

## **Crookwell 2 and 3 Windfarm Community Consultative Committee**

### **Minutes of the meeting of the CCC**

**Time 4.00PM Wednesday 30 August 2017**

**Venue CWA Hall Spring Street Crookwell**

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

**Apologies:** William Alonso (Engineering Manager), Chris Croker and Jean Dooley

Peter Gordon welcomed all to the meeting of the committee and in particular welcomed John McGrath from Yass as a visitor.

**Minutes of previous meeting:** The minutes of meetings held on 7 June and 5 July were accepted as an accurate record of those meetings.

Members complimented company representative for including comprehensive detail on neighbour agreements as previously requested.

Members noted that the minutes and other CCC records are now easily accessed through the company website [www.unionfenosa.com.au](http://www.unionfenosa.com.au)

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

Cr Culhane noted that he had not followed up with Council staff as to the intended publication of materials relevant to the community regarding road upgrades and potential disruptions. Cr Culhane undertook to follow up quickly after the meeting.

The Chair informed the committee that he had met recently with the National Wind Farm Commissioner at his request. The Commissioner has asked to attend a future meeting and members agreed that would be beneficial.

**Correspondence** – no new correspondence has been received and Maurice Newman noted that he still awaits a reply to his letter to NSW Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight regarding road issues dated 8 May 2017.

**Technical issues.** Covered under the company report below.

## **Company reports and overview of activities:**

Discussion of company reports focussed on matters previously discussed:

Shaq noted that the company was still waiting for the DPE's Assessment and Recommendation report on the Mod-2 Application report and consideration on the written submissions provided by public and government agencies, and the company's Response to Submissions (RtS) report.

Shaq noted that DPE has been in regular contact seeking information / clarification on matters raised in the submissions and in the RtS. Matters such as traffic disruption, oversized vehicles and timeframes have been raised, along with issues regarding ecology, heritage, noise, visual, and telecommunication.

Daniel informed the committee that the concrete provider is considering to locate a batching plant on the eastern part of the site, that would be accessed via Woodhouselee Road, this would remove about 2,000 vehicle movements on the public roads during construction. There is no vehicle access track crossing proposed for the Wollondilly River, as such to service the turbine foundations for the western side of the site the concrete batched on one side of the river would still need to return to the public road to access the western side of the site, unless the western side was serviced by batched concrete supplied from Goulburn via Crookwell Road. It was noted that each turbine would be mounted on a pad constructed of approximately 380m<sup>3</sup> concrete.

Shaq advised the committee that the company is waiting for advice from the Office of Environment and Heritage on Impact Permits regarding some Aboriginal relics.

Daniel also informed the committee that the EPA had visited the site on last Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2017 and recommended attention to improved erosion controls.

Members raised a number of points regarding transport and roadway issues. Notably:

Daniel noted that work had been progressing on the improvements to the S-Bend on Woodhouselee Road including some realignment;

Tree removals would be confirmed at the next meeting.

Assessment of the causeway was to be conducted again but all indications are that the previous assessment of the Pejar Bridge causeway ability to carry weight bearing loads would prove adequate for the heavy and long vehicle movements. Members drew the company's attention to the adequacy of the shoulders on either side of the causeway to allow for safe passing.

Daniel also briefed the committee on the quick response by the company's road contractor to an issue identified by a resident on Woodhouselee Road about the interface of the new

surface of the Woodhouselee Road to the existing driveway. The contractor attended to the issue that same day to the satisfaction of the resident.

### **Issues identified by the community or local government representatives**

See above

### **Community complaints and response to complaints**

Shaq noted that a complaint had been registered through the Office of the National Wind Farm Commissioner. Crookwell Development Pty Ltd had arranged and met with community member, and will reply to the National Wind Farm Commissioner.

The company 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.

### **Other Business**

John McGrath was invited to address the meeting. John gave some background to his involvement in other wind farm CCCs, which is extensive. He also gave some background to his work in wildlife conservation.

John was very complimentary as to the openness of Crookwell Developments Pty Ltd in its work with the committee.

### **Next meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for 4 October at 4 PM 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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