

Rye Park Wind Farm Community Consultation Committee
Meeting No 15 held at Memorial Hall, Yass
Thursday 3rd May 2018

Present

CCC Members: Nic Carmody (Chair), Andrew Field, Sara Brown, Jayne Apps, Christine Hawkins, Greg Medway, Malcolm Day, Cr Geoff Frost (Yass Valley Council), Cr John Walker (Hilltops Council)

Proponent: Chris Righetti (Tilt Renewables)

Invited Guest: Andrew Dyer (National Wind Farm Commissioner)

Observers: Carlene Carmody (Minutes), Charlie Prell, Noeleen Hazell, Bruce Hazell, Lorraine Veness, Ron Veness, David Sainsbury, Jim Field, John McGrath

The meeting opened at 7.05pm.

1. Welcome/Apologies

Apology Graeme Privett. Welcome to Andrew Dyer, National Wind Farm Commissioner. Thank you to the observers and to the Committee.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary or other interests

All attendees required to complete Code of Conduct and Pecuniary Interest forms for the Department. Both were distributed to those who were not present at the previous meeting to complete. There were no changes to any other members Pecuniary Interest form.

3. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 30th November 2017 were adopted.

4. Actions arising from previous minutes

Action sheet updated.

5. Address by the National Wind Farm Commissioner

The Mr Andrew Dyer addressed the committee on the roles, outcomes and achievements of the National Wind Farm Commission. Committee were supplied with a copy of the presentation with an electronic copy and a copy of the Commissioners Annual Report to be made available upon request.

After the presentation and questions from the floor the Chair thanked the Commissioner for his time and efforts in coming to address the CCC.

6. Rye Park Wind Farm Project Status

Chris Righetti advised:

- Noted helpful perspective from Andrew Dyer.
- Tilt Renewables have been concentrating on the construction of the Salt Creek Project in Victoria.
- Rye Park is still an attractive project to Tilt Renewables and the company are keen to progress the project in the very near future.
- In the near future the company will be inviting Tenders for construction of the project – tender invitations will go out to Turbine Suppliers etc.
- Lodged connection application with Transgrid. Expected to be a 6-9-month process to culminate in a secured Connection Agreement. They have indicated that there is capacity in their line for the project.
- Management plans for environmental, traffic and construction will commence second half of this year. Typically, this won't happen until a contractor is selected.

Questions:

Sara Brown: Power Purchase Agreements(PPA) – if Tilt Renewables don't get a PPA will the project proceed. Chris advised based on a typically approach where a project requires a PPA to obtain project finance. It would be unlikely the project would proceed without a PPA. Chris advised there are other options to secure 'offtake' for a project or build the wind farm taking 'merchant risk' where there is no offtake and the energy is sold to the spot market. However, the latter option is typically for smaller projects.

Jayne Apps: asked about the outstanding Planning Approval noted last meeting. Chris advised that the outstanding EPBC (Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation) approval was received last year.

Andrew Field: Micro sighting distance is 250metres was this changed from 100m? Chris advised the approval was always for 250m, however any change to WTG locations must

adhere to site constraints, this in a lot of cases will mean WTGs cannot move the full 250m extent.

7. General Business

Greg Medway – advised he had been elected to the Hilltops Councils Rye Park Wind Farm Community Enhancement Fund. He wants to ensure money is spent on education - enhancing opportunities for local students.

Sara Brown – asked Greg Medway where he resides. With his appointment to the Hilltops Councils Rye Park Wind Farm Community Enhancement Fund, can a host be on it? The Chair thought there maybe be confusion between the CCC Guidelines and those of Hilltops Councils s355 committees. Originally Host Landholders were precluded from CCC's but the Department had changed its view for this CCC to allow the original Committee to remain in place.

Andrew Field – Questioned how Greg Medway was appointed to the Committee (the Hilltops Councils Rye Park Wind Farm Community Enhancement Fund). The Chair advised as part of the Wind Farm Conditions of Consent the Councils are given funds by the proponent. They are required to establish these Committees for Community projects within the local area.

8. Next Meeting

Next meeting to be held, Thursday 6th September 2018, Yass Soldiers' Memorial Hall Annexe.

Meeting closed at 9:05 pm

No	Action	Meeting	Owner	Deadline	Comment
6.	Councils to look into adding information links on their websites to enable members of the public to find the information about the wind farm.	7.3	Councillors/Tilt Renewables		
21.	Coppabella Site inspection to be arranged following commencement	24/8/17	N Carmody		
22.	Copy after the development approval to be emailed to all committee members.	30/11/17	N Carmody		Completed
23.	Confirmation of location/use of the compound near R51	3/5/2018	Tilt Renewables		
24.	Electronic Copies of the National Wind Farm Commissioners Address and Annual report to be sent to CCC members	3/5/2018	N Carmody		Completed

COMPLETED ACTION

2.	Provide copy of Committee Guidelines to all Committee members	4.0	N Carmody		Complete
7.	Michael to bring copies of windfarm maps to the next meeting, and to send out link to booklet from exhibition	7.3	M Head		Complete
1.	Follow up with Mike from Trustpower regarding Nic's emails about appointment of new committee members	3.0			Complete – Department accepted alternates for Committee.
3.	Previous minutes to be amended to reflect agreement/disagreement of committee members on subject of funds	5.0	M Head		Complete – minutes amended
9.	Forward copy of October 2015 minutes to Committee members	17/2/16 4.0	N Carmody		Complete
10.	Committee members to advise Chairman if electronic copies of maps required	17/2/16 5.3	Tilt Renewals		Electronic copies of maps to be provided to Committee members by Tilt Renewals
12.	Updated transport maps, including all roads to be provided	17/2/16 6.6	M Head		Electronic copies of maps to be provided to Committee members by Tilt Renewals, including road details
13.	Specific questions for DP&ES to be provided, collated and forwarded	17/2/16 7	N Carmody		Complete
14.	Arrange for copy of Response to Submissions Documents to be provided to the Rye Park Post Office	12	N Carmody		Complete – advised that preferred locations were received from Councils,

					distribution list amended to include Rye Park Post Office. Apologies were received.
15.	Raise with Department issue of Rye Park Post Office not being included on distribution list	12	N Carmody		Refer above
17.	Confirm whether new Draft Guidelines apply retrospectively and whether council representation changes if a development covers various LGAs. Provide link to Guidelines to members.	12	N Carmody		Complete – copy of new guidelines provided to Committee Members.
4.	Michael to circulate previous minutes, people to provide feedback to Nic, and then Nic will edit and publish to the website before next meeting.	6.	N Carmody/ M Head		No longer applicable as CCC Guidelines Provide proper procedure.
5.	Members to read Michael's draft report and come back with comments/questions next meeting	7.3	Attendees		Done
8.	Confirmation of the total number of houses within 5 km and total number of properties without houses in the same distance to be provided at next meeting by Trustpower		Tilt Renewables		Complete
11.	Contact Upper Lachlan, Yass & Boorowa Councils to request information links be provided on their website	17/2/16 5.3	N Carmody J Wheelwright		Complete
16.	Provide email members list of heights of all wind monitoring towers	12	Tilt Renewables		Complete
18.	Re-appointment to Committee – Chair to advise Department that all current members would like to remain on the Committee. Chair to advise members once confirmation is received	24/8/17	N Carmody	31/10/17	Complete
19.	Maps – electronic maps to be provided to committee members, to include LGA boundaries. To provide clear definition 3 separate maps will be provided.	24/8/17	Tilt Renewals	30/09/17	Complete