

## 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
	Linda Gant	Uninvolved landowner	LG
	Ant Martin	Involved landowner	AM
	Anne-Louise Capel	Involved landowner	ALC
	Graeme Booker	Coolah Caravan Park	GB
	Sean Constable	Upper Hunter Shire Council	SC
	Pauline Dunne	Observer (OEH)	PD
	Gordon Fraser	Observer (OEH)	GF
	Simon Goddard	Observer	SG
	Michael Head	Observer	MH
	Brian Hall	Epuron	BH
	David Robinson	Epuron	DR
<b>Apologies:</b>	Catherine Van Laeren	Mid-Western Regional Council	CVL
	Alia Slamet	Warrumbungle Shire Council	AS
	Donna Ausling	Liverpool Plains Shire Council	DA1
	Councillor Ron Campbell	Upper Hunter Shire Council	RC
	Julia Imrie	Mudgee District Environment Group	JI
<b>Date:</b>	8 September 2014		
<b>Venue:</b>	Coolah Sports Club		
<b>Purpose:</b>	Meeting No 8		

**Minutes:**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Agenda / Comment / Discussion</b>	<b>Action</b>
1	<p>DA opened the Community Consultation Committee (CCC) meeting number 8 at 7.05pm. This meeting was scheduled to discuss the outcome from the Coolah open day and the CCC's views on the exhibited EA documentation.</p> <p>Copies of the meeting agenda and minutes of the last meeting were distributed to CCC members prior to the meeting. 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. Alia Slamet, Warrumbungle Shire Council.</li> <li>d. Julia Imrie, Mudgee District Environment Group.</li> </ul> <p>DA advised that Catherine Van Laeren from Mid-Western Regional Council will not be attending future CCC meetings as council felt impacts from the project were minimal to their LGA. Council would still like to receive minutes of CCC meetings and any other relevant information regarding the project.</p>	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>DA asked BH to provide a brief overview of the Coolah community open day which had only closed a few minutes prior to the CCC meeting commencing. BH advised key points observed from the open day included;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Around 35 people from the community attended during the course of the open day (12pm to 7pm).</li> <li>b. There were 4 representatives from Epuron on hand to meet with open day attendees including 2 representatives from OEH and the project visual consultant.</li> <li>c. The publicly exhibited EA documentation was available for viewing including selected wall maps, photomontages and general industry information.</li> <li>d. A community feedback form was available for receiving feedback and comments from attendees.</li> <li>e. It was observed that the majority of attendees were generally in favour of the project proceeding and the benefits it would bring to the community.</li> <li>f. A number of representatives attended the open day from Warrumbungle Shire Council including the Mayor and General Manager.</li> </ul> <p>A journalist from the Mudgee Guardian also attended the open day to interview the project manager and prepare a story for the weekly paper.</p>	Noted
4	<p>Community feedback points and general comments raised for discussion during the meeting by CCC members included;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. ALC mentioned there is an existing local SEPP Lighting Plan for the Siding</li> </ul>	BH

	<p>Spring Observatory located near Coonabarabran that should be referenced in the EA.</p> <p>b. GP asked whether it was possible to relocate the display copy of the EA in the Coolah council office to the Coolah library. There are better facilities available for viewers to sit and read the EA documents in the library. BH will raise this request with the department.</p> <p>c. ALC asked BH to contact Garry Connelly from Three Rivers Radio regarding an interview about the project.</p> <p>d. PD advised the proposed wind farm site visit, to be partly supported by OEH funding, has been renamed the Clean Energy Field Day. It was agreed planning for this day would be deferred until the new year when there was more certainty around the projects construction timing.</p>	<p>BH</p> <p>BH</p> <p>Noted</p>
5	<p>BH presented current project information including development status and key activity since the last meeting. The presentation consisted of 10 PowerPoint slides and a colour copy was provided to each member present at the meeting. The presentation will be uploaded to the website after the meeting. Key comments, questions, actions and feedback points arising from the presentation were (listed in no particular order);</p> <p>a. BH to prepare and place a combined media summary for CCC meetings 7 and 8.</p> <p>b. BH to resend (email) the information relating to the Gullen Range wind farm community enhancement fund from a few weeks ago. Some members didn't receive the information.</p> <p>c. BH to circulate a copy of the updated community feedback form.</p> <p>d. Next project newsletter to mention the requirement to secure environmental offset land.</p> <p>e. It was suggested Epuron enclose a cover letter to the list of local businesses with the next project newsletter to keep them informed about project timing and status.</p>	<p>BH</p> <p>BH</p> <p>BH</p> <p>BH</p> <p>BH</p>
6	<p>DA ran through any carry over items from the previous meeting and ongoing general discussion points including;</p> <p>a. Arrangements for planning the proposed combined business meeting have been deferred until the new year when it is expected more certainty around construction timing will be known.</p> <p>b. BH to prepare and send a media statement combining outcomes from CCC meeting 7 and 8 as no statement was released after last meeting.</p> <p>c. DA ran brief whiteboard session to refresh ideas for the EA submission letter from the CCC. DA to collate comments and prepare a draft letter for circulation.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>BH</p> <p>DA</p>
	<p>The following are general ongoing discussion items to be carried forward at future meetings;</p> <p>a. Establishing a community enhancement fund to maximise project benefits to the community, particularly those living in the vicinity of the project.</p> <p>b. Working with councils to minimise impacts on local council roads.</p> <p>c. Ensuring the CCC continues to communicate with the community and the channelling of feedback to and from the project.</p>	<p>All</p>

	<p>It was suggested the next CCC meeting to be held in about 6 months when timing for the planning approval determination is known. It was also suggested that a brief (one hour) update meeting may be held in November or December if Epuron has news to share at that point in time.</p> <p>Details of next meeting;</p> <p>Date: TBC</p> <p>Time: TBC</p> <p>Venue: TBC</p> <p>Agenda details for next meeting to be circulated 1-2 weeks beforehand.</p>	BH and DA
	DA closed the meeting at 9.15 pm.	Noted