

Minutes of Meeting

Rye Park Wind Farm

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		

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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>
<p>5</p>	<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>
<p>6</p>	<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