

Minutes of Meeting

Rye Park Wind Farm

Community Consultation Committee

Present:	Councillor David Needham	Yass Valley Council and Independent Chair	DN
	Mayor Wendy Tuckerman	Boorowa Council	WT
	Councillor James Wheelwright	Upper Lachlan Council	JW
	Graham Privett	Involved landowner	GP
	Brian Hall	Epuron (Rye Park Wind Farm)	BH
Apologies:	Drew and Robyn Chapman	Uninvolved landowner	DRC
Date:	27 June 2012		
Venue:	Yass Council Chambers		
Purpose:	Meeting No 1		

Minutes:

Item	Agenda / Comment / Discussion	Action
1	DN opened the Community Consultation Committee (CCC) meeting at 3pm and distributed a hard copy of the previously circulated agenda.	Noted
2	Apologies were noted for DRC who were not able to attend the CCC meeting.	Noted

3	<p>DN asked for any declarations of pecuniary or other interests.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. WT is a member of the Rugby wind farm CCC and doesn't anticipate any conflict with membership of the Rye Park wind farm CCC. b. GP is an involved landowner to the proposed wind farm. c. Generally those present felt their participation on the CCC was relative to their interest as a local councillor or landowner etc and didn't feel it created any conflict with the wind farm CCC. 	Noted
4	<p>BH advised the following local people / groups had accepted an invitation to attend future CCC meetings but were not available for meeting number 1 due to other commitments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> d. Geoffrey Minchin has confirmed he would be pleased to attend future CCC meetings as a representative of the Boorowa Catchment Management Authority in his role as the Catchment Officer. e. Chris and Jenny Hally have confirmed they would be pleased to attend future CCC meetings as uninvolved neighbours to the wind farm. 	<p>Noted</p> <p>BH</p> <p>BH</p>
5	<p>The CCC generally discussed a preference to try and increase representation from local landowners at future CCC meetings, if possible, particularly those living close to Rye Park. BH advised invitations to join the CCC had been widely distributed but with very few accepted responses received. GP was of the view that if uninvolved local landowners were interested in the project or had concerns about the project they would surely seek to attend the CCC.</p> <p>DN offered to draft and send a letter to all neighbouring landowners of the wind farm, on behalf of the CCC, inviting them to attend and or contribute to the CCC. It was acknowledged that BH (Epuron), as the project proponent, had previously sent invitations to join the CCC to all neighbouring landowners and the response was very limited.</p> <p>WT enquired whether a representative from the Boorowa District Landscape Guardians (BDLG) had been invited to attend the CCC meetings. BH confirmed the BDLGs had been invited to send a representative to the CCC but no response was received. WT offered to follow up with the BDLGs to see if they would reconsider and send a representative to the CCC. WT would also try to identify a willing local representative or group proximate to the town of Rye Park to attend the CCC.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>DN</p> <p>WT</p>
6	<p>From a planning perspective, DN discussed the need for establishing the CCC and distributed a 1 page extract from the Draft NSW Planning Guidelines for Wind Farms (Guidelines) which generally outlined the purpose, role, scope and governance expectations of the CCC. The meeting discussed that;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Although CCC meeting frequency is suggested as quarterly in the Guidelines, BH advised CCC meetings would be required more 	Noted

	<p>frequently (approximately every 4 to 6 weeks) in the development lead up phase prior to submitting the EA to DP&I later in the year.</p> <p>b. DN advised the CCC reports to the Department of Planning and Infrastructure (DP&I) and is required to formally report annually to DP&I or as otherwise required.</p> <p>c. WT and DN discussed that the CCC should make a submission during public exhibition of the EA by DP&I regarding consultation. Each Council may make their own separate submission regarding the project more generally or Councils may wish to make a joint submission.</p> <p>d. DN advised that it is the role of the CCC to represent the community and to provide information about the project to the community and receive any feedback to be considered in the proposal.</p> <p>e. The CCC is not a decision making body.</p>	
7	<p>As this was the first CCC meeting, WT sought clarification on the nomination and appointment of DN as the Independent Chair of the CCC. DN stated he was nominated by Yass Valley Council who separately wrote to DP&I regarding the nomination. The Guidelines state DP&I are responsible for the appointment of an Independent Chair to a wind farm CCC.</p>	Noted
8	<p>BH presented detailed information including a company and project overview, development update and status of the consultation program and studies underway. The presentation consisted of 41 PowerPoint slides. A hard copy of the presentation was handed to those present at the CCC meeting and was also uploaded to the website after the meeting. Large scale photomontage posters and a map of the current wind farm layout were hung on the wall for viewing by the CCC members. Key comments, questions and feedback points arising from the presentation were (listed in no particular order);</p> <p>a. Access Roads. BH was asked to ensure Councils are consulted when the draft Traffic and Transport study is available to make sure construction access and any impacts on local roads are considered.</p> <p>b. Roadwork's. JW advised Upper Lachlan Council would be interested to tender for any roadwork contract associated with construction of the project.</p> <p>c. Community Fund. BH presentation raised the need to investigate best way to maximise local and regional benefits from the project. Specifically Epuron is looking for feedback on how to best establish a community fund and what type of local support is required from the project.</p> <p>JW advised Upper Lachlan Council preference for community fund payments to be based on 1% of audited capital cost (as per their DCP). Funds to be escalated at CPI and distributed annually over the life of the project. JW also advised this method and approach was generally</p>	<p>BH</p> <p>BH</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>All</p> <p>Noted</p>

	<p>adopted by AGL for the recent Dalton Gas Project.</p> <p>DN advised Yass Valley Council preference for community fund payments to be based around the recently approved Boco Rock wind farm which contributes \$2,500 per turbine per annum.</p> <p>WT advised Boorowa Council preference for community fund payments to be distributed by Council under Section 94A contributions by developers. DN agreed that this is Yass Valley Councils preference also.</p> <p>GP indicated a preference that a large part of any community fund payments to directed to local road improvements around the wind farm.</p> <p>BH acknowledged the feedback regarding the establishment of a community fund. Feedback on the type of community support required proximate to the project is important in order to progress. BH will discuss this further at the next meeting.</p> <p>d. Wind Farm Layout. WT asked for clarification as to how the original layout of 180 turbines had evolved to the current layout of 131 turbines. BH explained (as outlined in the presentation) that the original 180 layout was based on limited early information available about the site, generally at a desk top level, to enable initial discussions with stakeholders to commence. Since then the various studies and consultation results have better identified the sites constraints and enabled the 131 layout to be optimised to accommodate updated design information. Work is ongoing in this area.</p> <p>e. Photomontages. BH confirmed four preliminary photomontages taken from public road viewpoints were complete and large scale posters were available for viewing at the meeting. A photomontage will be prepared for all dwellings located within 2km of a turbine (where allowed).</p> <p>f. Local Support. JW enquired as to the level of local support observed by Epuron during community consultation activity. BH indicated there was generally a positive level of community support amongst locals for the project, but as with all large development projects, there were some people either ambivalent or opposed to a wind farm in the area. Consultation work is ongoing and the next key event will be another newsletter and a Community Open House display proposed for Rye Park in July/August.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>BH</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
9	<p>General business</p> <p>a. BH to upload copy of presentation to website.</p> <p>b. DN asked BH to prepare a draft set of minutes of meeting.</p>	<p>BH</p> <p>BH</p>

10	Next meeting Date: Thursday 2 August 2012 Time: 3pm to 4.30pm Venue: Yass Council Chambers	All DN and BH to circulate details prior to next meeting
11	Meeting closed at 4.30pm	Noted

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Community Consultation Committee

Present:	Councillor David Needham	Yass Valley Council and Chairman	DN
	Neil and Margaret Privett	Involved landowner	NMP
	Greg Medway	Involved landowner	GM
	Alex and Bev Davis	Uninvolved landowner	ABD
	Jenny Hally	Uninvolved landowner	JH
	Brian Hall	Epuron (Rye Park Wind Farm)	BH
Apologies:	Mayor Wendy Tuckerman	Boorowa Council	WT
	Councillor James Wheelwright	Upper Lachlan Council	JW
	Geoffrey Minchin	Uninvolved landowner	GM1
Date:	2 August 2012		
Venue:	Yass Council Chambers		
Purpose:	Meeting No 2		

Minutes:

Item	Agenda / Comment / Discussion	Action
1	<p>DN opened the Community Consultation Committee (CCC) meeting at 3.05pm. Copies of the meeting agenda and minutes of the last meeting were distributed to those present. Apologies were accepted from Mayor Wendy Tuckerman, Councillor James Wheelwright and Geoffrey Minchin who were not able to attend the meeting.</p>	Noted
2	<p>DN asked those present to briefly introduce themselves and to declare any pecuniary or other interests.</p> <p>a. All present made a brief introduction and stated their interest in attending the CCC meeting.</p> <p>b. ABD particularly stated their interest in attending the meeting was mainly related to a concern for bushfires.</p> <p>Note: Generally those present felt their participation on the CCC was relative to their interest as a local landowner (involved or uninvolved) or local representative, such as councillor, and didn't feel it created any conflict with the purpose of the wind farm CCC.</p>	Noted
3	<p>DN mentioned to the new CCC members that it would be useful for them to read a copy of the draft NSW Planning Guidelines for Wind Farms recently released by the NSW government. Copies of the draft Guidelines are available on the Departments website and details about the role and purpose of the CCC are set out in Appendix C.</p> <p>DN provided a brief overview of the draft Guidelines and also handed out a summery sheet about the draft Guidelines that was distributed at the previous meeting. Although the draft Guidelines have not been passed into legislation yet and do not fully apply to existing Part 3A projects (such as the Rye Park wind farm) the developer is obliged to have regard to them where possible.</p>	Noted
4	<p>Minutes of the last meeting were circulated and accepted as a true and accurate record by DN and BH.</p>	Noted
5	<p>DN discussed the makeup and appropriate level of membership of the CCC. DN stated this point had also been raised by WT prior to the meeting.</p> <p>By way of reference, the draft Guidelines state the CCC should comprise;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an independent chairman 	Noted

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • five to seven representatives of the local community and other stakeholders, including at least two representatives of any landowners that own houses within 2 km of a proposed wind turbine • one representative of the local council • representatives of the proponent <p>GM said membership has to be limited and cannot be endless.</p> <p>DN suggested target CCC membership from the local community should be two involved and two uninvolved landowners (as per draft Guidelines). Ideally one community group member should attend the meeting if possible and recognised BH had been seeking to identify a willing participant from a local group but had little success to date.</p> <p>On balance it was recognised that the current makeup of the CCC was acceptable and reasonable efforts had been made by the proponent to attract CCC membership.</p> <p>DN asked all CCC members to consider membership and potentially identify any local groups or community representatives, preferably proximate to Rye Park, that are willing and available to participate on the CCC for the project.</p>	All
6	<p>JH asked if satellite reception for television and internet services at homes around Rye Park would be impacted by the wind farm if built. JH indicated they subscribed to Skymesh satellite services.</p> <p>BH advised studies are conducted to identify existing communications services near a wind farm and to make sure they will not be impacted. Study findings are exhibited as part of the EA and consent conditions issued by government normally cover this aspect to protect existing services. BH will seek a response regarding satellite services and discuss at the next meeting.</p>	BH
7	<p>BH presented detailed information including current project status and key activity since the last meeting. The presentation consisted of 23 PowerPoint slides and was displayed by overhead projector. A hard copy of the presentation was handed to those present at the CCC meeting and will be uploaded to the website after the meeting. A large scale map of the current wind farm layout was hung on the wall for viewing by the CCC members and A3 copies were handed out. Key comments, questions and feedback points arising from the presentation were (listed in no particular order);</p> <p>a. Figure in Newsletter No 5 (slide 7). DN asked about the anticipated timing of the steps shown in the figure “Stages of the Environmental Assessment Process” on the back page of the newsletter. BH advised anticipated timing of the steps as follows;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Step 1 – complete • Step 2 – complete • Step 3 – “we are here”current position of the project • Step 4 – October / November 2012 • Step 5 – Late 2012 early 2013 • Step 6 – Q1 2013 	Noted Noted

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Step 7 – Q2 to Q3 2013 <p>Steps 4 to 7 are largely controlled and decided by government.</p> <p>b. Public Open Day Feedback (slide 9). Members were interested in the open day feedback points and generally discussed. BH was asked by DN to prepare a response to the negative points and will table at the next meeting.</p> <p>c. Traffic & Transport Plan (slides 15 & 16). A consultation draft of the Traffic and Transport Plan was released to members (hard copy) and will be uploaded to the website after the meeting. DN asked that a copy be forwarded to Simon Cassidy, Director Services at Yass Valley Council, and to WT and JW for their respective councils to review.</p> <p>d. Community Fund (slide 17). BH discussed feedback that was received from the ongoing consultation activity and the recent public open day. GM and JH felt having council alone manage any funds is not good enough and that the community must be involved and have a say.</p> <p>GM spoke about the unique opportunity a community fund potentially offers and that the community must “go deeper” and provide attraction to keep families and younger kids in the area through long term benefits and job creation. If a community fund for the Rye Park wind farm was established it could go a long way to help achieve this goal. GM discussed his background providing local “Business Management Courses” as the key source to identifying and understanding this need in the local region.</p> <p>Members generally discussed the potential opportunity and had strong views that benefits should be captured for the community of Rye Park. There was concern that the “town will die” in the long term if left to continue as it is today.</p> <p>DN suggested GM’s from the three involved councils could attend the next CCC meeting to talk about how any community fund benefits would be managed and flow into the community. DN will try and arrange their attendance at the next meeting.</p>	<p>BH</p> <p>BH</p> <p>Note</p> <p>DN</p>
8	<p>ABD raised their concern for increased bushfire risk across the area should the wind farm be built. ABD spoke of their experience with bushfires over many years and made the following observations/comments to the meeting;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coolalie Road is considered a high risk area for bushfires. • The existing transmission lines (330kV Transgrid) had caused problems with fires in the past. • The wind farm would be located close to forested areas and increase the risk of fires. • A copy of a local bushfire map (dated 27 July 2012) from the Yass Council website was made available for viewing at the meeting. <p>There was general discussion regarding bushfire risk and the potential pros and</p>	Noted

	<p>cons of a wind farm operating in the local area. Some comments included;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wind farm may limit the use of aerial water bombing during a fire but so does bad visibility resulting from thick smoke. • Wind farm access tracks can provide good vehicular access into fire areas where roads do not normally exist. • It was mentioned that Garry Southwell from the Rye Park Rural Fire Service was a good person to contact but he is currently away on leave until October. • NMP (Neil) advised he had been the Deputy Captain at his local fire service for nearly 20 years and didn't believe wind farms would pose an increased fire risk and may even help due to the use of better access roads. It was also suggested BH contact Peter Alley from North Yass Fire Service to discuss potential fire risk from wind farms. • DN asked if it was possible to locate an appropriate local fire representative who could discuss fire risk matters at the next meeting. BH was asked to look into this. 	<p>Noted</p> <p>BH</p> <p>BH</p>
9	<p>General business</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. JH asked for a copy of the NSW Valuer Generals report into the impact of property values and wind farms. BH to send to JH. b. BH to upload copy of presentation material to website. c. DN asked BH to prepare a draft set of minutes of meeting. 	<p>BH</p> <p>BH</p> <p>BH</p>
	<p>Next meeting</p> <p>Date: Monday 17 September 2012</p> <p>Time: 1pm to 3.30pm</p> <p>Venue: Yass Council Chambers</p>	<p>All</p> <p>DN and BH to circulate details prior to next meeting</p>
	<p>Meeting closed at 4.50pm</p>	<p>Noted</p>

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Present:	Nic Carmody	Chairman	NC
	Councillor David Needham	Yass Valley Council	DN
	Councillor James Wheelwright	Upper Lachlan Council	JW
	Graham Privett	Involved landowner	GP
	Alex and Bev Davis	Uninvolved landowner	ABD
	Jenny Hally	Uninvolved landowner	JH
	Brian Hall	Epuron (Rye Park Wind Farm)	BH
	Keiren Bellew	Interested local stakeholder	KB
Apologies:	Mayor Wendy Tuckerman	Boorowa Council	WT
	Greg Medway	Involved landowner	GM
	Geoffrey Minchin	Interested local stakeholder	GM1
Date:	24 October 2012		
Venue:	Yass Council Chambers		
Purpose:	Meeting No 3		

Minutes:

Item	Agenda / Comment / Discussion	Action
1	<p>NC opened the Community Consultation Committee (CCC) meeting at 12.30pm. Copies of the meeting agenda and minutes of the last meeting were distributed to those present (already distributed prior to meeting by email/mail). Apologies were accepted from Mayor Wendy Tuckerman, Greg Medway and Geoffrey Minchin who were not able to attend the meeting.</p> <p>DN and BH briefly discussed the change of Chairman role from David Needham to Nic Carmody. The CCC would like to thank DN for chairing previous meetings and welcomes NC to the role.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
2	<p>NC asked all present to briefly introduce themselves and to declare any pecuniary or other interests.</p> <p>a. All CCC members present made a brief introduction and there were no conflicting interests declared.</p> <p>b. Keiren Bellew attended the meeting as an interested community member (non CCC member) and stated an interest in future construction work from the wind farm. BH will ensure details of KB will be entered onto the contractors database for participation in future construction tenders.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>BH</p>
3	<p>Minutes of the last meeting were circulated and accepted as a true and accurate record by DN and BH.</p> <p>As a general rule NC asked BH to circulated minutes of last meeting by email/mail prior to each meeting with the agenda for next meeting to ensure received by all members.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>BH</p>
4	<p>BH discussed the recent meeting/consultation discussion with Peter Alley (PA) from the Yass Valley Rural Fire Service. Key points were;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PA manages the Yass Valley region for NSWRFs and suggested it may be helpful to also discuss the project with his colleague located at Harden which covers the South West Slopes region. • RFS generally don't have concern for wind farms regarding fire risk and has operational wind farms in the region. New access roads can be helpful. • Head office for NSWRFs may consider making a submission on the project during the public exhibition phase. • PA offered the following general points for consideration regarding fire during development of the Rye Park project; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Placement of connecting powerlines needs to be considered during the design as the wind turbines themselves are not the main concern regarding fire risk. 	<p>Noted / BH</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ensure tall structures are marked on pilot maps as required. ○ Aerial fixed wing and rotary aircraft can and do operate around wind farms in fire situations. ○ Wind farm to develop operating protocols for response during fires (ie. shutdown during fire on wind farm land). <p>CCC members generally discussed the above information regarding fire and noted the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ABD again raised concern for fire related risks from wind farms and the regular interaction they have with the local RFS to maintain awareness. ● GP stated wind farms pose little or no fire risk and this position is supported by his role of nearly 20 years as Deputy Fire Captain of the local brigade. Wind farm roads will help with access. ● NC asked ABD to write down their concerns regarding fire in a letter and the CCC would forward to Peter Alley at Yass Valley RFS for a response. ● BH reminded all that the NSW governments own wind farm fact sheet states that fire risk from wind farms is very low. Refer page 7 of DECCW – The Wind Energy Fact Sheet. 	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>ABD/NC/BH</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>BH presented detailed information including current project status and key development activity since the last meeting. The presentation consisted of 26 PowerPoint slides and was displayed by overhead projector. A hard copy of the presentation was handed to those present at the CCC meeting and will be uploaded to the website after the meeting. A3 scale maps of the proposed final wind farm layout and public road photomontage #7 were also handed out to each member for reference purposes and ease of viewing. Larger wall maps were available if needed.</p> <p>Key comments, questions and feedback points arising from the presentation were (listed in no particular order);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Interference to satellite services (slide 6). Information was provided in response to the concern raised by JH. The wind farm has been designed to accommodate existing communications services, including satellite, and is not predicted to be impacted by the wind farm. A detailed communications study will be exhibited with the EA. GP also stated RFS radio services would soon be switching to digital signal and would provide the area with a very reliable service. b. NSW Valuer General report (slide 7). As part of a previous action regarding concern for property values BH provided JH with a copy of the NSW Valuer General report – Impact of Wind Farms on Property Values – August 2009. While JH has read the report she has some concern the report is potentially out of date. c. Photomontage (slide 18 & 19). JH felt the photomontage prepared from her home is not accurate and personally prepared a version to show the meeting a true representation. BH explained the photomontage process for the project including the engagement of a specialist consultant. Should JH have further concern BH offered to arrange a meeting/discussion with the visual expert for the project. JH to advise. 	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>BH/JH</p>

	<p>d. Community Fund (slide 22 & 23). After much discussion on the matter of community funds in recent months, NC summarised the committee members various positions/views as follows;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any large development project has impacts and needs to be considered in the assessment process. Council imposed section 94 contributions are a means for recovery on use of public infrastructure. • Possible solution is a “viewing tax” based on number of turbines seen from certain locations. • Councillors will seek 1% of capital value as a contribution. • Non involved landowners would like compensation for loss of visual amenity. • Involved landowners would like funds to be spent locally on matters such as roads. • JH would like to see funds spent on placing local powerlines underground. • DN will contact to the responsible minister, or DP&I, on behalf of the CCC to ascertain their view on contribution value. Minutes of the meeting to be sent to councils to assist in this request. <p>Epuron confirmed their position regarding a community fund for the project on slides 22 and 23 of the presentation.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>DN</p> <p>Noted</p>
6	<p>General Business</p> <p>a. NC suggested BH contact Local Historical Society for list/map of water bores located in the area.</p> <p>b. BH to upload copy of presentation material to website.</p>	<p>BH</p> <p>BH</p>
7	<p>Next meeting</p> <p>Date: TBC (aiming for a Monday or Friday in December)</p> <p>Time: TBC (aiming for 12.30 to 2.30)</p> <p>Venue: Yass Council Chambers</p>	<p>All</p> <p>BH asked to circulate a suggested meeting date for December</p>
8	<p>Meeting closed at 2.30pm</p>	<p>Noted</p>

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Community Consultation Committee

Present:	Nic Carmody	Chairman	NC
	Councillor David Needham	Yass Valley Council	DN
	Alex and Bev Davis	Uninvolved landowner	ABD
	Greg Medway	Involved landowner	GM
	Brian Hall	Epuron (Rye Park Wind Farm)	BH
Apologies:	Mayor Wendy Tuckerman	Boorowa Council	WT
	Councillor James Wheelwright	Upper Lachlan Council	JW
	Graham Privett	Involved landowner	GP
	Jenny Hally	Uninvolved landowner	JH
Date:	17 December 2012		
Venue:	Yass Valley Council Chambers		
Purpose:	Meeting No 4		

Minutes:

Item	Agenda / Comment / Discussion	Action
1	<p>NC opened the Community Consultation Committee (CCC) meeting at 12.30pm. Copies of the meeting agenda and minutes of the last meeting were distributed to members prior to the meeting. Apologies were accepted from Mayor Wendy Tuckerman, Councillor James Wheelwright, Graham Privett and Jenny Hally who were not able to attend the meeting.</p> <p>There were no conflicts of interest declared by members present.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
2	<p>Minutes of the last meeting were circulated and accepted as a true and accurate record by NC and DN with one clarification as follows;</p> <p>Minutes of Meeting 3, Item 5 d, last bullet point. Should read.....<i>"DN will arrange for a council representative to contact to the responsible minister, or DP&I, on behalf of the CCC to ascertain their view on contribution value. Minutes of the meeting to be sent to councils to assist in this request"</i>.</p>	Noted
3	<p>BH ran through the Epuron action items arising from last meeting;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Update the contactors database. Complete. b. Circulate minutes of last meeting and proposed agenda items prior to each meeting. Complete. c. Forward letter from ABD to Yass RFS for response. Complete but waiting for response. d. JH photomontage. Complete. e. Contact local Historical Society. Complete. f. Update website. Complete. 	Noted
4	<p>BH presented current project information including development status and key activity since the last meeting. The presentation consisted of 19 PowerPoint slides and was displayed by overhead projector. A hard copy of the presentation was handed to those present at the CCC meeting and will be uploaded to the website after the meeting. An A3 size scale 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 available and left on the wall in council chambers for viewing by the public.</p> <p>Key comments, questions and feedback points arising from the presentation were (listed in no particular order);</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Submission of the EA to DPI. The meeting discussed the recent submission of the EA to DPI and noted to following key components comprising the wind farm including; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 126 wind turbines • Access tracks including overhead and underground 	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

	<p>powerlines</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Substations and electrical grid connection equipment • Temporary construction compounds including concrete batching plant • Operations and maintenance facilities <p>b. EA timing and assessment process. Members were interested to discuss the expected EA timing and assessment process, as follows;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EA submitted to DPI on 23 November • DPI undertaking adequacy review during December-January • Public exhibition of EA anticipated February-April but dates subject to DPI • Submissions report May-June • Determination from mid year <p>c. Letter from ABD regarding fire risk. ABD reminded the CCC of their concerns for fire risk and the issues outlined in their letter that has been forwarded to Yass RFS. BH to follow up with the RFS for a response.</p> <p>d. Postal delivery of letters locally. ABD asked Epuron to allow a few extra days, where possible, for any information sent by mail to arrive as post is generally only delivered 2-3 days per week.</p> <p>e. Community funding opportunities. GM raised the generational opportunity available to the local community and the need to capture long term benefits resulting from the project that will get the community excited. The main aim is to establish jobs and opportunity to keep people living and working in the area. GM didn't want to see short term benefits, like building another netball court, and wanted the community to establish a long term vision to create a "Business Park" or "IT Hub". The members discussed this matter at length and generally agreed it was the communities responsibility to align their views and arrive at a preferred position as to what was required.</p> <p>f. A1 size wall map for council. As requested by DN from Yass Valley Council, Epuron provided an A1 size wall map of the proposed final wind farm layout for public display in the council office. DN asked if the following additional layers could be added to the map and reissued to council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Involved and uninvolved houses • Council shire boundaries (allows council to determine number of turbines located within the shire) • 2 km buffer line from turbines 	<p>Noted</p> <p>BH</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>BH</p>
5	<p>General Business</p> <p>a. BH to upload copy of presentation material to website.</p> <p>b. NC wished members a merry Christmas.</p>	<p>BH</p> <p>Noted</p>
6	<p>Next meeting</p> <p>Date: TBC (aiming for a Monday or Friday around April-May)</p> <p>Time: TBC (aiming for 12.30 to 2.30)</p>	<p>All</p> <p>BH asked to circulate a suggested meeting date</p>

	Venue: Yass Council Chambers	in the new year once public exhibition dates are known
7	Meeting closed at 2.15pm	Noted

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	Jenny and Chris Hally	Uninvolved landowner	JCH
	Greg Medway	Involved landowner	GM
	Neil Privett	Involved landowner	NP
	Malcolm Day	Involved landowner	MD
	Brian Hall	Epuron	BH
Apologies:	Mayor Wendy Tuckerman	Boorowa Council	WT
	Councillor Ann Daniel	Yass Valley Council	AD
	Councillor Garry Ware	Yass Valley Council	GW
	Alex and Bev Davis	Uninvolved landowner	ABD
	Graham Privett	Involved landowner	GP
Date:	22 July 2013		
Venue:	Yass Valley Council Chambers		
Purpose:	Meeting No 5		

Minutes:

Item	Agenda / Comment / Discussion	Action
1	<p>NC opened the Community Consultation Committee (CCC) meeting at 12.32pm.</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"> → Mayor Wendy Tuckerman – Boorowa Council → Councillor Ann Daniel - Yass Valley Council → Councillor Garry Ware - Yass Valley Council → Graham Privett – Involved landowner → Alex and Bev Davis – Uninvolved landowner <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 moved that the minutes be accepted. There were no changes proposed and the minutes were accepted by all members present.</p>	Noted
3	<p>It was discussed 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 Councillors Ann Daniel and Garry Ware. The CCC thanks Councillor Needham for his contribution to the CCC.</p>	Noted
4	<p>JCH suggested Boorowa Council should consider appointing an alternate to Mayor Wendy Tuckerman as its representative on the CCC to ensure the Boorowa region is consistently represented on the CCC.</p> <p>Members asked BH to raise the matter of an alternate representative with WT and to ask whether the next CCC meeting could be hosted by Boorowa council.</p>	Noted BH
5	<p>BH ran through the Epuron action items arising from last meeting;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Follow up Rural Fire Service (RFS) for response to letter from ABD regarding concerns for fire. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ BH advised that the Yass RFS had been followed up by phone and email regarding the letter. No response to the letter had been received from the RFS to date. It is understood the letter from ABD may have been forwarded to RFS head office for consideration/response. ○ NC offered to send an email/letter to the State Member for Burrinjuck, The Hon Katrina Hodgkinson MP, seeking that the RFS respond to the letter from ABD. 	Noted NC

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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"> o Complete. c. Upload copy of meeting 4 presentation materials to website. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Complete. 	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>BH presented current project information including development status and key activity since the last meeting. The presentation consisted of 17 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 on the wall in council chambers 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"> a. Status of the Environmental Assessment. It was confirmed the EA had been submitted to the Department of Planning and Infrastructure and subject to completing the adequacy review stage the EA would be placed on public exhibition in the coming weeks/months. Exhibition dates to be confirmed by the department in due course. b. Involvement of Trustpower. The meeting discussed the recent announcement that the NZ utility, Trustpower, was involved in the project. Trustpower has an option with Epron to acquire the project following securing of land and planning approvals. This is a significant milestone achievement for the project. c. Overall development timing. JW asked for an update on the overall timing for the proposed development and an estimate of when construction could commence. BH advised the following estimate of key dates and expected timing. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o EA to be exhibited second half of this year with public submissions called for by the department o Approval decision anticipated late 2013 or early 2014 o Trustpower to undertake construction feasibility as soon as possible post planning approvals o Potential construction 2015-16 d. Wind farm access roads aids fire-fighters. A recent media story outlined in slide 10 of the presentation was discussed in some detail as a follow on point from the letter submitted to the RFS (item 5a above) about wind farms and fires. It was noted that while wind farm access tracks provide improved ground access to fight fires there was some concern that aerial access may be reduced in some instances. Generally wind turbines are treated the same as any other obstacles in the landscape, such as powerlines and communication towers, when fighting fires. The RFS is expected to make a general industry statement about wind farms and fire fighting in due course. e. Community enhancement funding. Members discussed current thinking and ideas around the opportunity to establish a community 	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

	<p>enhancement fund for the project. A summary of the key discussion points and views include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ GM discussed the significant opportunity available to the local community and the need to capture money for the future so families had more reasons to continue living and working in the area. GM didn't want to see short term projects like the building of a "skate park" instead wanting to establish a long term vision and create a "Business Park" or "IT Hub". ○ MD said if the community didn't capture the benefits on offer from the project it would become harder for some farmers to survive and may result in them walking off the land. ○ NP said the local community can't afford for the project not to proceed and must capture the benefits on offer. ○ There was a lengthy discussion amongst members around how the community could spend any funding available from the project. Some of the projects/ideas discussed included; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Business Park or IT Hub ● Recreational facilities such as lighting to local fields ● Payments for impacts to nearby landowners ● Improvements to local towns and schools ○ Members also discussed the various ways (models) funding could be administered and the key ideas put forward included; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Councils should manage funding and not by local community groups in isolation of council ● CCC should manage funding and decide on allocations for funding initiatives ● Other models could be considered based on experience from other projects ○ NC suggested the CCC should administer the community enhancement fund and 50% of any funding be allocated amongst residents living within 2km of turbines and the remaining 50% be provided for approved local projects. ○ JCH advised a recent valuation of their property had declined as a result of the proposed wind farm and funding from a community enhancement fund should be provided to landowners as a payment for any loss of value. Payment should only apply to those who have a visual line of sight of the wind turbines. ○ General agreement that any money from a community enhancement fund should be spent locally on nearby affected towns (eg. Rye Park and Bevandale) and not the regional centres (eg. Yass and Boorowa). Money should not be a substitute for council rate funding tasks already allocated. ○ BH suggested that Trustpower be invited to the next CCC meeting to discuss their ideas for a community enhancement fund as they have actual experience from current operational wind farms in SA and working alongside communities. ○ NC put forward a suggested value 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 	<p>BH</p>
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	<p>the type of initiatives required from the project have been identified by the community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ JW indicated, as a guide, the Crookwell wind farm project offers the community around \$1,400 per turbine per annum. ○ It was acknowledged that more discussion is required of the CCC and community to better understand the type of project funding required to be undertaken and the preferred method (model) necessary to administer any funding. ○ To help inform further thinking and discussion NC asked that Epuron determine how many landowners there are within 2km and 5km of the proposed turbines so the CCC can assess how many potentially affected landowners there could be. ○ JW asked that Epuron determine how many proposed turbines there are in each council LGA as a potential guide to any funding allocations. 	<p>All</p> <p>BH</p> <p>BH</p>
7	<p>General Business / Other Matters</p> <p>a. BH advised that an Open Day was planned to be held during the department's public exhibition of the EA. The Open Day would assist the public to view exhibited information and to ask questions of the proponent. JCH requested that the visual consultant be represented at the open day to discuss photomontages displayed of the wind farm. Epuron will ask the visual consultant to be available for the Open Day once the date is known. JCH feel the photomontages do not accurately represent the views that will be seen of the wind farm and would like to see an alternative medium to photographs, such as hand drawn sketches.</p> <p>b. JCH asked that the minutes reflect that the Supplementary DGRs issued by the department for the project require the proponent to undertake additional consultation effort with particular focus on those non wind farm associated community members who live in proximity to the site. BH responded by saying every effort has been made to contact and consult with neighbouring and nearby landowners with particular focus on those within 2km of a proposed turbine. For example all landowners within 2km of a proposed turbine have been offered and provided with a photomontage where requested by the landowner. Some landowners beyond this distance have also been provided with a photomontage. Consultation continues and is an ongoing process.</p> <p>c. BH to upload copy of presentation material to website.</p>	<p>BH</p> <p>BH</p> <p>BH</p>
8	<p>Next meeting</p> <p>Date: TBC (aiming for Monday 30 September)</p> <p>Time: TBC (aiming for 12.30 to 2.30)</p> <p>Venue: TBC (aiming for Boorowa Council to host the meeting)</p>	<p>All</p>

	BH to discuss the proposed next meeting date and venue with WT from Boorowa Council and advise CCC members when finalised.	BH
9	NC closed the meeting at 2.28pm	Noted

Minutes of Meeting

Rye Park Wind Farm

Community Consultation Committee

Present:	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
Apologies:	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
Date:	30 September 2013		
Venue:	Rye Park Memorial Hall		
Purpose:	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"> → Mayor Wendy Tuckerman – Boorowa Council → Councillor Ann Daniel - Yass Valley Council → James Wheelwright – Upper Lachlan Council → Jenny and Chris Hally – Uninvolved landowners <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"> ○ NC put forward a suggested value indicative figures 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. <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"> 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"> ○ 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. 	Noted

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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. 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"> ○ Complete. c. Upload copy of CCC meeting 4 presentation materials to website. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Complete. 	<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"> 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. 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"> ○ 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. ○ 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. 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. 	<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"> a. Letter from NSW RFS. BD was appreciative of letter from RFS but felt turbines were more of a risk in the landscape than powerlines. 	<p>Noted</p>

	<p>b. Community fund. 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&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>