



Hawkesdale Wind Farm Community Engagement Committee

Meeting date Thursday 10 July 2025
Meeting time and location 2.30pm at the Hawkesdale CFA Centre

1. Welcome

2. Present

Cr Lloyd Ross (Chair)
Anne Maree Huglin, HADDAC Representative
Peter Hennig, Community Representative
Debra Dumesny, Community and Stakeholder Engagement Officer, GPG
Kirsty Levings, WHSEQ and Compliance Manager, GPG

Vicki Askew-Thornton, CEC Responsible Officer, Moyne Shire

3. Apologies

Nil.

4. Declarations of Interest

Nil.

5. Confirmation of Minutes of 19 February 2024 meeting

Moved by Anne Maree Huglin, seconded by Peter Hennig that the minutes of the CEC meeting held on 8 May 2025 be accepted. **CARRIED**

6. Actions arising from the previous Minutes

Council	<p>Suggestion that the CEC have combined meetings with the Ryan Corner Wind Farm CEC. Vicki will follow this up to gauge their interest. <i>Response: The RCWF CEC community representatives do not want to meet any more frequently than quarterly, so the suggestion wasn't supported.</i></p> <p>Anne Maree would still like the opportunity to have an informal discussion with the Ryan Corner WF CEC community representatives. Vicki will raise this at the next CEC meeting.</p>
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7. Correspondence Incoming

8 July: Email from Peter Hennig requesting more information about the permit amendment request currently on notice.

8. Correspondence Outgoing

Nil.

9. Reports/Updates

9.1 GPG:

2. Project update – wind farm

✓ Operation:

- Aviation lights – under review
- Fencing has been completed for the area where tree planting will be completed to mitigate the view of the collector substation from Woolsthorpe Heywood Road.
- Wheel washes have been installed at the main wind farm entrance and between host landowners for bio security measures

Further discussion:

- GPG has sought guidance from CASA on whether the lighting can be reduced or turned off. GPG is also investigating ways of mitigating the impact.

✓ Post Construction noise monitoring :

- Monitors are in position
- Servicing is continuing
- Special Audible Characteristics (SACs) have been completed, 2 day and 1 night as required by the endorsed Noise Management Plan

✓ The personnel on site :

- GPGA – Site Manager, Harry Sherlock, and Site Supervisor, Murray Staude are on site daily
- Vestas – Site Supervisor and maintenance team depending on requirements (Up to 10 Full time personnel)
- The staff above are shared between Hawkesdale and Ryan Corner

✓ Bird and Avi Fauna Management:


- Brolgas – Surveys commenced this week as required under the BAMP
- Vermin inspections commenced this week as required under the EMP

Further discussion:

Noise monitoring:

- This round of noise monitoring will finish in August.
- The data collected will be analysed by the acoustician and the results will be included in the report required to be submitted the EPA and DTP.
- The permit requires that the report *must be written in plain English and formatted for reading by laypeople.*
- It will be important for the report to describe clearly how the raw data has informed the results.

- Question on notice: Will a copy of the report be placed on the project website, and/or a copy made available to the CEC?
- Bat and Avifauna Management Plan (BAMP):
- Two extra wetlands have been included in the Brolga surveys.



2. Project update – Permit Amendment

Permit number – 20060221-3

- ✓ Operational noise is now exclusively dealt with under Environmental Protection Regulations 2021
- ✓ Removing condition 42
- ✓ Deleting conditions 43, 44 and 45 as this is dealt with in the approved Noise Management Plan (NMP)
- ✓ Amending condition 47 – complaints process to reflect current legislative conditions
- ✓ The request to amend the permit comes from the DTP as EPA is now responsible for noise
- ✓ The amendment had been applied for when GPGA is sure that there is no adverse affects for compliance due to the changes
- ✓ What this means for you:
 - ✓ One authority for communication and complaint handling
 - ✓ One set of standards to consult.

Further discussion:

- Currently there are two noise compliance, reporting and complaints processes – one pathway that is set out in the Permit, and one pathway via the EPA. If this amendment is approved, the only pathway for noise compliance, reporting and complaints processes will be via the EPA.
- The letter that landholders received notifying them of the amendment application contains instructions on how to make a submission.

➤ **Benefit sharing**

- **Neighbour Benefit Program**
 - ✓ Neighbour are still able to enter into an agreement
- **Community Benefit Fund (Township and District Grant Program)**
 - ✓ 2025 applications close on 14/7/2025 at 10am for both the Township Grant Program and the District Grant Program
 - ✓ Quite a few applications have been received already for both programs
 - ✓ 2024 grants program 4 projects have been fully completed, 2 are still to complete.

✓ **Complaints Management**

- No complaints received since the last meeting.
- GPG are providing periodic reports to Moyne Shire Council about the status of complaints received. The last report covered the period 1/1/2025 – 30/6/2025
- Annual Complaints Report submitted to DEECA for period ending 21/08/2024
- All complaints are closed.

3. Complaints Investigation and Response Plan (CIRP)

The CIRP was endorsed on December 6 2022 and can be found on our web site at <https://hawkesdalewindfarm.globalpower-generation.com.au/> following the link The Project>Relevant documentation.

All relevant documentation and forms for lodging a complaint are found on the web site under Contact Us.

Complaints can be made in the following ways:

Phone: 1800 457 181 or 0428 867 646
 E-mail: debra.dumesny@globalpower-generation.com.au
hawkesdalewindfarm@globalpower-generation.com.au
 Mail: Hawkesdale Asset Trust
 Suite A, Level 3, 73 Northbourne Avenue, Canberra ACT 2601

- GPG opened up the project website to show where the noise complaint form and the noise diary template are located.

9.2 Community Representatives:

Anne Maree noted that according to a member of the public, an eagle carcass has been found on the wind farm site. GPG will follow up on how mortalities are recorded and whether the BAMP reports are made available to the public.

9.3 Council:

Council's submission to the VicGrid draft 2025 Victorian Transmission Plan can be found at <https://www.moyne.vic.gov.au/files/assets/public/v/1/documents/your-council/advocacy/2025-06-24-moyne-sc-submission-draft-2025-victorian-transmission-plan-june-2025.pdf>



Minutes

The Council Plan has been adopted and is available at:
<https://www.moyne.vic.gov.au/Your-council/Publications/Documents-plans-strategies-and-reports/Council-Plan>

10. General business

The Minister for Planning has approved the GPG Tarrone Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) which will be located adjacent to the Tarrone Terminal Station on Tarrone North Rd.

Next meeting date – Thursday 11 September

Venue TBC

Confirmed this / /

Chair

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