

Rye Park Wind Farm Community Consultation Committee
Meeting No 14 held at RMS Yass Works Depot
Thursday 30 November 2017

Present

CCC Members: Nic Carmody (Chair), Andrew Field, Jayne Apps, Christine Hawkins, Greg Medway, Cr Geoff Frost.

Proponent: Chris Righetti (Tilt Renewables)

Observers: Carlene Carmody (Minutes)

The meeting opened at 7.25pm and relocated after a mix up with Memorial Hall booking.

1. Welcome/Apologies

Apologies were received from Sara Brown, Cr James Wheelwright, Cr John Walker, Malcolm Day and Graham Privett.

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 present to complete as required by the new CCC guidelines.

Greg Medway declared a pecuniary interest as he is an involved landholder.

Andrew Field declared a pecuniary interest due to devaluation of his property and consequential financial loss.

Christine Hawkins declared a pecuniary interest due to devaluation of her property and consequential financial loss.

Jayne Apps declared a pecuniary interest due to devaluation of her property and consequential financial loss.

Nic Carmody declared he receives chair fees, as per the CCC guidelines, from the proponent.

3. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 August 2017 were adopted.

4. Actions arising from previous minutes

Action sheet updated.

5. Rye Park Wind Farm Project Status

Chris Righetti advised:

- Consolidation of offices to Melbourne. Rontheo van Zyl has moved back to Adelaide with family. He has left the company.
- Visit with each of the Councils now that Development Consent has been received.
- Still one outstanding approval - under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) Commonwealth Approval. Received draft conditions from them. Currently in the process of providing a response to one condition of approval. Expect target for approval to be wrapped up within a week.
- Progressed on two matters:
 - Connection enquiry lodged with Transgrid and engaged technical consultants. Aim to have feedback by the time of the next meeting
 - EOI to the potential turbine suppliers – will be a matter for February. Targeting feedback April/May from suppliers
- Target April/May feedback from civil contractors re site.
- Delays due to involvement in Victorian projects.
- Approval is for a tip height of 157 metres. No limit on the number of megawatts that can be generated.
- Looking at the 3 megawatt range.
- Hilltops have 67 turbines, Upper Lachlan 14 and Yass Valley Council 11 turbines.

Maps showing location of approved turbines were provided. Table of masts on the map provided.

Question raised about scale of maps. Distance of Little Plains Road near intersection of Kenny's Creek Road to the nearest turbine from 848 Little Plains Road to be provided.

Question asked re monitoring of site (noise and visual) pre and post construction. Post construction noise compliance plan to be conducted which takes into consideration the pre-construction plan.

Members asked about the positioning of compounds. Compound near residence 51 no documentation re its location. Submissions would have been different if that was known. The intersection is of concern, it was suggested that it wasn't on the original plans. Chris agreed to review when the site was introduced to the project plan. Originally was to be a concrete batching plant site. Potentially could be a 24/7 operation which raises concerns at this locality.

6. General Business without notice

Cr John Walker nominated for Hilltops Council

Cr James Wheelwright nominee for Upper Lachlan Council

Cr Geoff Frost representative for Yass Valley Council.

Andrew Field

What is the definition of a truck? Anything over 4.5 tonne (RMS). Section 1.3 of the Traffic and Transport report refers. Want clarification of definition of vehicles. Tilt Renewables are actively looking at the use of Coolalie Road. Definition provided – to be emailed.

Section 6.4.2 refers to Council being responsible for any sealed road during and post construction. Chris advised that it may be that this may not be how it is worded in the approval. Concerns of the state of the roads post construction. Need to make sure what traffic is travelling on what roads.

Section 5.1 size of truck and dog – length is correct the GVM is not correct - should be 48 not 32 tonne.

Traffic Management Plan will be far more detailed than what is in the report. Condition 28 of the permit – must conduct a dilapidation report within one month of completion.

Christine Hawkins

Question – where is the water coming from? Still not sorted. Greatly concerned if coming from Yass as the number of trucks coming along Cooks Hill Road has been grossly unexaggerated in the Development Application. Committee members were of the view that Cooks Hill Rd would be unable to sustain heavy truck movements.

Chris Righetti questioned the Committee – is it better to isolate traffic movements during construction or is it better to have large traffic impact on the external and less movements internally? Committee generally responded that there is more benefit to the community if the local roads are improved.

Committee commended and thanked Chris Righetti on his sincerity and openness during the meeting.

Jayne Apps

Asked about the possible impacts on rates as the Valuer General is now looking at Windfarm properties and whether they should continue to be rated as “Rural”. Will Tilt Renewables compensate for the increase in rates for host landholders? Chris advised it was his view that the company would more than likely compensate Involved Landholders for any abnormal increase in rates due to the Wind Farm construction.

Cr. Geoff Frost

Will request that YVC consult with the other involved Councils and then Tilt Renewables, re increasing the community contribution for larger capacity turbines. Secondly, Cr Frost will ask Council staff re their understanding of road construction and maintenance conditions and consistency with Tilt’s published understanding. Will report back to the CCC.

7. Next Meeting

Next meeting to be held, Thursday 3rd May, 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	31/03/18	
22.	Copy after the development approval to be emailed to all committee members.	30/11/17	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