

Community Consultative Committee Meeting Minutes

Gullen Range Wind Farm

Date:	23 rd November 2016
Location:	Gullen Range Wind Farm Site Office Storriers Lane Bannister NSW 2580
Time:	4.30pm to 6.30pm
Attendance:	Peter Gordon (Chair) Dimity Taylor (Community Member) Derek Powell (NGRWF) Steph Froggatt (NGRWF) Louise Wakefield (GMC) Councillor Paul Culhane (ULSC) Tim Mead (NGRWF) (present as an observer)
Apologies:	Charley Barber (Community Member) Rosemary Howe (Community Member)

Introduction:

Overview provided by NGRWF on the wind farm, including information on the operating systems.

Comments made previously by members were considered by the Committee and the minutes from previous meeting endorsed. To be distributed in final form to Committee members by the Chair.

General Discussion:

Company update –

- Crookwell Devil sponsorship confirmed for 2017.
- Recent sponsorship of the Wacky Walk.
- Community Open Day and School Open Day.
- Donation of sausages to Bannister District Christmas Party.
- Complaints handling procedure updated – available on website. Feedback welcomed.

Complaints Register –

- Complaints Register dates from 2014 capturing operation of wind farm.

- Complaints primarily noise related. Each complaint is investigated by NGRWF upon receipt. Response provided once investigation undertaken.
- In 2015 large operational noise compliance monitoring program undertaken by external noise consultant. Tonality included in this monitoring. Compliance was confirmed through this process.
- Complaints information for the wind farm recently advertised in Crookwell Gazette and Goulburn Post as required by the project approval.

Project Approval –

- Environmental Protection Licence (EPL) annual return submitted since last meeting.
- Formal approval of the Conservation Property Vegetation Plan (PVP) for the Gullen Range Wind Farm offset site is imminent. PVP give effect to Compensatory Habitat Package required by the project approval.
- 2016 Annual Bird and Bat Monitoring Report will be made available on the Gullen Range Wind Farm website when available. 2015 report currently available on website.
- Auditor for condition 3.3 of project approval has been engaged. Audit report will be put on website when available (circa March 2017). Condition 3.3 requires an independent audit to be undertaken after two years of operation of the project.
- Annual Environmental Monitoring Report (AEMR) required by condition 6.1 will be put on website when available (circa March 2017). Condition 6.1 requires the report capture a review of the annual compliance performance of the wind farm – once completed it is required to be submitted to the Secretary.
- Community Enhancement Program required by condition 5.6 of approval is split between Clean Energy Program and Community Fund. Condition 5.6 requires the establishment of a Community Enhancement Program.
- The first Clean Energy Program application were approved last week.
- Community Fund available to community groups within 10km or to groups that service people living within 10km of the wind farm. Further applications are sought for this fund to increase benefit to wider community.

Community Information Plan –

- Plan originally drafted during construction phase. NGRWF seeking to undertake full update and looking at opportunities to improve the plan.
- Feedback requested from Committee members on current version.
- NGRWF to develop draft document outlining proposed changes ahead of next meeting.

Confirmed that any members of the public that are interested in becoming a representative on the CCC are to contact the chair Peter Gordon. Peter's contact details are available on the Gullen Range Wind Farm website.

Items for Next Meeting:

- Community Information Plan.
- Feedback on GRWF Independent Environmental Audit.

Timing for Next Meetings:

Thursday 2nd March 2017

Thursday 4th May 2017

Next Meeting: 4.30pm on Thursday 2nd March 2017