
Date/Time:	Thursday, 27 August 2015 12.00-2.00pm
Location:	Council Chambers, Gunning 123 Yass Street, Gunning
Attendees:	Nic Carmody, Chairperson Mayor John Shaw, Upper Lachlan Shire Council Representative Kathy Cosgrove, Committee Member Vince Heffernan, Committee Member Charles Knight, Committee Member Annmaree Lavery (Newtricity), Applicant Representative Murray Curtis (ERM), Applicant Representative
Observer:	Charlie Prell (Australian Wind Alliance)
Apologies:	John McCue, Committee Member Chris Mackenzie Davey, Regional Clean Energy Program Coordinator, Office of Environment and Heritage (Observer)

SUMMARY NOTES OF MEETING

1. Welcome and Introductions
Nic Carmody welcomed everyone to the second CCC Meeting. John McCue (committee member); and Chris Mackenzie Davey (observer) were apologies. Introduced Charlie Prell attended as an observer and introduced his role as organiser of Australian Wind Alliance. Discussion Items Charlie Prell advised he was not proposing to nominate as a member of the CCC at this time however would be happy to provide his insight if requested by CCC members. Nic Carmody confirmed that such a nomination would require discussions with DPE in the first instance.
2. CCC Meeting Notes
CCC #1 meeting notes were adopted.

3. Project Update

ERM provided the following update on the Project status:

- ERM lodged the Biala Wind Farm Development Application and EIS with the Department of Planning and Environment (DP&E) on 22 July 2015.
- DP&E provided comments on the EIS to ERM on 31 July 2015.
- The comments were addressed and copies of the final EIS reissued to DP&E on 11 August 2015. CD copies of the EIS were provided to the CCC members and a hard copy of the Executive Summary also provided to Kathy Cosgrove.
- The project exhibition commenced 21 August 2015 and includes a submission period of 60 days.
- DP&E will provide ERM with copies of all submissions and a Submissions Report will be prepared back to DP&E.
- The approval process will continue once the Submission Report is received by DP&E through the Planning Assessment Commission (PAC).

Newtricity confirmed that the route selection process for the transmission line was ongoing. The corridor under consideration has been extended to aid in identifying a route acceptable to landowners.

ERM outlined the next phase in community consultation:

- Newsletter #5 distributed in Goulburn Post (19 August) and Crookwell Gazette (20 August) and via email, website, post, Council, Fire Brigade, Grabben Gullen Pub (copies provided to CCC members).
- DP&E advertisement on 20 August formally detailing exhibition period and submission process.
- Community Information Day proposed for 11am to 2pm on 19 September 2015, details to be advertised and posters to be set up at Gunning, Grabben Gullen and Crookwell (copies of the poster provided to CCC members).

Discussion Items

Question: Newsletter distribution missed the Fire Levy Notices – how to ensure non-occupying landowners will receive Community Information Day notices?

Newtricity to discuss options with Council.

Question: Can signs be posted at the northern and southern extent of the Wind Farm Project Area along Grabben Gullen Road to provide visual indication of extent of the project?

Newtricity to discuss if allowable with Council and landowners.

Question: Does the project application include all three access locations?

ERM confirmed all three access locations are included in the project application.

Suggestion: Consider using local radio stations to announce details of the Community Information Day

Newtricity confirmed it will investigate if this can be achieved.

Suggestion: Consider placing the posters not only at Council chambers but also libraries, Post Offices and Cafes in Gunning and Crookwell.

ERM confirmed it had brought enough posters to place at these locations and the Grabben Gullen pub after the conclusion of the CCC. ERM confirmed that the DP&E website would only provide a link to the EIS.

Suggestion: Due to the length of time since initial consultations with potential landowners for the transmission line route it is suggested they be recontacted for an update. In addition change in landowners is happening.

Newtricity advised it would instruct Inclusive Engagement (John Wilcox) to update previously consulted landowners.

Question: Has Essential Energy advised that the potential for underslinging 11kV on the 132kV transmission line was not viable?

ERM confirmed that this issue had been clarified with Essential Energy and it has been advised that this is possible. ERM confirmed it had recently completed a project for a new 132kV transmission line where underslinging of the existing 22 KV distribution line was proposed.

Question: Does the project require approval over paper roads?

ERM confirmed that owner's consent from the Crown is required and this had been received for the wind farm site. For any proposal in paper roads under occupancy agreements, Newtricity would also be required to consult with the occupiers.

4. General Items for Discussion

Community Enhancement Fund.

ERM confirmed that the fund was proposed in the project application based on Council's DCP.

John Shaw provided a summary of how the fund is administered. CCC members discussed experiences with existing/similar funds.

Benefit Sharing

Charlie Prell provided a summary of benefit sharing schemes being implemented or proposed by wind farms in NSW, discussed the recent EY report prepared for OEHL and the views of the Australian Wind Alliance.

5. Next Steps and Close

Draft meeting notes to be circulated allowing 2 weeks for comments.

Meeting notes to remain draft until next meeting.

Meeting notes to be made final once adopted by CCC meeting.

It was agreed that the next meeting take place following closure of the submission period. Tentative date 4th Thursday of November 2015 – 26th.

