

## Coopers Gap Wind Farm Meeting Minutes

<b>Meeting title</b>	<b>Coopers Gap Community Consultative Committee (CCC). Meeting 43</b>		
<b>Attendees</b>			
Neil French		Mark Bice	
Russell Glode		Finlay Sharp	
Mick Cosgrove		Alice Sharp	
Cheryl Cosgrove		Barry Glode	
Jade Wenham		Lauren Glode	
Bruce Gooderham		Cr Scott Henschen, SBRC	
Walter Gooderham		Lidewij Koene, (Executive Development Manager, WDRC)	
Phil Trebbin		Belinda Young (Community Relations Manager, AGL)	
Carmel Trebbin		David Russell (AGL)	
Carol Weekes, (Minute Secretary)		Nathan Brown, (Site Manager, GE)	
Keith Campbell, (Chair)		Chris Lemm, (Asset Manager, Tilt Renewables)	
		Owen Boushel (Manager Stakeholder Engagement, Tilt Renewables)	
<b>Observers</b>			
Peter Weekes			
<b>Apologies</b>			
Cr Gavin Jones, SBRC			
<b>Location</b>	Cooranga North Memorial Hall, Cooranga North	<b>Date &amp; start time</b>	<b>28 November 2023 5.10pm</b>

Topic	Discussion
<b>1. Welcome</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Keith Campbell, Chair, welcomed all attendees and noted the apology</li> </ul>
<b>2. Previous Minutes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minutes from the Community Consultative Meeting No 42. (CCC-42) held on 6 June 2023 were distributed prior to this meeting.</li> <li>Business raised in the Minutes requiring discussion at this meeting, is covered in the Agenda.</li> <li>As there was no further discussion regarding the Minutes, the Chair sought endorsement as a true and correct record of the meeting. <b>Moved:</b> Neil French <b>Seconded:</b> Owen Boushel <i>Minutes were unanimously accepted as a true and correct record.</i></li> </ul>
<b>3. Project Update</b>	<p><b>Transition from AGL to Tilt Renewables: Owen Boushel</b></p> <p>Please find attached a presentation, prepared by Owen for the Meeting, but unable to be screened due to technical difficulties.</p>

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	<p>(See Attachment 1) Members can provide feedback to Owen by 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024.</p> <p>Owen provided the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tilt Renewables is in the process of resuming direct management of the Coopers Gap Windfarm</li> <li>• The transition is underway with the Stakeholder Engagement and Community Funding transitioned on 1 October 2023. Tilt Renewables expect to complete this process later in 2024 for all aspects of the Wind Farm.</li> <li>• No community impact is expected from this process and community members should not see any change.</li> <li>• Owen invited community members to contact him if they have any concerns.</li> </ul> <p><b>What's been happening on Site: Chris Lemm</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Currently 8 turbines are non-operational and waiting on major components to arrive before recommencing operations</li> <li>• Annual maintenance is now complete for the year</li> <li>• Total generation over the past year has been 15 GWh, which enough to power up to 207,000 homes</li> </ul> <p><b>Performance Owen Boushel</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Compliance: An independent environmental audit found no major issues</li> <li>• Noise monitoring: The first round of independent noise monitoring has taken place and the results are being analysed currently. A second round of noise monitoring also needs to take place to demonstrate the project is complying with the relevant noise limits.</li> <li>• Mechanical failure or component fatigue is often a cause of turbine noise. Any property owner experiencing noise issues should contact Chris Lemm directly so the issue can be addressed quickly.</li> </ul>
<p><b>4. Benefit Sharing</b></p>	<p><b>Community Fund: Owen Boushel</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$100,000 per annum will continue to be allocated.</li> <li>• Any unspent funds from a given year will be rolled over to the next year.</li> <li>• The second round of 2023 was undersubscribed with \$22,839 remaining that will be rolled into 2024.</li> <li>• There will be further promotion of the 2024 rounds as well as promotion that Tilt Renewables has resumed responsibility for the process.</li> <li>• In due course, further exploration of the Guidelines will be undertaken to examine if any changes, including changes to caps on individual grants need to be made.</li> </ul>

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	<p><b>Successful recipients-Community Grant Funding Round:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bell Art Group - Major Art Prizes \$3,000</li> <li>• Bell Bunya Community Centre - Construction of fence around memorial rose garden \$967</li> <li>• Bell Race Club - Equipment for country race day \$3,000</li> <li>• Bell K-10 State School - Community garden for students \$5,130</li> <li>• Bell Bunya Community Centre - Intimus Paper Shredder \$2,596</li> <li>• Regional Arts Council Dalby Inc - Annual Jazz in the Gardens Event \$2,400</li> <li>• Qld Country Women's Association Kumbia Branch – Celebration of 100 years \$6,000</li> <li>• Cooranga North Recreation Reserve Inc - Roller shutters for canteen \$4,060</li> </ul> <p><b>Telstra Tower: Owen Boushel</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tilt Renewables has no further update on the tower over the mid year update.</li> <li>• An estimated timeline is not yet available for the delivery of the tower as planning and design still needs to be resolved.</li> <li>• Tilt Renewables is committed to the Project and will provide a progress report at the next CCC meeting.</li> <li>• This item will be a Standing Agenda item until resolved.</li> </ul>
<p><b>5. Other Business</b></p>	<p><b>Q &amp; A</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Capacity:</b> <i>It was stated that the current output generates enough power for 207,000 homes, is there any further capacity?</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Wind levels were down this year resulting in less generation. We expect more power to be generated next year when the wind levels return to trend.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Noise:</b> <p><i>How many noise complaints are being received?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 3 noise complaints have been received over the past 12 months.</li> <li>- Of those, 1 has been closed, 1 is ongoing and 1 is about to be finalised.</li> <li>- When Tilt Renewables receives a noise complaint it is investigated, and we will work with the complainant towards a resolution. For example, following a recent noise complaint we identified a mechanical fault in a turbine component. In consultation with the complainant, we ceased operation of the turbine over night until the component could be replaced.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Last meeting for AGL: Belinda Young</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Belinda thanked members of their patience over the past year</li> <li>- Mick acknowledged the contribution of AGL to the community including \$1m in community funding and solar panels on every roof.</li> <li>- Keith moved a vote of thanks to AGL and this was supported by acclamation.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Keith also expressed thanks to the landholders for their continuing work with AGL via the CCC and commitment to the CCC.</li> <li>- On behalf of the QCWA, Cheryl Cosgrove thanked AGL for their support for the QCWA Centenary celebrations.</li> </ul>																																	
<p><b>6. Niagara Road traffic issues and Signage</b></p>	<p>At the June 2023 CCC meeting, it was resolved that the Secretary would write to SBRC and WDRC to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <i>express the CCC’s concern about the increasing volume of traffic and resultant safety issues for road users on Niagara Road; and</i></li> <li>b. <i>seek the immediate installation of “No Parking Signs” (or signage as deemed relevant by the Councils) to assist with safe traffic flow.</i></li> </ol> <p>The correspondence relating to this matter is listed below The response letter received on 26 November 2023 was tabled and read to the meeting (see Attachment 2)</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="3" style="text-align: left; padding: 2px;">Inwards</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="width: 15%; padding: 2px;">5.7.23</td> <td style="width: 45%; padding: 2px;">Sam Fitzgerald, Works Manager Maintenance, WDRC</td> <td style="width: 40%; padding: 2px;">Email: Advising that WDRC would be working with SBRC to develop a resolution</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">22.11.23</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">Mark Pitt CEO SBRC</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">Advising that the Infrastructure <a href="#">Team</a> <u>would</u> provide the response</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">26.11.23</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">Aaron Meehan General Manager Infrastructure SBRC</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">Letter: Response to letter dated 17.6.23 regarding: Niagara Road -Traffic and Signage</td> </tr> <tr> <th colspan="3" style="text-align: left; padding: 2px;">Outwards</th> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">17.6.23</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">Mark Pitt CEO SBRC</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">Letter: Niagara Road -Traffic and Signage</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">17.6.23</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">Jodie Taylor CEO WDRC</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">Letter: Niagara Road -Traffic and Signage</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">5.11.23</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">Mark Pitt CEO SBRC</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">Seeking response to the Letter dated 17.6.23</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">5.11.23</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">Sam Fitzgerald, Works Manager Maintenance, WDRC</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">Seeking response to the Letter dated 17.6.23</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">21.11.23</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">Mark Pitt CEO SBRC</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">Seeking response to the Letter dated 17.6.23</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">21.11.23</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">Sam Fitzgerald Works Manager Maintenance WDRC</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">Seeking response to the Letter dated 17.6.23</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><b>Motion:</b> <i>That the inward correspondence be received and outward correspondence endorsed</i></p> <p><b>Moved:</b> Mick Cosgrove    <b>Seconded:</b> Jade Wenham    <b>Carried</b></p> <p>Mick raised a concern that the Letter talks about “future budgets” so there may lack a commitment to progress and that the ratepayers expect this issue to be addressed.</p> <p>Cr Scott Henschen advised that the land set aside for the project is currently being occupied by Powerlink and until they finish their work, nothing can be done on that site.</p> <p>In the meantime, SBRC and WDRC need to seek QPS advice re signage that can be used on that Road.</p> <p>Cr Scott Henschen will continue to monitor progress and report back to the CCC and follow up if necessary to ensure progress continues on this safety matter.</p>	Inwards			5.7.23	Sam Fitzgerald, Works Manager Maintenance, WDRC	Email: Advising that WDRC would be working with SBRC to develop a resolution	22.11.23	Mark Pitt CEO SBRC	Advising that the Infrastructure <a href="#">Team</a> <u>would</u> provide the response	26.11.23	Aaron Meehan General Manager Infrastructure SBRC	Letter: Response to letter dated 17.6.23 regarding: Niagara Road -Traffic and Signage	Outwards			17.6.23	Mark Pitt CEO SBRC	Letter: Niagara Road -Traffic and Signage	17.6.23	Jodie Taylor CEO WDRC	Letter: Niagara Road -Traffic and Signage	5.11.23	Mark Pitt CEO SBRC	Seeking response to the Letter dated 17.6.23	5.11.23	Sam Fitzgerald, Works Manager Maintenance, WDRC	Seeking response to the Letter dated 17.6.23	21.11.23	Mark Pitt CEO SBRC	Seeking response to the Letter dated 17.6.23	21.11.23	Sam Fitzgerald Works Manager Maintenance WDRC	Seeking response to the Letter dated 17.6.23
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<p><b>7. Further Business</b></p>	<p><b>Tourism - Bell Blade Project update: Lidewij Koene</b></p> <p>The footings are currently being designed and the team is hopeful that they will be manufactured in January for installation in March 2024. The blade is still on the Coopers Gap Wind Farm and will be moved to the Bell site once the footings are installed.</p> <p><b>Shape Your Energy Future: Lidewij Koene</b></p> <p>This is a 5-days leadership program for individuals interested and involved in the energy transformation. The community impact program is tailored to Western Downs, Southern Downs and South Burnett and delivered by the Australian Rural Leadership Foundation. For more information: <a href="http://rural-leaders.org.au">Shape Your Energy Future - Australian Rural Leadership Foundation (rural-leaders.org.au)</a></p> <p><b>Issues with getting turbine component parts on site: Cr Scott Henschen</b></p> <p>Some parts replacements have to occur at the top of some of the towers and this requires a larger crane. Presently Niagara Road has a 24 tonne limit as some of the culverts have failed. SBRC are working to address the issues and have the load limit lifted.</p> <p>Cr Henschen invited members to contact him if necessary.</p>
<p><b>8. Close and Next Meeting</b></p>	<p>Keith thanked Tilt Renewables and AGL staff, SBRC, WDRC and local community members who continue to invest their time and effort to ensure the Project standards are met.</p> <p>Keith closed the meeting at 6pm.</p> <p><b>Next Meeting: 4pm 21<sup>st</sup> May 2024</b></p>

**Attachments:**

1. Presentation provided by Owen Boushel, Tilt Renewables
2. Response Letter re Traffic /Signage Issues on Niagara Road, North Cooranga