a></li> </ul>	
6	<p>PC provided an update on NSW government policy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>NSW Planning Guidelines: Wind Farms</i> is expected to be finalised and released by the end of March 2013</li> <li>• The final NSW Renewable Energy Action Plan is also expected to be released soon.</li> </ul>	
7	<p>SD provided an update of the renewable energy market from an electricity retailer's point of view. The Renewable Energy Target (RET) review was completed in December 2012 and recommended no change to the current legislation. There has been a decrease in demand for electricity and the wholesale price of electricity is currently low.</p>	
8	<p>A request was made for Epuron to clarify the maximum turbine hub height, blade length, tip height, turbine capacity (MW), wind farm capacity (MW) and the proportion of wind turbines located in each Local Government Area.</p>	<p>AW to confirm details</p>

9	RD advised that a number of landowners involved in the project had formed a group and that he had been elected to represent the group at the CCC and in any negotiations with Epuron.	
10	<p>The role of the CCC and the appropriate avenues for stakeholders to raise objection or concerns about the wind farm project was discussed. (See also point 3 on these minutes). It was suggested that other community members may attend by invitation – to be confirmed on finalisation of the CCC Terms of Reference.</p> <p>The role of observers on the CCC was also discussed with regard to whether they may vote on CCC matters. The initial agreement of the group is that they may not - to be confirmed on finalisation of the CCC Terms of Reference.</p>	
11	<p>It was agreed that the CCC would provide an update to be included in each project newsletter.</p> <p>PC offered to create draft wording for consideration.</p> <p>DA (Chair) is to be the contact for any enquiries about or requests for information to be considered by the CCC. It was agreed that an email address should be created for this purpose.</p> <p>As the minutes of meetings are publically available on the Epuron website, copies of the finalised minutes may be forwarded to other groups by CCC members. The newsletter is currently mailed to around 300 recipients.</p> <p>It was also suggested that a copy of the minutes be placed on the Council's websites.</p>	<p>PC to prepare draft newsletter wording.</p> <p>AW to notify next newsletter publication date.</p> <p>AW to arrange email address</p> <p>AAI and CP to action.</p>
12	RD made a request for Epuron to consider the payment of travel expenses for the landowner representatives on the CCC.	AW to respond by the next meeting
13	<p>A discussion was held on the purpose of recording the proceedings of the meetings. It was agreed that the recordings were not intended to become public but were to be made available by the chairperson to help assist accurate recording of the minutes.</p> <p>It was agreed that the minutes should provide a brief summary of issues raised and actions agreed – to be confirmed on finalisation of the CCC Terms of Reference.</p>	DA and AW to discuss appropriate method/technology for recording the meetings.
14	The proposed date for the next meeting is Wednesday 1 May at 3.30pm – 6.30pm.	

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15	The meeting closed at 6:30PM	
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