

Crookwell 2 and 3 Windfarm Community Consultative Committee

Minutes of the meeting of the CCC

Time 4.00PM Wednesday 5 July 2017

Venue CWA Hall Spring Street Crookwell

Attendance: Peter Gordon (Independent Chair), Steve Ward, John Carter, Maurice Newman and Jean Dooley as Community Representatives, Councillor Paul Culhane from Upper Lachlan Shire and Shaq Mohajerani (Projects Development Manager), David Santos Tomas (Project Director) and Daniel Cullen (Safety Manager) representing Crookwell Development Pty Ltd.

Apologies: Chris Croker

The Chair also welcomed Humphrey Price-Jones to the meeting as an observer.

The meeting commenced at 4:20pm and the members expressed a very high level of dissatisfaction at the delay in commencing the meeting. Members noted that this inconvenience was at the meeting directly following the June CCC which was completely unsatisfactory in terms of information promised about a range of important matters and not provided.

No new pecuniary or other interests were declared.

Minutes of previous meeting: The minutes of meeting June were distributed at the meeting and the chair apologised for the delay in circulating these minutes. Acceptance of the record of the minutes of the June meeting would be put to the committee once all had the chance to provide consideration and input.

Members noted that the minutes and other CCC records are easily accessed through the company website www.unionfenosa.com.au

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

As was expected in the June meeting the matters arising and which members are seeking detailed information was related to:

The company responses to inputs to submissions related to the Crookwell 2 Modification and the Crookwell 3 Addendum.

Road improvements, and

Neighbour agreements

Correspondence – nil

Company reports and response to the matters arising:

Shaq reported on the outcome of consultations related to the Crookwell 2 Wind Farm Modification Application (Mod-2) and the Crookwell 3 Wind Farm Addendum.

Modification 2 is subject to section 75W of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A Act), which continues to apply to the project in accordance with schedule 6A of the EP&A Act. The EA was publicly exhibited from 11 October to 14 November 2016.

The publicly exhibited EA received a total of 62 submissions, including 48 submissions from individuals (31 in support of amendment application, 17 opposed), 5 submissions from special interest groups/organisations (4 in support of the amendment application, 1 opposed), and 9 submissions from government agencies (generally comments with proposed conditions of approval).

The comments raised in the individual submissions covered a large spectrum of topics including: Aerial agriculture, Biodiversity, Consultation, Decommissioning, Economic and Social, Fire Fighting, Health Impacts, Operational Noise, Renewable Energy, Telecommunication, Visual and General comments. The majority of the supporting submissions highlighted the economic and social benefits of the project, and also benefits of renewable energy, and the focus of most opposing submissions was around operational noise and visual impact.

Shaq provided a brief overview of the Mod-2 Response to Submission Report and appendices.

The community representatives enquired about various aspects of the wind farm and potential impacts:

Obstacle Night Lighting, Shaq explained that the Mod-1 approval included the Obstacle Night Lighting layout design due to CASA's requirement at the time, however the Mod-2 proposal has a slightly different obstacle night lighting layout as the number of turbines have been removed from the layout and as a consequence the design was required to change, the total number of turbines needed to have lights in the Mod-2 is 23 from the 32 turbine layout. Of these only 21 is required currently for the 28 turbine layout that currently forms part of the ACT Government Feed-in Tariff contract.

Shadow Flicker, Shaq explained that the result of the assessment for the Mod-2 shows that the neighbouring dwellings will not experience a shadow flicker above the standard allowed.

Shape of Turbine, Shaq explained the turbines have the blades in front of nacelle facing upwind, and turn clockwise.

It was noted that Crookwell 2 Wind Farm civil works has already commenced. Daniel Cullen explained that the site works were the start of the access road on the site which has seen a substantial amount of earthworks due to the topography of the site.

Shaq explained that the contracts have been signed with GE for the turbine supply and installation, with TransGrid for grid connection works including the entire switchyard and power transformer, and also for the balance of plant (civil and electrical works) with BMD Constructions.

Members have previously raised issues to do with transport and roadway upgrades. CDPL understands that it needs to take all steps necessary to minimise disturbance to traffic movements especially in peak times. Regarding Woodhouselee Road Shaq noted that he had completed substantial negotiations with the Upper Lachlan Shire Council (ULSC) and that significant upgrades are now part of the agreement with ULSC. Cr Culhane confirmed that these road issues were the responsibility of ULSC and that the Council's Director of Operations and Works had proposed the modifications to Woodhouselee Road and the proposal has been accepted by Crookwell Development Pty Ltd. Including sealing of ~2km of the Woodhouselee Road (North); and upgrades of ~8KM of Woodhouselee Road (South) from the intersection of Crookwell Road to the Site Access Entrance including and works on the S bend closer to the site

John Carter noted that he has invited a senior manager (Vince Boer) from RMS South-East Region to travel with him next week to inspect the potential for overtaking sections on the Goulburn Road and with a view to minimising disruption by over-sized vehicles at peak times affecting residents.

Maurice noted that his correspondence to the Minister regarding the viability of Woodhouselee Road for heavy vehicle use has yet to be responded to.

Members agreed that resident access and safety were critical issues and that every endeavour must be made to reduce disruption and improve safety.

Shaq agreed to source specific details of the agreed road works from their consultants and make that information available once the design drawings are approved by Council.

In response to an inquiry from Maurice Newman Cr Culhane agreed to contact Council media staff to ascertain what communications were planned to advise residents of the disruption to be caused by the roadworks and the transportation of equipment.

The Neighbour Agreement issue has been on several recent CCC agendas. Members asked for the company to be very specific as to the nature of the neighbour agreements which have been agreed and those which are outstanding:

Shaq explained that the company has a Neighbour Benefit Sharing Scheme that is implemented through individual Neighbour Deed agreements. This process is voluntary for all parties and was initiated as part of the 2011 draft guidelines released by the state government (this draft guideline is now superseded). The Neighbour Deeds are generally proposed to a list of adjacent dwellings that raised interest during a survey the company carried out in 2012-13, and any other neighbouring dwelling that has since raised interest to particulate in this program. It is noted that there still are properties that are waiting for the proposal and these will be addressed as soon as possible.

The Neighbour Benefit amount subject to the Neighbour Deed can be offered to any Neighbouring property that has an existing official Dwelling (or a Development Approval for a known location) that is located within 2km of a proposed turbine within our Crookwell 2 or 3 Wind Farm project sites.

The benefits in the Neighbour Deed agreement are:

- \$3,000 base rate;
- \$1,000 for each turbine within 1.5km of a proposed turbine;
- \$500 for each turbine within 1.5km and 2km of a proposed turbine;
- The agreement benefits generally commences once the wind farm becomes operational and continue for the operational life of the wind farm project, and is adjusted for CPI
- In instances that a dwelling is surrounded on both sides (house situated between Crookwell 2 and 3 project sites), there is an additional \$3,000 base rate.

Example, if there is a neighbouring dwelling that is located 1.1km away from the nearest turbine, but also has two additional turbines at 1.6km & 1.9km, the benefit amount offered to that hypothetical dwelling would be:

$$\$3,000 + \$1,000 + (2 \times \$500) = \$5,000 \text{ per year (adjusted by CPI).}$$

There are currently six Neighbour Deed agreements signed and executed by the adjacent properties.

Issues identified by the community or local government representatives

Covered in the foregoing section.

The Chair noted that in his regular interactions with the Department of Planning and Environment that it encourages all developers including wind farms to be actively engaged with their communities. This was in the context of regular feedback it receives from across the state from people interested and/or concerned about such developments.

Community complaints and response to complaints

CDPL will table a complaints register at future meetings as is required under the CCC guidelines. 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 enquiry/complaints process.

The Chair offered to share with CDPL a copy of the Gullen Range Wind Farm complaints register as a good example of such a process.

Next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 16 August at 4PM at Crookwell.

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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