

Rye Park Wind Farm Community Consultation Committee

Meeting No 16 held at Memorial Hall, Yass

Thursday 11th October 2018

Present

CCC Members: Nic Carmody (Independent Chair), Andrew Field, Sara Brown, Jayne Apps, Christine Hawkins, Greg Medway, Malcolm Day, Graeme Privett, Cr Geoff Frost (Yass Valley Council), Cr James Wheelwright (Upper Lachlan Council)

Proponent: Chris Righetti, Amanda Jones (Tilt Renewables)

Observers: Carlene Carmody (Minutes), David Sainsbury

The meeting opened at 7.05pm.

1. Welcome/Apologies

Apology received from Cr John Walker. The chair welcome everyone and thanked them for their attendance.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary or other interests

All attendees required to complete Code of Conduct and Pecuniary Interest forms for the Department. Both Malcolm Day & Graeme Privett made a Pecuniary Interest declaration as involved landholders. Declaration forms still to be completed.

3. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd May 2018 were adopted.

4. Actions arising from previous minutes

Action sheet updated.

5. Rye Park Wind Farm Project Status

Chris Righetti introduced Amanda Jones, Tilt Renewables – Stakeholder and Environment Manager. Her role looks at development and construction of Windfarm projects. Amanda comes from Energy Australia with an extensive background in the electricity industry. Amanda will be the ongoing contact point. Currently Tilt Renewables are looking to engage/employ a Community Engagement person who will be based in Melbourne. As the Windfarm progresses, Tilt Renewables will look to obtain a shopfront locally. Location is yet to be decided. Committee to offer suggestions as to what information such a shopfront would offer, where it should be located and hours of operation.

Questions to Amanda:

Andrew Field: question to Amanda regarding process for complaints after the Windfarm is built. Amanda stated that the basis/substance of the complaint should determine who it should be addressed by - regulatory authority or proponent.

Sara Brown: proposed that there be a “hotline” established for complaints or issues that arise during and after construction.

Sara Brown: what measures will be in place for bird strikes? Will it be proactive or reactive? Amanda advised that there would be walk throughs/routine inspections and registers kept. Would be done by employees or contractors of the Windfarm.

Andrew Field asked about noise monitoring. Chris advised this would be conducted pre construction and post construction. Should individuals wish to engage their own acoustic testing it is totally up to them.

Chris Righetti advised:

- He has resigned from Tilt Renewables. He will be going to Innogy Australia a renewable energy company – working on wind and solar projects.
- Salt Creek Wind Farm has been Tilt Renewables primary focus which was completed in July 2018. Post construction monitoring now in progress. 15 towers with a 54MW capacity.
- Tilt has been successful in its bid to be part of the Victorian Renewable Energy Auction Scheme (VREAS) and has been awarded a Support Agreement by the State in relation to the Dundonnell Wind Farm project (336MW capacity). Expect to commence construction in July. Construction to take 22 months.
- Rye Park – target for construction to commence second half 2019. Currently looking at cost of building. During September each of the construction (electricity and civil) crews and turbine suppliers have presented to Tilt. Working towards obtaining preferred suppliers at the end of 2018. Next stage offtake and securing finance.
- No approval yet for grid connection from Transgrid – currently in discussions.
- Still don't have a Power Purchasing Agreement (PPA) – nothing has been signed. Expected to progress in the first half of 2018.

Committee thanked Chris for his involvement.

Questions:

Christine Hawkins: Secondary approvals. What are they?

Amanda – includes things like Traffic Management plans, Environmental plans. Nic suggested the Committee to look at the initial project approval which will list what the secondary approvals requirements are in the consent.

Andrew Field – question relating to the map. Commented on new maps provided were the best received to date and pointed out the increased cooperation from Tilt since Chris had come on board.

Christine Hawkins: questioned logic of DPE on visuals. Why did some residences have more influence than others? She stated several community members were concerned over inconsistencies and causes frustrations. It appears some residents were given favourable treatment by PAC.

Chris commented that he wasn't aware of the thinking from the PAC over some approval conditions imposed.

6. General Business without notice

Jayne Apps: Question to Chris. Charlie Prell's windfarm is currently under construction. Will Tilt Renewables look at hiring a bus to conduct a tour for people to view? Chris advised that Tilt would consider it and suggest it would be a good idea for people to attend an Open Day if it can be arranged. She also expressed concerned about the constant changes to the company and staff.

Cr Geoff Frost: Today in the news noise issues have been recognised. Will this have an impact? Amanda – Tilt will be watching with interest.

7. Next Meeting

Next meeting to be held, Thursday 7th February 2018, 7pm, Yass Soldiers' Memorial Hall Annexe.

Meeting closed at 8.25 pm

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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		Councillors reminded again to arrange this meeting 11/10/2018
21.	Coppabella Site inspection to be arranged following commencement	24/8/17	N Carmody	31/03/18	
22.	Copy after the development approval link to be emailed to all committee members.	30/11/17	N Carmody		
24	Chris to provide EPBC information	11/10/2018	Tilt Renewables		
25	Councillors to obtain Community Enhancement Fund members to our committee when they have been appointed	11/10/2018	Councillors		
26	Chris to email a copy of the noise report that was used in the approval.	11/10/2018	Tilt Renewables	Next meeting	
27	Nic to provide a link in an email for Amanda Jones contact details	11/10/2018	N Carmody		

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 & Borrowa 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
23.	Confirmation of location of the compound near R51	3/5/2018	Tilt Renewables		Chris has distributed response – it has been removed.