

Ryan Corner Wind Farm Community Engagement Committee

Meeting date Monday 9 September 2024
 Meeting time and location 6pm at the Port Fairy Senior Citizens Centre

1. Acknowledgement of Country
 Cr Lockett

2. Present

Cr Jordan Lockett (Chair)
 Jacinta Coffey, Community Representative
 Brian Riordan, Community Representative
 Debra Dumesny, GPG Community and Stakeholder Engagement Officer

Vicki Askew-Thornton, CEC Responsible Officer, Moyne Shire

3. Apologies

Haridian Cabrera, GPG Community Stakeholder Engagement and Local Economic Development (Guest)

4. Declarations of Interest

Nil.

5. Confirmation of Minutes of 6 May 2024 meeting

Moved by Jacinta Coffey, seconded by Brian Riordan that the minutes of the CEC meeting held on 6 May 2024 be accepted. **CARRIED**

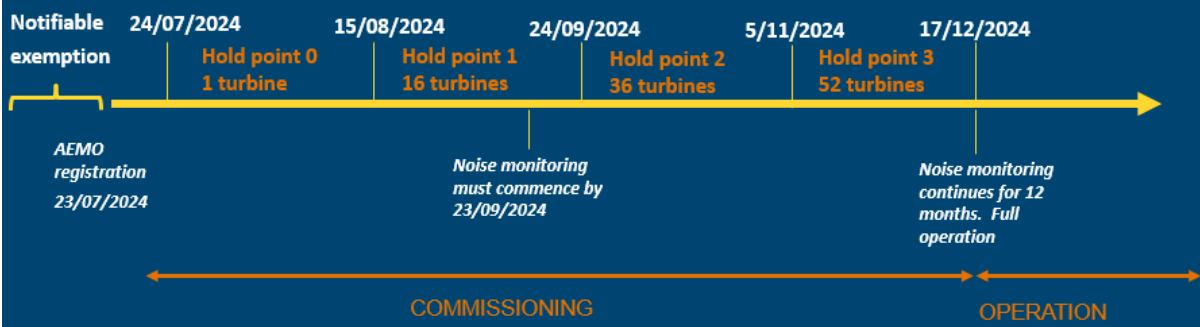
6. Business arising from the previous Minutes

Who	Item/Action
GPG	Refer to slides below

1. Business arising



- ✓ The Noise Management Plan has been approved and is available on the project web site at <https://ryancornerwindfarm.globalpower-generation.com.au/the-project/relevant-documentation/>
- ✓ Commissioning and noise monitoring
 - Planning Permit 9 March 2022 20060222-3 Condition 32 “within 2 months from the commissioning of the first turbine and continue for 12 months after the commissioning of the last turbine, to the satisfaction of the Minister for Planning”.
 - The dates for commissioning are set by Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO).
 - The data collected from the noise monitoring will be used for the post construction noise monitoring report for the Minister and the EPA. This data is the basis of the report and will reflect the operation of all the turbines.



✓ The State Taxation Acts and Other Acts Amendments Bill 2023 (Vic) (Bill).

The initial form of the Bill had the effect that any object fixed into the land, such as a wind turbine, would count towards the fire services levy and therefore potentially significantly increase the Rates.

Following the consultation period, this impact was removed from the Bill (which has now been passed into law). Wind farm projects have been classified as a “public benefit” and therefore are not calculated as adding to the overall value of the land – which is a condition required to increase the fire services levy payable.

✓ Substation lighting

- Security lighting will be turned on at all times during low light
- Full lighting will only be used when there are unplanned events such as breakdowns
- The site office has moved to the sub station. This will mean that lights could be on from 6am as people arrive at the work site.

7. Correspondence Incoming

Item/s
28 August, GPG RCWF newsletter

8. Correspondence Outgoing

Nil.

9. Reports:

9.1 GPG Project Update

- ✓ All 52 turbines have been fully erected
- ✓ The personnel on site is reduced to 20-25
- ✓ Commissioning of the turbines continues – hold point 1 has commenced. 16 turbines operating
- ✓ Post construction noise monitoring has begun – all devices are in place
- ✓ Monitoring of wetlands commenced in July and will continue every 2 weeks until December to record any broilga activity
- ✓ Sound recorders will be placed on selected turbines to record any activity of Southern Bent Wing Bats
- ✓ Bat and Avi-fauna Management Plan endorsed





Work Hours

- Civil construction earthworks have now commenced to construct the access tracks and hardstands. Generally, the civil contractor will be working:
 - ✓ Monday to Friday 7am to 6pm
 - ✓ Saturday 7am to 4pm (regular)
 - ✓ Sunday 7am to 1pm (occasional as required)
- Saturday afternoon (1pm to 4pm) and Sunday works will be restricted to “managed impact” and “low impact” works as defined by the EPA guidelines.
- The purpose of weekend work is to reduce the overall construction duration, and subsequently the duration of impact on the local community.

- **Transmission line**
 - ✓ Energisation took place in December
- **Ryan Corner collector sub station**
 - ✓ 132kV yard is completed
 - ✓ Installation of the StatCom is completed and successfully energized on 27th and 28th of June
 - ✓ 33kV yard
 - Energised on May 8th
 - Operations and Maintenance building completed
 - Warehouse completed
 - Switch room completed

Community Information

- ✓ **June and July newsletters** available
- ✓ **Construction updates** were published on the Ryan Corner web site. There are no further updates as construction is completed
- ✓ **Quarterly update** published in the Warrnambool Standard

Benefit Sharing

- ✓ Invitation to take part in the Off Site Landscaping Program to be sent in October
- ✓ Neighbour Benefit Program:
 - Contacting neighbours who are eligible for neighbour deeds is continuing, **10** have **signed** and received their payment.
- ✓ **Community Grants Program**:
 - \$2,500 per turbine per year = \$130,000 annually
 - A committee to be formed and guidelines to be formulated
 - Geographic area to be defined for eligible applications
 - Types of projects that may be considered for community grants:
 - ✓ Individual group/club applications
 - ✓ Support of an all communities facility
 - ✓ Long term community projects are eligible

Complaints Management

- ✓ GPG are providing **periodic reports to Moyne Shire Council** about the status of **complaints received**. The last report covered the quarter up to 30/06/2024
- ✓ Annual Complaints Report to be submitted to DEECA for period ending 21/08/2024
- ✓ **All complaints are closed.**

Thank you

Ryan Corner wind farm and GPG Australia, would like to thank all the members of the community who have taken part in this CEC. Thank you also to Vicki for ensuring the meetings take place and Jordan and Karen, plus the fill in councilors, who have given their time to chair the meetings. The CEC is a valuable contributor to the development of the projects and the feedback and input that has been given is appreciated.

We wish you all well in the future and hope we see you back again.

9.2 Community Representatives:

- Regarding GPG's call for expressions of interest for membership on the Community Fund Committee, it proposes to have letters to all landholders within 10km mailed out by the end of October.
- Copies of the guidelines and application form for the Hawkesdale Wind Farm Community Fund were provided to give an example of how the process will work for the Ryan Corner Wind Farm.

9.3 Council:

- Council clarified the process for spilling of community representatives due to the end of the current Council term.
- Council and GPG sincerely thanked the community representatives for their contribution to the constructive discussions held at the CEC meetings.

10. General business

Nil.

Confirmed this / /

Chair

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