

Crookwell 2 and 3 Windfarm Community Consultative Committee

Minutes of the meeting of the CCC

Time 4.00 Wednesday 4 July 2018

Venue: on site, Wind Farm Crookwell

Attendance: Peter Gordon (Independent Chair), Steve Ward, John Carter, Jean Dooley, Chis Croker and Maurice Newman as Community Representatives; Councillor Paul Culhane from Upper Lachlan Shire; and Rhiannon Eddy, Daniel Cullen and Nigel Hicks and representing Crookwell Development Pty Ltd.

Apologies:

Nil.

Minutes of previous meeting: The minutes of meeting held in June were accepted as an accurate record of that meeting.

It was agreed that future minutes would include a schedule of actions agreed, and status.

Members noted that the minutes and other CCC records are easily accessed through the company website at:

<http://www.unionfenosa.com.au/community/community-consultative-committees/>

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

Steve asked about outstanding neighbour agreements. (This detail was shared subsequently and is reflected in the minutes).

John complimented Daniel on the restoration of the cairn marking the survey point. John commended the finalisation of a plaque and advised the committee that the Dooley family was touched by the gesture.

Landscaping. Members were advised that following their input the landscaping plans had been changed to incorporate more appropriate species such as Leylandii.

Woodhouselee Road: upgrades still not commenced and the Upper Lachlan Director of Works who was invited but again was unable to attend the meeting will be invited to the next CCC meeting. Discussion was also held as to the various maximum speeds as assessed. Nigel advised that he had met with several potential engineering contractors and that one

would be selected soon. Cool weather will prevent any new surface laying until about September. 5 potential road safety auditor have been contacted.

It was agreed that CDPL would invite the Director of Works to attend the next meeting of the CCC.

Conflict of Interest and Pecuniary Interests. Members reported no change to previous notifications.

Correspondence – no new correspondence has been received.

Company reports and overview of activities:

Daniel and Nigel updated the committee on construction progress to date. A second crane was deployed on site and so far 6 turbines are completed on the western side of the road, and two on the east. 12 blades are yet to be delivered to site.

There was also an update on the work in getting the substation completed, including cabling issues.

Discussion of company reports focussed on matters observed during a previous site visit.

The committee had previously enquired as to the location of three turbines which seem to be very close to the Crookwell Road. Daniel reviewed the approvals of those turbines close to Crookwell Road and noted that the siting of the turbines was in accordance with the approvals as a state significant project. This apparently took precedence of the Upper Lachlan Development Control Plans which specify a distance of 300m from a major road. The turbines are actually sited about 165m from the road. And turbine #9 was micro-sited about 10m further away from the road.

Cr Culhane undertook to check with Council on the impact of a state significant project within a local government jurisdiction. An email from DPE was discussed after the meeting.

Issues identified by the community or local government representatives

In response to a question from Steve, Rhiannon subsequently circulated data on neighbour agreements. This information delivered quite soon after the meeting is as below:

As requested at the meeting yesterday I have confirmation of Neighbour Agreements currently in place.

Crookwell 2

1 Agreement signed

2 Agreements offered/unsigned

Crookwell 2&3

3 Agreements signed

1 Agreement offered/unsigned

Crookwell 3

5 Agreements signed

2 Agreements offered/unsigned

Questions on notice:

Q. Does everyone follow the same formula for neighbour agreements?

A. Yes. Every neighbour follows a formula based on turbine distance. Any other agreements are outside of this formula.

Q. Do the Crookwell 2 residents support Crookwell 3 or have they been giving the opportunity to support or oppose?

A. All Crookwell Wind Farm Neighbour Agreements cover both Crookwell 2 and 3. Which provide context for support for both projects, no neighbours have supported one and not the other.

Q. Can the property name (owner) details be provided to the committee?

A. I will have to request permission off each neighbour before confirming any details due to privacy issues; an update will be provided at the next meeting

I am happy to speak to the above information in detail at the next meeting if you wish.

If there are any questions you would like raised or seek clarification on please let me know.

Decommissioning. Nigel explained the conditions of approval concerning decommissioning. The conditions are clear and the community will obviously be interested as the 25 year initial license period draws to a close. There is no suggestion that any approval condition is not being met.

Community complaints and response to complaints

The company will table a complaints register at each meeting as is required under the CCC guidelines. The company currently has a free call number (1800 457 181) for all community enquiries.

Other Business

Next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 12 September at the site office. (Note not 5 September as originally discussed)

Peter Gordon

Independent Chair

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Schedule:

Outstanding Actions

Action	Person Responsible	Expected Completion	Status
Invite the Upper Lachlan Director of Works to the next meeting of the CCC	CDPL	4 July and now 12 September	
Landscape Consultant to be invited to the next CCC meeting	CDPL	6 June	Completed and plans to be circulated
Neighbour Agreements – landholders to be contacted and engaged in discussions	CDPL	4 July	Completed as information was provided on 5 July