

### **MEETING MINUTES**

| Meeting title     | RYE PARK Wind Farm Commun     | nity Consultative Comr                      | mittee (CCC). Meeting #26                          |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Attendees         |                               |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| David Johnson (   | Independent Chair) (DJ)       | Martine Holberton, S<br>Advisor, Tilt Renew | Senior Stakeholder Engagement ables (MH)           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Christine Hawkin  | ns (Community Member) (CH)    | Andrew Galland, HS (AG)                     | SEC Manager, Tilt Renewables                       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sara Brown (Co    | mmunity Member) (SB)          | Matt Glass, Project                         | Manager, Tilt Renewables (MG)                      |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jayne Apps (Co    | mmunity Member) (JA)          | Cr Jim Abbey (Yass                          | Cr Jim Abbey (Yass Valley Council)                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mike Gilmour (C   | community Member) (MG)        | Cr John Piper (Hillto                       | ops Council)                                       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Angus Mitchell (  | Community Member) (AM)        |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Brendon Conlon    | (Community Member Alternate)  |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Observers         |                               |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Geoff Dutaillis ( | CEO, Tilt Renewables)         | Tom Villiers (EGM                           | – Delivery, Tilt Renewables)                       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Katrina O'Reilly  | (Dept Planning & Environment) |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Apologies         |                               |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Andrew Field (C   | ommunity Member) (AF)         | Cr Pam Kensit (May<br>Council)              | Cr Pam Kensit (Mayor, Upper Lachlan Shire Council) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Claude Morson     | (Community Member)            |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Location          | Soldiers Memorial Hall, Yass  | Date & start time                           | 12 April 2022 at 7.10 pm                           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

| Topic  | Discussion   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Welcome and     Acknowledgement     of Country | <ul> <li>The Chair acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land within the project area and on which we meet, being the Wiradjuri and Ngunnawa people, paying respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.</li> <li>The Chair (DJ) welcomed everyone to the meeting and announced that he was recording the meeting; there were no objections.</li> </ul> |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2. Introductions                               | <ul> <li>Each person introduced themselves around the room. The Chair<br/>specifically welcomed the new community members, Council<br/>representatives and Katrina O'Reilly from DPE as well as the observers<br/>from Tilt Renewables.</li> </ul>   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3. Declarations of Interest                    | <ul> <li>None</li> <li>DJ mentioned that all new members are required to complete and return<br/>the Code of Conduct and Declaration of Interests forms which he will<br/>provide</li> </ul>   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4. Minutes of<br>Previous Meeting              | <ul> <li>Minutes of the last meeting of the Rye Park CCC (#25) on 15 February<br/>2022, were taken as approved as a draft had been circulated to all<br/>members for comment.</li> </ul>   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5. Business Arising                            | It was noted by DJ that Action Item 7 was not yet completed. MG reported that he had a response from DPE regarding the taking of water and possible impacts on habitat, and that the DPE were satisfied.   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |



|                          | <ul> <li>No water is being taken from creeks, only from dams, and some water for public road upgrades in the Boorowa area from water supply.</li> <li>KO'R from DPE gave an outline of her role with the Dept's Compliance Unit and their role in administering SSD conditions and conducting surveillance &amp; inspections during construction and operations. She mentioned that a warning letter was meant to have been sent to Tilt regarding the extraction of water from a Fisheries listed dam.</li> </ul>  |
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| 6. Correspondence        | <ul> <li>Several items of correspondence were noted:</li> <li>Letter sent by DJ (13/3/22) to the Dept (DPE) recommending the new Community Members;</li> <li>Letter received from DPE (11/4/22) appointing the new confirmed Community Members.</li> <li>Emails received from each of the three Councils (Yass Valley, Hilltops &amp; Upper Lachlan) in April 2022 appointing their new representatives on the CCC.</li> </ul>  |
| 7. Proponent's Report    | <ul> <li>Martine introduced the presentation and project updates from Tilt Renewables.</li> <li>A series of slides were presented (see attachment) and supporting information was provided by MH, MG and AG.</li> <li>The schedule of works for transport &amp; road upgrades was presented by MG, along with a summary of site works, access tracks and footpath improvements; the Boorowa by-pass work is projected to commence during the week after Easter (weather permitting);</li> <li>Details of consultations with Rye Park residents were provided, mostly regarding footpath works, road upgrades and landscaping;</li> <li>AG presented information on environment and compliance matters, including safety issues, complaints, biodiversity, traffic and heritage management;</li> <li>MH updated the committee on communication and complaint/enquiry procedures, composition of the CCC, employment &amp; subcontractor opportunities and benefit sharing initiatives.</li> <li>AG noted that officers from the EPA had visited the site and talked to Tilt personnel yesterday; EPA delivered a compliance toolbox and then conducted a site inspection</li> <li>Discussion followed on a range of subjects including traffic &amp; road safety, road damage caused by both heavy &amp; light vehicles, early morning noise &amp; light impacts, sources of water, noise criteria and compliance issues. See under General Business below:</li> </ul> |
| 8. Other Agenda<br>Items | SB noted the current court case with Bald Hills Wind Farm re noise compliance, and queried the use of New Zealand noise criteria on that project. MG to respond with the current guidelines that the RPWF NVMP is applying (ACTION);  |
| 9. General Business      | <ul> <li>CH thanked Tilt staff for the signs, line &amp; corner marking on Cooks Hill Rd, though noted the signs were very bright;</li> <li>CH concerned that local freight &amp; cattle trucks now impact the roadside vegetation when staying inside the new double centre-lines. CH will alert ULS council.</li> </ul>   |



- CH acknowledged the good work fixing pot-holes, but many have now opened again, eg on Dalton Rd; AG confirmed heavy patching campaign in progress & will continue after Easter;
- CH noted increase in general traffic on local roads (not including project roads) is causing noticeable surface deterioration and largely due to wind farm traffic, particularly on Dalton Rd towards Gunning. CH will inform ULSC.
- CH also noted significant impacts on local community from contractors in mostly light vehicles driving at speed to compound & work areas (from about 4.30 am); many with flashing lights & running engines well before work starts; MG will try to address this issue with sub-contractors (ACTION); AG & MG noted that access to work areas is allowed but no works can commence before 7 am.
- CH emphasized the noise and dust impacts now affecting many residents, particularly from contractors speeding on both sealed and dirt roads – with major safety concerns for what is normally a quiet area with low traffic volumes.
- CH also asked what is done to prevent seeds from noxious weeds being transferred by vehicles around the district. AG noted that all site vehicles are cleaned before arriving at or leaving site, topsoil is assessed before being moved to avoid biodiversity impacts and is not moved across property boundaries and all imported gravel is required to be certified weed-free
- AG noted that the steep batters along Boorowa/Rye Park Rds are being flattened to reduce steepness; Cooks Hill Rd to be fully sealed from Yass to Rye Park, possibly by June.
- SB/JA noted that on Cooks Hill Rd & Blakeney Creek Rd, contractor drivers regularly cutting corners/curves, driving across centre-lines and tailgating. This will be raised in toolbox talks etc and the main safety topic at the 13/4/22 pre-start meeting (ACTION). Zenviron addressed this at the following morning's prestart. Driving and TMP code of conduct is raised regularly during project daily pre starts and weekly toolbox talks
- SB asked about access turning across unbroken centre-lines into driveways on Cooks Hill Rd? MG responded that such turns are legal.
- JA concerned why contractors are using potable water from Boorowa (under council agreement) for dust suppression etc. She believes town water should not be used for such purposes. (Zenviron since confirmed that it was capped at 40,000 L /day, and extraction occurred over a 6week period).
- JA concerned that with the build-up in height of Grassy Creek Rd in places, there are limited passing options with large vehicles making project deliveries; AG responded that a pilot vehicle will travel in front of any over-size deliveries, and that the build-up of the road will lead to increased width and allow safer passing opportunities than with the previous formation.
- JA asked if Hilltops Council have compliance officers who check their compliance. AG noted that the three quarries have individual Environment Protection Licences which are checked for compliance by the EPA.
- JA asked about the sign on the Gibson property (Grassy Creek Rd) which



uses incorrect & inflammatory language and identifies Tilt Renewables. TV confirmed the sign was installed by a landowner on private land and is not endorsed by Tilt or the project. Tilt has since asked the landowner to remove the reference to Tilt Renewables logo. JP offered to help within Hilltops Council to expedite the review & approval of the Yass St footpath works. TV noted their good relationship with Council and hoped for approval this week. MG enquired about the Yass St causeway, which has uneven entry & exit. AG noted Council have recently approved the replacement of the causeway with a new structure with work to commence shortly Meeting closed: 9.00 pm. Next meeting: Scheduled for <u>Tuesday 21 June 2022</u>, at the same venue. **Next Meeting** 1. Noise criteria applied in the Noise & Vib. Management Plan. MG to **ACTIONS REQUIRED** advise on criteria used for the NVMP. The Development Consent for the RPWF project refers to compliance with the relevant requirements of the Department's Wind Energy: Noise Assessment Bulletin (2016) (or its latest version) - NSW. The Bulletin adopts the 2009 South Australian document, Wind farms – environmental noise guidelines (SA 2009). You can refer to the Bulletin, via this link: <a href="https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/-">https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/-</a> /media/Files/DPE/Bulletins-and-Community-Updates/wind-energynoise-assessment-bulletin-2016-12.pdf 2. Early morning noise & light impacts from work sites. MG & AG to request subcontractors address these issues with personnel - ONGOING **REMINDERS** 3. Driver behaviours & road safety. MG & AG to have concerns re speeding, cutting corners & tailgating raised in tool-box talks and through contractor's staff. - ONGOING REMINDERS 4. David to contact Katrina O'Reilly from DPIE re request for attendance at next meeting. COMPLETE 5. Dilapidation study of potholes and safety on the roads (RP/Dalton Rd in particular): can we get someone out to assess whether there are any really dangerous ones that might need patching attention sooner rather than later? Would be a good safety exercise. Since the CCC meeting, pothole patching has been undertaken along Dalton Road and contractor continues to monitor and schedule maintenance works as required.



- 6. When is Cooks Hill Road getting sealed? (A. Field) *Tilt remains* committed to sealing Cooks Hill Road within the constraints of the road reserve. Tilt continues to work with Upper Lachlan Shire Council to resolve constraints and technical challenges. ONGOING
- Signage: refer to A. Field's email about where exactly to install signage before Cooks Hill Rd (at Faulder Ave).
   ONGOING – Sign was placed at Faulder Ave/Cooks Hill Rd intersection
- 8. CH asked about impacts on Pygmy Perch and habitats in dam used for water extraction. Need to report back on the outcome / determination from DPIE. KO confirmed at the CCC meeting that DPE issued a warning letter to RPRE. AG confirmed that this letter has now been received from DPE (29 April) CLOSED
- 9. Cooks Hill Road driving how to ensure workers practice safer driving? Alerting the local police to do more patrols is a good idea. Warnings at pre-starts that people will be removed from the job if they don't drive safely and secure their load.
  Since the CCC meeting, Tilt has focussed on ensuring pre-starts (daily) and toolboxes (weekly) cover driver code of conduct and safety on public roads. These will continue. ONGOING
- 10. Littering To be included in toolbox talks etc ONGOING as above
- 11. Animal strike & roadkill Chris & Rod to supply contacts for Boorowa, Rye Park and Yass and MH to follow up on wildlife hotline contacts. Tilt contacted local wildlife carer and has provided key contacts that are now included in the HSE portal for all workers. Was also raised in prestart to ask workers to save the numbers in their phones. COMPLETE
- 12. What happens to removed trees? Are there any more trees marked for removal along Grassy Creek Road? (JA)

Removal of trees along Grassy Creek Rd has been completed. Hollows are salvaged where possible for retention. A combination of mulching, windrowing, stabilisation and erosion control management of felled vegetation is used, as agreed between the contractors, landowners and RPRE. **ON-GOING** 

13. Confirm where water is being obtained from (question from JA asking whether we're getting water from creeks).

Zenviron have confirmed that no water is taken from creeks. Currently water is being sourced for the project via lease agreements and access under the harvestable right provisions. Regional road maintenance works were conducted on the unsealed sections of regional roads within Upper Lachlan Shire Council over the past month including Rye Park Rd east of Blakeney Creek North Rd (non project related). **COMPLETE** 



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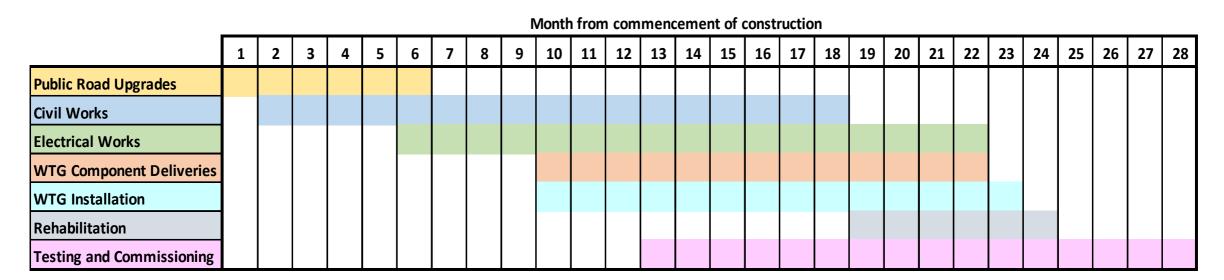


# SCHEDULE OF WORKS INDICATIVE SCHEDULE



### Project Programme:

- Construction will include road upgrades, wind farm construction (not including pre-construction activities) and commissioning
  - Construction Commencement 1 December 2021
  - Commissioning From Late 2022
  - Operations Early 2024

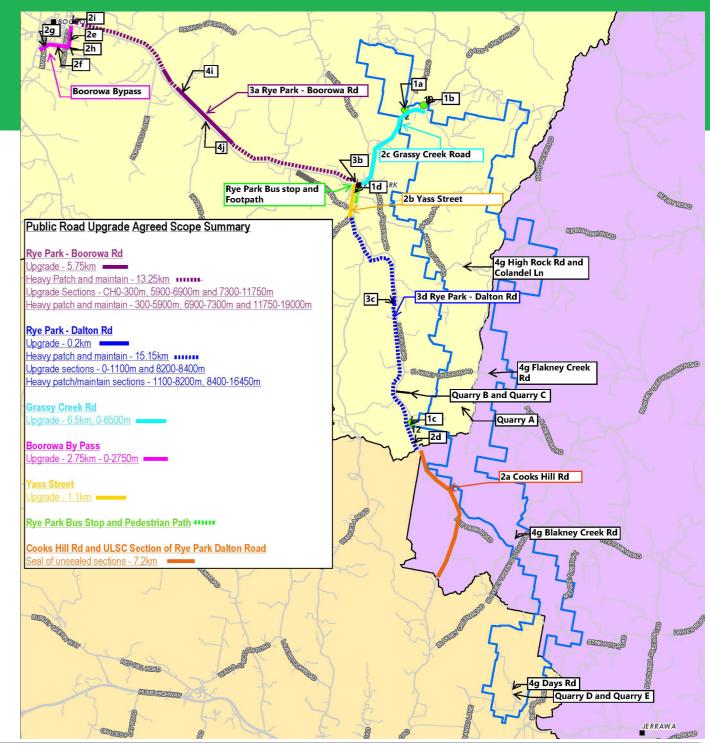


# SCHEDULE OF WORKS TRANSPORT, ROAD UPGRADES & SCHEDULE



### Road Upgrades Update:

- <u>Site Entry Intersections</u> Complete
- Grassy Creek Road – Pavement and drainage works complete. Sealing works commenced 11/4.
- <u>Boorowa Bypass</u> –.. Pavement and drainage works complete. Ready for sealing in the next weeks.
- <u>Boorowa-Rye Park Rd</u> Re-build sections and heavy patching works complete. Pavement placement 70% complete. Sealing to commence in the coming weeks.
- Rye Park-Dalton/ Cooks Hill Rd RP-Dalton Rd Gravel placement to commence imminently and sealing post Anzac Day. Continued work with Council is ongoing to resolve outstanding design options for Cooks Hill Rd.



# SCHEDULE OF WORKS TRANSPORT, ROAD UPGRADES & SCHEDULE



|  | Sta | ige 1 |   |   | Stage 2 |   |       |     |   |    |    |    |    |    |    | Stage 3 |    |       |      |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| Week   | 1   | 2     | 3 | 4 | 5       | 6 | 7     | 8   | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16      | 17 | 18    | 19   | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| Site Entry 12 Intersection                                     |     |       |   |   | 7       |   |       |     |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |         |    |       |      |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Site Entry 2 Intersection                                      |     |       |   |   | H       | N | ilest | one | 1 |    |    |    |    |    |    |         |    |       |      |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Site Entry 10 Intersection                                     |     |       |   |   | J       |   |       |     |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |         |    |       |      |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Grassy Creek Road Formation                                    |     |       |   |   |         |   |       |     |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |         |    |       |      |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Grassy Creek Road Seal   |     |       |   |   |         |   |       |     |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |         |    |       |      |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Grassy Creek Culvert   |     |       |   |   |         |   |       |     |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |         |    |       |      |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Grassy Creek Causeway  |     |       |   |   |         |   |       |     |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |         |    |       |      |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Yass Street Formation  |     |       |   |   |         |   |       |     |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |         |    | Miles | tone | 2  |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Yass Street Seal   |     |       |   |   |         |   |       |     |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |         |    |       |      |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Boorowa Bypass Formation                                       |     |       |   |   |         |   |       |     |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |         |    |       |      |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Boorowa Bypass Seal  |     |       |   |   |         |   |       |     |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |         |    |       |      |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Rye Park bus stop and footpath                                 |     |       |   |   |         |   |       |     |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |         |    |       |      |    |    |    |    |    |    | _  |
| Heavy Patching/maintenance -<br>RPB                            |     |       |   |   |         |   |       |     |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |         |    |       |      |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Boorowa - RP Seal  |     |       |   |   |         |   |       |     |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |         |    |       |      |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Heavy Patching/maintenance - RPD                               |     |       |   |   |         |   |       |     |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |         |    |       |      |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Boorowa-RP Road Formation                                      |     |       |   |   |         |   |       |     |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |         |    |       |      |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| RP-Dalton Road Formation                                       |     |       |   |   |         |   |       |     |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |         |    |       |      |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| RP-Dalton Road Seal  |     |       |   |   |         |   |       |     |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |         |    |       |      |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Cooks Hill Road and ULSC<br>Section of Rye Park Dalton<br>Road |     |       |   |   |         |   |       |     |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |         |    |       |      |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |

## Cooks Hill Road upgrade – update

- Tilt Renewables continue to work with Upper Lachlan Shire to finalise the design of the Cooks Hill Road upgrade.
- The final design is being developed to address key biodiversity and heritage constraints, whilst balancing road safety considerations.
- Both parties are working as a priority to finalise design, and undertake works, as soon as practicable.
- Until such time the works are completed the Project will continue to maintain the road.

# PROJECT UPDATE WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO



#### **Wind Farm Works**

- Temporary Compound Facility site offices established and project staff utilising
- Temporary batch plant and laydown hardstands completed at main compound
- Earthworks continue in the northern and central areas heading towards the northern and southern sub stations.



Temporary site office occupied by project staff

# PROJECT UPDATE WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO



- Public road upgrades continuing
- Earthworks on site ongoing New areas commenced
- ARDG quarry supply update:
  - ARDG have commenced operations in Barrackville Quarry and material is being supplied to the RPWF via the main entrance on Dalton Road.
  - Processing operations area are scheduled to be completed by the end of March. Quarrying operations will then move to Fairburn Quarry (located inside the RPWF Project Area).



OSOM bypass and drainage Dillon/Long St

# PROJECT UPDATE WORKS ON SITE





Wind farm access track construction



Construction commenced on WTG A12 hardstand

Tilt Renewables Presentation Title - Date 2019

### YASS STREET, RYE PARK VILLAGE FOOTPATH UPDATE



As part of the Rye Park Wind Farm Project, we are upgrading Yass Street to ensure that it is suitable and safe for during construction, and further to minimise impacts on the local residents.

In addition to this development requirement, Council requested that the Project install a footpath to ensure pedestrian safety. A landscape plan to tie-in the footpath was also requested by Council and agreed by the Project.

- 1. Footpath & landscaping concept design initial design options prepared by the Project to facilitate discussions with key stakeholders (Council & community)
- 2. Footpath re-design prepared to accommodate feedback and suggestions, including:
  - Compliance with Council design specifications
  - Footpath route
  - Impact to trees
- 3. Detailed footpath design for construction and Council sign-off (detailed design currently with Council)
- 4. Final landscaping tie-in design
- 5. Final footpath and landscaping designs approved for construction

# YASS STREET, RYE PARK VILLAGE FOOTPATH CONSULTATION UPDATE



#### **Engagement on draft plans undertaken:**

- Targeted Rye Park village residents session Wednesday 1 December 2021 at Rye Park Community Hall
- Open community drop in session Monday 7 March 2022 at Rye Park Community Hall

#### What we heard:

- Generally positive re-footpath and landscaping with constructive ideas proposed
- Minimise/avoid tree removal narrow footpath and reduce property boundary offset where needed to achieve this. Save the 3 key significant trees. Can replace the ones on the west side.
- Avoid narrow property boundary offset (preference for footpath on property boundaries where needed) to reduce maintenance issues
  and provide more room for trees
- Request for drainage tie-in (requires some Council management due to private property access)
- No new trees or planting in front of Rye Park Hall or Recreation Reserve to allow for existing use of the space (off street parking)
- Yass St bus stop location and orientation to be reassessed with Council

# YASS STREET, RYE PARK VILLAGE FOOTPATH CONSULTATION UPDATE



#### **Approach incorporating feedback:**

#### **Footpath Design**

- Retain existing trees where possible narrow footpath width where possible/required to allow retention of significant trees (3 significant trees originally at risk now to be retained, 12 less mature trees (near School) addressed by reducing the width to 1.2m
- Incorporate Hilltops Council design specs 1.5m width (where possible) and concrete material
- Yass St path crossing near the Community Hall crossing road south of hall at the crest of Yass St (safest location)
- Extended the footpath to tie into Kershaw Street

#### Landscaping

- Minimise tree removal & associated replacement trees (per above)
- Some additional tree planting, adjacent to footpath design, that complements the existing canopy and enhances village setting
- No planting on sections adjacent to public facilities (e.g. Rye Park Hall), to allow for existing use of the space (off street parking)
- Minimal small planting limited to ensure manageable ongoing maintenance
- Opportunity to acknowledge and continue the work of 1993-1994 Rye Park Landcare Group village tree planting at the Recreation Reserve and/or Community Hall

#### Maintenance

- Low maintenance species for additional / replacement trees and planting proposed
- Landscape maintenance to be undertaken by Tilt Renewables during initial planting establishment (6-12 months). Post establishment period to be managed by Hilltops Council

### YASS STREET, RYE PARK VILLAGE NEXT STEPS



#### **Yass Street Road Upgrade Works**

- Road works underway and on track to complete in April, including full seal
- Drainage has been designed and constructed to accommodate design flows. The result is deeper than previous V drains. This may result in some difficulty traversing with smaller vehicles.
- All driveways will be tied in and property access will be maintained

#### **Footpath**

- **Early-April:** Detailed design complete and submitted (incl. s138 applications) to Council
- Late-April: Council approval of detailed design and commence construction
- Late-May: Footpath complete

#### Landscaping

- June: Following finalisation of design and construction of footpath, finalise landscaping plan incorporating community and Council feedback
- TBA: Implement landscape plan during appropriate planting season (likely Winter/Spring). Potential opportunity to include community / school involvement.





# ENVIRONMENT & COMPLIANCE COMPLIANCE





#### Safety

- 1 incident recorded and relevant regulatory notifications undertaken, leading indicator reporting trending positively.
- COVID-19 Management Protocols in place in accordance with NSW regulations/guidelines incl. Rapid Antigen Testing, and NSW isolation protocols enforced

#### Environmental

- No incidents recorded, leading indicator reporting trending positively.
- · Awaiting DPE feedback regarding water from dam

#### Complaints and Compliance

- Complaints register published monthly on website
- 4 x Non-compliances HV use of non approved routes (Cooks Hill Rd)
- DPE Compliance officer visited site in December and March
- 3 monthly internal compliance audit undertaken on 11 February with no major non-conformances
- Independent audit undertaken 24/25 February, report is currently being finalised by the auditor before submission to DPE
- Tracking of vegetation disturbance has commenced (surveyors engaged)

### **Design Progression**

Minor revisions to access tracks have been identified which would have like for like biodiversity impact and minimise risks associated with waterway and gully crossings.

We are working with DPE and DAWE to ensure the project approvals allow for these optimisations.

# **ENVIRONMENT & COMPLIANCE**COMPLIANCE



### **Biodiversity Management**

- Pre clearance surveys continue prior to works commencing in:
  - Native vegetation sections along the public road work upgrade areas and,
  - Within the wind farm site prior to construction works occurring
- Exclusion flagging of targeted high value vegetation/habitat areas
- Ecologists on site during targeted habitat tree removal and hollow salvage
- Rehabilitation of finished areas has commenced. Replacement of topsoil and stabilisation

### **Traffic Management**

- Monitoring of heavy vehicle movements into the project entries continues in line with TMP staging report requirements
- Heavy vehicle booking system continues to be used to manage heavy vehicle movements during TMP staging report (Stages 2-3)

### Heritage management

- Cultural heritage salvage has been undertaken by archaeologists and Local Aboriginal Land Council representatives
- Exclusion fencing installed at no impact locales within proximity of upcoming work areas

### Biodiversity / Offsets

- Continuing to work through the assessment of the land based offsets identified to formally register these offset sites with the Biodiversity Conservation Trust.
- Continue to identify options to fill any gaps not fulfilled by the identified sites (e.g. through new sites, or existing market credits)

### **Pre-Commissioning Plans**

Drafting key management plans (NMP, BBAMP)



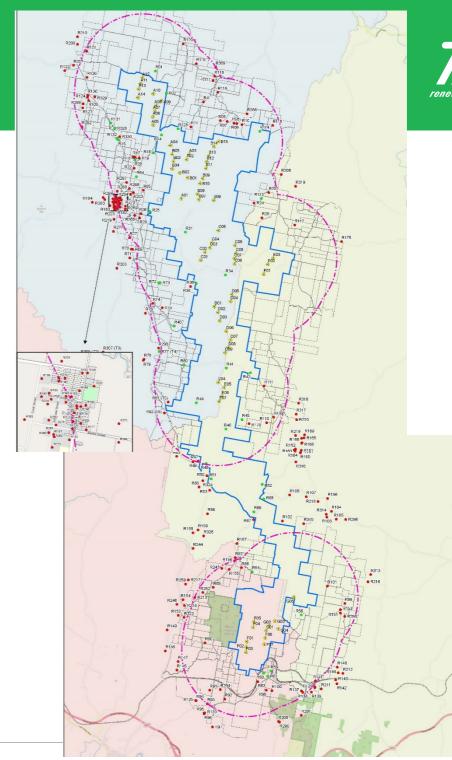
# ENVIRONMENT & COMPLIANCE COMPLIANCE





### **Visual Mitigation Program**

- Non-associated residences within 4km of a wind turbine may be eligible for participation in the Visual Mitigation Program for the Project.
- Eligible residences may ask the Project to implement reasonable and feasible visual impact mitigation measures on their land to minimise the visual impacts of the Project on their residence.
- We have sent out letters to properties within 4km of a turbine, if you have received a letter and are interested (or have not received a letter and think we have missed you) please get in contact to discuss.
- We have completed the first round of site visits with a landscape architect, and will arrange another round of visits over the next month.
- The **program is open until November 2026** interested parties can express their interest now, or once the turbines are installed.



# STAKEHOLDER & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FEEDBACK, ENQUIRIES & COMPLAINTS



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#### Communication

- Newsletter April issue out soon
- Fortnightly construction updates continue w focus on public road upgrades via email and in community noticeboards
- SMS updates continue (to direct subscribers to read the full updates online)
- Ads in local papers fortnightly as per publications listed
- CCC meetings (now bi-monthly)

### **Project Shopfront**

- By appointment, and open for a regular day/time each week (TBD).
- Our 1800 WE TILT number remains always open to receive any questions about the Project and construction activities.

### Complaints and Enquiries

- Direct email: <a href="mailto:complaints@tiltrenewables.com">complaints@tiltrenewables.com</a> or people can use: <a href="mailto:ryeparkwindfarm@tiltrenewables.com">ryeparkwindfarm@tiltrenewables.com</a> or call 1800 WE TILT (938 458)
- View our Complaints Management Procedure and Project Complaints Management Plan on the Project webpage.







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# CCC UPDATE MEMBERS



### **Existing CCC Members**

- David Johnson Chair
- Sara Brown Community Representative
- Jayne Apps Community Representative
- Christine Hawkins Community Representative
- Andrew Field Community Representative

#### Tilt Renewables

- Martine Holberton Senior Advisor Stakeholder and Community Engagement
- Andrew Galland Site HSEC Manager
- Matt Glass Senior Project Manager

The Department makes decisions on who sits on the CCC.

### Welcome new CCC Members (community)

- Angus Mitchell Community Representative
- Michael Gilmour Community Representative
- Claude Morson Community Representative
- Dr Brendan Conlon (Alternate member Community Representative)

### Welcome new CCC Members (Councillors)

- Hilltops Councillor Cr John Piper
- Upper Lachlan Councillor Mayor Pam Kensit
- Yass Valley Councillor Cr Jim Abbey

# PROJECT BENEFITS EMPLOYMENT







### **Employment Opportunities**

- Goods & Services Register monthly update to contractors
- ICN Gateway monthly report



#### Local subcontracts awarded include:

- Kanga Hardware Boorowa –
- Powderly's Pumping & Irrigation Services
- Right Switch Electrical
- Scott Reid Plumbing
- Wayne Apps Fencing
- Grazing Unlimited Rural Fencing
- Irrigear Yass
- Youngs Pumps & Popups
- Overall Drilling
- Cleaner from Rye Park
- Luff Motors Toyota
- Active AG & Tyre Centre
- MA Steel
- Nutrien Ag

# PROJECT BENEFITS BENEFIT SHARING



#### Benefit Sharing initiatives commencing:

- We are pleased to confirm the donation of funds to the Rye Park Rec Ground Management Committee to purchase a food truck and coffee machine, with additional funds to make it an operational 'mobile café' as soon as possible.
- We are also pleased to confirm the Rye Park Wind Farm bursary program with the Boorowa Country Education Foundation for high-school leavers and/or trainees in the direct region. The three-year program will preference students who apply who live closest to Rye Park Wind Farm. The program is set to launch in the coming month and will support education expenses for successful applicants during construction (can continue under CEF during operations).
- Donation to subsidise a mental health support program with AWI
   Consulting to help kids get the support they need, faster. Run over threeyears, funds will be used to cover costs of psychological assessments
  and wellbeing workshops, and will be made available to local schools
   (Boorowa Central School, Rye Park Public School, St Joseph's School,
   Dalton Primary). Set to launch in Term 2.
- Boorowa Community Landcare Group outside of compliance obligations around rehabilitation and offset site management, we are pursuing revegetation initiatives that will also include employee volunteerism.



# DISCUSSION

