

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting title	RYE PARK Wind Farm Community Consultative Committee (CCC). Meeting #35		
Attendees			
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)		
Claude Morson (Community Member) (CM)	Jack Shuker, - Project Director, Tilt Renewables (JS)		
Jayne Apps (Community Member) (JA)	Mark Pring, Landholder Manager, Tilt Renewables (MP)		
Christine Hawkins (Community Member) (CH)	Tom Villiers, Tilt Renewables (TV)		
Cr Jim Abbey (Yass Valley Council) (Cr JA)	Bree Williams, Snr Community & Stakeholder Engagement Adviser, Tilt Renewables (BW)		
Apologies			
Pam Kensit (Upper Lachlan Council) (PK)	Mike Gilmour (Community Member) (MG)		
Cr John Piper (Hilltops Council) (JP)			
Location	Clubhouse Hotel, Comur Street, Yass	Date & start time	4 June 2024 at 6.00 pm

Topic	Discussion
1. Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chair acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land within the project area and on which we meet, being the Ngunnawal and Wiradjuri people, paying respects to their Elders past, present and emerging. The Chair (DJ) welcomed everyone to the meeting and announced that he was recording the meeting; there were no objections.
2. Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chair noted the apologies received. OB introduced Bree Williams, Snr Community & Stakeholder Eng Adviser, with Tilt Renewables, who will be the principal Tilt contact for the project going forward
3. Declarations of Interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CH raised potential pecuniary interest that TLT is paying for CCC dinner; DJ noted that this does not require to be declared as all present CCC members are receiving the benefit and the value is a modest amount.
4. Correspondence	none
5. Minutes of the Previous Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes of the last meeting of the Rye Park CCC (#34) on 5 March 2024, were taken as approved as a draft had been circulated to all members for comment.

<p>6. Business Arising from Minutes</p>	<p>Action Item from the last meeting: DJ noted that he had emailed the 3 Councils but had not received any reply. Discussion ensued and Tilt confirmed they would be pleased to be able to switch off/remove the aviation lights on the turbines. DJ to follow up on correspondence. TV reiterated that Tilt had exhausted all avenues with DPE and CASA to turn lights off and will be happy to assist the community in continuing pursuing turning them off.</p>
<p>7. Proponent's Report</p>	<p>BW provided some background on herself and advised that she would be taking over from OB as the main contact at Tilt for the CCC.</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 also provided by JS, BW and AG.</p> <p>The SCHEDULE OF WORKS was presented (slides 4,5 & 6); AG & JS noted that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 63 of 66 turbines are now connected electrically and all towers now completed. Last 3 waiting for electrical connection; JS/TV explained the current issue with connecting the last 3 turbines, and current situation with TransGrid. • Rehabilitation work is now complete; monitoring and checking to continue for the next 2 years. JA asked about the tree planting program which she claims is quite inadequate. OB suggested JA email BW to provide details of her complaints and to suggest improvements. • Current workforce is now less than 20 persons; demobilisation will be completed in June 2024. All heavy machinery now off-site. • CH asked if any site offices or containers are available for community. JS informed that all equipment moved into next project goes overseas • Some road repairs still to be completed in Hilltops LGA; Cr JA noted some works needed on potholes on Cooks Hill Rd – requested these be checked, as quite dangerous in places. AG informed that YVC has performed pothole maintenance in the past month. • TV/JS explained that final dilapidation inspections will be done with councils. JS/AG catching up with HTC 5/6/24 to drive through roads <p>COMPLIANCE, SAFETY & ENVIRONMENT (AG) – slide 8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No environmental incidents since last CCC; no non-compliances reported. • Quarterly internal HSE audit done in April'. • CH reported some complaints re television reception problems; anyone with such concerns that wind turbines could be the cause should contact AG for assessment and help. (ACTION item) <p>BIODIVERSITY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All offset credits now retired, as per the development consent; about 6,000ha has been set aside as part of the offset program • Bird & bat monitoring surveys continue, and monitoring programs, reporting & compliance etc is available on the Tilt website.

STAKEHOLDER & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- JA and CH noted that while Tilt has engaged with the Rye Park Progress Association, they do not consider it representative of the broader community. CM said the Association tries to be inclusive and welcomes anyone in the community. CH reported that some community members feel excluded and that the RPPA is generally perceived to be supportive of the wind farm, having members who are hosts and make money from the wind farm.
- BW noted that she and Tilt consult with any community members who reach out and the RPPA contacted her regarding signage etc. She is happy to engage with any others in the community, and requested suggestions from CCC members as to who else she should speak with.
- OB noted that Tilt is happy to talk to any community members in confidence, so they need not be afraid of any persecution from others in the community.
- Last construction newsletter to be issued this week; monthly landowner communications underway by MP.
- CCC meetings to continue, approx. 3-monthly for the moment, but could reduce later in 2024.

OPERATIONAL MATTERS

- Notification to the Planning Secretary on commencement of full operations will be made as soon as the last three turbines are connected.
- Then within 3 months of commencement: review of BBAMP, operational noise compliance testing and independent compliance audit of Consent and Op. Management Plans.
- Tilt currently considering a Modification request from contractor Vestas for an additional (more centrally located) site access and small site ops & maintenance compound off Blakeney Creek Rd South; purpose would be to reduce operational and maintenance vehicle movements to the southern area. Still being assessed by Tilt before possible formal application to the Dept.

BENEFIT SHARING

- See presentation, slide 12
- VPA funding, via Community Enhancement Funds will commence in July 2024.
- Hilltops Council started CEF committee 2 yrs ago; Yass Valley Council now establishing committee; UL Council status not known. Tilt will be represented on the committees, which also have community reps.
- VPA monies are primarily for allocation within a 20km radius of turbines.

8. General Business

- AF requested Tilt forward to him the noise monitoring parameters to be applied in the Noise Management Plan and will be doing his own monitoring soon. His family currently having difficulty sleeping (even with earplugs) as wind turbine noise is often intrusive late at night, depending on weather conditions. JS noted that Tilt will examine the proposals for noise monitoring and if appropriate include monitoring at AF's house. **ACTION ITEM** - Tilt (BW) to provide information to AF to enable access to noise monitoring details and data.
- Further discussion addressed the issue of aviation lights on turbines.
- **ACTION ITEM:** DJ to contact DPHI re need for aviation lights on turbines, and to follow up with the three Councils to determine their support in having the aviation lights removed from the turbines. The requirement from CASA is in the form of a recommendation to the DPE that aviation lights be installed. It is not a legislated or mandatory requirement.
- JA – at a previous meeting PK (UL Council) noted Biella Wind Farm was providing solar panels to residents. No further information has been provided by PK.
- JA asked about the visual mitigation program which she claims not many people know about. OB suggested any other community members should also contact BW if they wish to request tree planting. **ACTION:** Tilt to provide contact details in next newsletter for those requesting final visual mitigation if eligible.
- Flight increases – JA noted people from Young and Yass had reported more planes overhead– Tilt advised if this is true it is not related to the presence of the wind farm.
- JA asked if Tilt have any intention to erect a broken blade as a display, as there has been a rumour in the Rye Park area – Tilt advised they have no such intention.
- Further discussion on community support for local events, schools, etc – which can still be provided outside the VPA funding. CH suggested continuing programs to address mental health in the community, as this is an on-going issue and in part related to the wind farm infrastructure.
- TV noted that the project is in a transition phase, and thanked all involved in the committee for the engagement and contributions to the CCC; Tilt acknowledges the valuable and positive benefits that come from the CCC process. Others also thanked Tilt representatives for their assistance, including to those who would rather the wind farm had not been approved. JA also acknowledged the Chair for his role, and members of the committee for making the CCC a worthwhile forum.
- AF suggested that the local fire maps should be updated to include wind farm infrastructure, for the RFS.

