

Crookwell 2 and 3 Windfarm Community Consultative Committee

Minutes of the second meeting of the CCC

Time 4.00PM Wednesday 16 November 2016

Venue CWA Hall Spring Street Crookwell

Attendance: Peter Gordon (Independent Chair), Steve Ward and Chris Croker as Community Representatives, Councillor Paul Culhane from Upper Lachlan Shire and Shaq Mohajerani representing Crookwell Development Pty Ltd.

Apologies: Maurice Newman, Jean Dooley and Jamie Buck. Malcolm Barlow did not attend despite being approached by the Chair to assess his interest in remaining on the committee.

Peter Gordon welcomed all to the second meeting of the new committee and thanked Shaq Mohajerani for organising a visit to properties where the new construction sites can be viewed.

No pecuniary or other interests were declared.

Business arising from previous minutes — response to issues raised or provision of additional information requested

Members noted that the minutes and other CCC records are now easily accessed through the Union Fenosa Wind Australia website

The Chair noted that John Carter would soon be approved as a new member of the CCC

Monitoring and reporting issues are dealt with later in the meeting

Correspondence – nil

Issues identified by the community or local government representatives

Members raised a number of issues:

Steve asked for some understanding of why some turbines seemed to be operating at the same time when others were still. Shaq went to some detail to explain the impact of wind variability and other circumstances. A further presentation on such operational matters would be required in future.

Neighbour Agreements. The previous meeting required that Shaq provide information and to get back to Steve Ward after the meeting. Steve was still interested in receiving further information. At this time there are 5 Neighbour Agreements active and none outstanding.

Chris was also interested in the Neighbour Agreements. Notably with regard to the mitigation of noise. Shaq noted that mitigation options are detailed in the EIS. It was further noted that if any property owners outside the current agreements can seek attention by registering through the free-call service.

Cr Culhane was also interested in performance management and especially how and why some turbines were active and others not.

Shaq went into some detail explaining the renewable energy market mechanisms. The website <http://nationalmap.gov.au/renewables/> provides a snapshot to the generation profile of some of the renewable energy generation projects across the network.

Cr Culhane was particularly interested in the impact of construction activity and most especially the impact on roads such as Woodhouselee Road and at any time when school buses would be operating.

Technical issues. Covered under the company report below.

Company reports and overview of activities:

Shaq explained the construction schedule for the development of the Crookwell 2 Wind Farm Modification Application (Mod-2) and the Crookwell 3 Wind Farm Addendum to existing proposed Application were on Public Exhibition from Tuesday 11th October 2016 to Monday 14th November 2016. Feedback following the public consultations is pending.

It was noted that the next phase of the Crookwell 2 Wind Farm construction is likely to start in March / April 2017, and it is anticipated to be completed by September 2018. The next meeting would further focus on technical monitoring and how the CCC can settle on a reporting process.

Maurice Newman signalled his interest in a future meeting going to some detail in understanding the company's turbine decommissioning strategies. Shaq spent some time explaining the regulatory provisions within the approval process which is intended to ensure that any wind farm operator is taking obvious steps to allow for the cost of future decommissioning.

Community complaints and response to complaints

- Crookwell Development Pty Ltd has a Complaints Management Plan that will be updated and setup prior to commencement of the next phase of construction in

early 2017. Crookwell Development Pty Ltd will establish a community complaints register for the construction and operation phase to address the complaints in an efficient and reasonable manner. The company currently has a free call number (1800 457 181) for all community enquiries, this number will be used for the community complaints process once the next phase of construction in early 2017 has commenced. The company website also has an enquiry form that will be used for the community complaints process.

General business

- It was noted that the CCC has an obligation to be accessible to the broader community. In that regard all members agreed that CCC information accessed through the Wind Farm websites contain details of the membership but only the email address of the Chair. Meeting agendas and minutes would also be freely and easily accessed through that website. After the first meeting Shaq has made sure that the CCC section on the website is much more visible and accessible. The CCC section can now also be found via the Community section on the front page of the website.
- The Chair agreed that members can ask him to include items on future agendas and to put members of the public directly in touch if considered necessary.

Next meeting

In accordance with the wishes of members for better notice of the dates of future meetings it was agreed that the dates of future meeting be set well in advance. Further, it was also agreed the CCC would meet monthly for at least the first half of 2017 which would allow focus on issues generated during construction. The meetings scheduled for the first half of 2017 are:

- 1 February
- 1 March
- 5 April
- 3 May
- 7 June

The venue is the CWA Hall in Crookwell unless otherwise agreed and the meetings will commence at 4.00pm. The meeting schedule, venue and time may be changed subject to availability, and will be notified in advance of the scheduled event.

Peter Gordon

Independent Chair

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