



## MEETING MINUTES

<b>Meeting title</b>	<b>RYE PARK Wind Farm Community Consultative Committee (CCC). Meeting #32</b>		
<b>Attendees</b>			
David Johnson (Independent Chair) (DJ)	Owen Boushel, - Manager Stakeholder Engagement, Tilt Renewables (OB)		
Andrew Field (Community Member) (AF)	Andrew Galland, - HSEC Manager, Tilt Renewables (AG)		
Sara Brown (Community Member) (SB)	Jack Shuker, - Project Director, Tilt Renewables (JS)		
Jayne Apps (Community Member) (JA)	Cr John Piper (Hilltops Council) (JP)		
	Cr Jim Abbey (Yass Valley Council) (Cr JA)		
<b>Observers</b>			
Bree Williams (Tilt Renewables)	Natalie Taggart (Tilt Renewables)		
<b>Apologies</b>			
Claude Morson (Community Member) (CM)	Mike Gilmour (Community Member) (MG)		
Christine Hawkins (Community Member) (CH)	Pam Kensit (Upper Lachlan Council) (PK)		
<b>Location</b>	Soldiers Memorial Hall, Yass	<b>Date &amp; start time</b>	<b>29 August 2023 at 7.10 pm</b>

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Discussion</b>
<b>1. Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Chair acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land within the project area and on which we meet, being the Wiradjuri and Ngunnawal people, paying respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.</li> <li>The Chair (DJ) welcomed everyone to the meeting and announced that he was recording the meeting; there were no objections.</li> </ul>
<b>2. Introductions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>OB introduced Bree Williams and Natalie Taggart from Tilt renewables, who attended the meeting as Observers.</li> </ul>
<b>3. Declarations of Interest</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>
<b>4. Correspondence</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DJ noted that he received information from DPE regarding the recently revised CCC Guideline; he also noted that some minor changes to the way the committee operates will need to be implemented during the next 6 months transition period; he will provide further details at the next CCC meeting. <b>(ACTION ITEM)</b></li> </ul>

<p><b>5. Minutes of the Previous Meeting</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minutes of the last meeting of the Rye Park CCC (#31) on 30 May 2023, were taken as approved as a draft had been circulated to all members for comment.</li> </ul>
<p><b>6. Business Arising from Minutes</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Updates to ACTION ITEMS from last meeting are provided in the presentation (slide 3)</li> <li>(Item 2) - AF reported that he was nearly involved in a head-on collision on Cooks Hill Rd late on Sunday afternoon, suspecting it was a project ute (Triton) but was unable to get the reg. no. OB said he would attend the toolbox talk tomorrow morning and raise again the issue of road safety and speeding. AG/OB will raise with contractor (Vestas) re the time and place and may be able to identify the driver. JA noted that poor road behaviour and speeding continue to be a problem with contractor vehicles. Following further discussion, the CCC acknowledged that there had been significant improvement in driving behaviours since the last CCC meeting.</li> <li>(4) - AG reported he had 'reduce speed' signs made to place in Yass St, Rye Park, but only RMS can install more 50km limit signs;</li> <li>(5,6) - Status of VPA monies and Community Enhancement Funds covered in presentation slides;</li> <li>(7) - DJ to again contact P Kensit &amp; UL Council to request an alternate council rep to attend CCC meetings.</li> </ul>
<p><b>7. Proponent's Report</b></p>	<p>OB introduced the presentation and project updates from Tilt Renewables.</p> <p>A series of slides were presented (see attachment) and supporting information was provided by OB, JS and AG.</p> <p>The SCHEDULE OF WORKS was presented (slide 4); AG &amp; JS noted that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All 66 turbine foundations are now completed; all earthworks and u/ground cable installations also completed.</li> <li>Installation of overhead 330kv and 33kv poles now completed; construction of N and S substations also completed;</li> <li>Some component deliveries have been delayed slightly; nearly 400 of the 726 components have been delivered to site;</li> <li>33 of the 66 turbines are now fully erected with 5 to 6 turbines being completed each month</li> <li>Commissioning of the wind farm has now commenced and 29 turbines have been electrically connected; the first electricity generation commenced in early August;</li> <li>All turbines require to be tested prior to electrical connection;</li> <li>JP asked about aviation lighting – Tilt Renewables note their preference would be to not use the aviation lighting and have discussed this with the Australian Energy Infrastructure Commissioner and DPE. However, aviation lighting remains a DPE requirement..</li> <li>Road upgrades remain as previously noted;</li> <li>For further details refer to presentation slides provided.</li> </ul> <p>COMPLIANCE, SAFETY &amp; ENVIRONMENT (AG) – slide 8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No recent reportable safety or environmental incidents;</li> </ul>

- 6th internal compliance audit completed in July 2023; no further environmental incidents;
- One non-compliance since last CCC (non-approved site access, reported to DPE);

**BIODIVERSITY, TRAFFIC & HERITAGE MANAGEMENT - issues were updated**

- 147 nest boxes installed for habitat augmentation;
- Traffic – quarterly monitoring of heavy vehicle on Yass St continues (3<sup>rd</sup> round June '23, 4<sup>th</sup> in Sept '23);
- JA reported an incident today (around 10 am) with a wide-load delivery on Rye Park Rd escorted by NSW Police. JA noted that the police and pilot vehicle were too fast & too close together. .
- Indigenous artefact reburial completed with LALC members in attendance;
- Bird & bat monitoring surveys have commenced in the area of completed turbines
  - SB said the ecological surveys have little value, particularly due to the surge in fox numbers this year – scavenging any dead birds & animals
  - SB also considers that wedge-tailed eagle numbers are much reduced in the area this year;
  - OB and AG explained the method used in the surveys and how scavenging rates are factored into the count.
- Tilt has recently made the first instalment to the Superb Parrot research fund, through Canberra Uni.

**STAKEHOLDER & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (OB)**

- Next Newsletter in September, Construction Updates continue monthly; SB suggested that any new information shown in Construction Updates should be shown in a different colour to be more obvious;

**BENEFIT SHARING (OB) (Refer presentation, slide 11, 12)**

- Boorowa Irish Festival to be supported in September
- VPA funding of the three Council's Community Enhancement Funds will commence in July 2024,
- OB provided information on the operation of the funds and details are shown on slide 12. The councils are required to establish committees which make recommendations to the council for funding allocations. Each of the three Council committees is different but all will include community members.
- Tilt will have a representative on each committee but ultimately it will be council's decision on the allocation of VPA funds;
- Hilltops Council & Yass Valley Council have already started establishing their committees but UL Council has not;
- The committee agreed that it is unfortunate that UL Council do not send a representative to CCC meetings, and the chair (DJ) will contact that Council again to request attendance;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applications for community funding will be invited for projects within 20km of the wind-farm project area; this requirement is specific to this wind farm to avoid monies being spent in distant areas of an LGA;</li> <li>• OB suggested that once the Councils' CEHF committees commence, the CCC should request information on funding allocations.</li> </ul>
<p><b>8. General Business</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SB requested information on landscape planting for residents and details of entitlements;</li> <li>• JA asked about 'flicker' effects and impacts from reflected sunlight on turbine blades;</li> <li>• OB to circulate a summary of the assessment procedures and entitlements regarding timing, distance etc for landowners who are or could be impacted; <b>(ACTION ITEM)</b></li> <li>• JA, SB &amp; AF asked about noise monitoring upon request by residents;</li> <li>• AF asked about a contractor ("Green Civil") which recently collapsed entering administration while contracted to Zenviron. AF noted the company apparently owes money to many people. OB and JS noted that they were aware of Green Civil's situation and explained the due diligence undertaken by Tilt Renewables and Zenviron in respect to contractor payments on Rye Park Wind Farm. They also noted they were unable to comment on arrangements between Green Civil and its contractors in respect to the other projects underway in the region. OB noted that it is best that all enquiries in relation to Green Civil be made to the administrator.</li> <li>• JA noted significant corrugations forming on Boorowa and Kennys Creek Roads which are becoming worse;</li> <li>• JA asked who will be responsible for the on-going wind farm maintenance. JS replied that it will be Vestas; Tilt's Operations &amp; Maintenance facility will be established on a host's property in the southern part of the wind farm (now under agreement).</li> </ul>
<p><b>9. Other Agenda Items</b></p>	<p>None.</p>
<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p>	<p><b>Meeting closed:</b> 9.00pm.</p> <p><b>Next meeting</b> is scheduled for <b>Tuesday 5 December 2023, at 6pm in Yass.</b> (Possibly at Yass Golf Club and including dinner – to be confirmed)</p>

**ACTIONS REQUIRED**

1. LANDSCAPING & VISUAL IMPACT
  - OB to circulate a summary of the assessment procedures and entitlements regarding timing, distance etc for landowners who are or could be subjected to visual impacts.
2. ROADS
  - Owen B to attend toolbox meeting tomorrow morning to reinforce message re road safety, speeding etc
3. VPA and Benefit sharing
  - Confirm the details of the VPA including split and geographic scope – Tilt Renewables. – (CLOSED)
  - Confirm status of VPA committees with councils – Tilt Renewables. (CLOSED)
  - Prepare a Community Enhancement Fund summary including dates of commencement – Tilt Renewables (CLOSED)
4. CCC
  - Next CCC in Yass – 5 December 2023
5. New CCC Guideline & Terms of Reference - DJ to prepare draft Terms of Reference as required by the new CCC Guideline, during the next 6 months and raise for discussion at the next CCC meeting in December.
6. Upper Lachlan Council
  - DJ to contact Pam Kensit (Mayor, ULC) again, to request that an alternate Council Rep be appointed to attend CCC meetings if she is unable to, as we are often discussing issues arising within the ULC area.

