

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

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

**Time 4.00 Wednesday 13 February 2019**

**Venue CWA Hall Crookwell**

**Attendance:** Peter Gordon (Independent Chair), Steve Ward and John Carter as Community Representatives; Councillor Paul Culhane from Upper Lachlan Shire; and Nigel Hicks Crookwell 2 Operations and Maintenance Manager and Michael McNally Site Manager representing Crookwell Development Pty Ltd.

**Apologies:** Jean Dooley, Chis Croker and Maurice Newman

**Minutes of previous meeting:** The minutes of meeting held in September 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 now 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

Safety lighting of the turbines, to be discuss later in the meeting.

Location of turbines close to Goulburn Road. Noted that there is no further consideration.

**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:**

Discussion of company reports focussed on operational matters.

The wind-farm gained full operational approval from AEMO on 31/12/18 after a series of commissioning and performance tests. The final stages in this process are to complete the R2 Model Validation and develop and ongoing compliance assessment program. It was also noted that electrical cabling civil works had to be rectified over the summer.

Nigel also discussed the growing need and expectation from Regional Development, school and community groups to visit the wind farm. It was noted that Gullen Range Wind Farm had retained community engagement professionals quite successfully and those contacts were to be passed on to Nigel.

It was noted that the wind farm has seen five jobs created in Canberra and another six in the area for maintenance.

It was noted that the McMairmid family neighbour agreements were still outstanding.

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

Members were interested in the landscaping plans and fencing arrangements. Nigel and Michael explained that there were three contractors to be engaged and each had performance measures to ensure a high level of survival of the plantings.

Turbine Lights. After much discussion it was agreed that the chair would write on behalf of the CCC asking DPE to reconsider its requirement for the majority of turbines to be lit with red safety lights. It is apparent that other wind farms have had lighting requirements reduced and the company representatives support the view expressed by the community representative that many fewer lights would be well received.

Nigel also raised with the meeting the idea that its undertaking to support a major community initiative, which is a condition of the ACT contract, be diverted to supporting the ongoing maintenance of a new therapeutic swimming pool. Clr Culhane cautioned the meeting about getting to far ahead on this matter as council is not yet in a position to consider this development. The general feeling of the committee was that it is an excellent use of such funds if and when council supports the construction of the pool.

### **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 1 May and then Wednesday 6 November 2019.

**Peter Gordon**

**Independent Chair**

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**Schedule:**

**Outstanding Actions**

<b>Action</b>	<b>Person Responsible</b>	<b>Expected Completion</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>Write to DPE regarding lights</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>February 19</b>	