

Crookwell 2 and 3 Windfarm Community Consultative Committee

Minutes of the meeting of the CCC

Time 4.00PM Wednesday 23 June 2021

Venue CWA Hall Spring Street Crookwell

Attendance: Peter Gordon (Independent Chair), Steve Ward, John Carter. Supragya Sharma and Graham Young representing Global Power Generation and Crookwell Development Pty Ltd. Katrina Nixon

Apologies: Guillermo Alonso. Councillor Paul Culhane

No new pecuniary or other interests were declared.

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

Members noted that the minutes and other CCC records are to be now easily accessed through the company website

www.globalpower-generation.com.au/projects/NSW/Crookwell 3

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

Correspondence – nil

Technical issues. Covered under the company report below.

Company reports and overview of activities:

Graham took the opportunity to brief the committee on arrangements in place regarding Crookwell 3.

The decision to proceed was taken at arbitration under a S.45 ruling. The committee was informed that GPG had formed a relationship with Telstra to purchase the power generated. Under this Power Purchase agreement, Telstra has committed to procure 80% of the energy generated by the wind farm. Crookwell 3 is designed to generate sufficient energy to power 14 000 houses. GPG is investing about \$120M in this windfarm, which will be its 6th Windfarm in Australia. GPG voluntarily reduced the number of turbines to 16.

In regards to Community Enhancement fund, GPG executed a Voluntary Planning Agreement back in 2017 by which they contribute 28 x \$2,500 per year for a Community Enhancement Fund. This VPA contribution will increase with an additional 16 x \$2,500 per year once Crookwell 3 is operational.

Preliminary siteworks and preparations are underway. It was a condition of the approval that the construction access be mainly on Graywood Siding Road. The landscaping plans will build on the works undertaken in C2.

A new website for C2&3 is under development and will include comprehensive community engagement including a monthly newsletter.

GPG has submitted plans for construction with DPIE and it is expected that works will begin in October. GPCG are keen to engage as many local subcontractors as possible. Katrine suggested that a community information session be conducted in the hall at Roslyn. GPG agreed to consider that suggestion.

Supragya agreed to include a copy of the turbine layout with the minutes.

Operational Report Crookwell 2

The wind farm is working well. And after new maintenance contractors were engaged the turbines are working efficiently. All turbines have had their annual service. One blade seemed to have been damaged by lightning. An unusual type of damage which has been rectified.

The C2 environment and production reports are accessible on the website. A bird and bat study has been completed and is available.

Landscaping continues including replacing 1200 plants which died. 4 riparian areas have been handed over.

Members again raised a number of points regarding transport and roadway issues. It is generally expected that GPG needs to take all steps necessary to minimise disturbance to traffic movements especially in peak times.

The chair reminded the GPG representatives that the CCC is to be briefed regularly on matters to do with environmental performance and other relevant material at each meeting.

Issues identified by the community or local government representatives

All relevant matters covering the meeting

Community complaints and response to complaints

GPG to 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 2021 has commenced. The company website also has an enquiry form that will be used for the community complaints process.

Next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 20 October 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****Crookwell 2 and 3 Wind Farm Community Consultative Committee****June 2021**