

<b>Date/Time:</b>	Thursday, 3 November 2016 12.00-1.30pm
<b>Location:</b>	Merino Cafe, Gunning 62 Yass Street, Gunning
<b>Attendees:</b>	Nic Carmody (NC), Chairperson Councillor Paul Culhane (PC), Upper Lachlan Shire Council Representative Kathy Cosgrove (KC), Committee Member Charles Knight, Committee Member Annmaree Lavery (AL) (Newtricity), Applicant Representative Murray Curtis (MC) (ERM), Applicant Representative
<b>Apologies:</b>	John McCue, Committee Member Vince Heffernan (VH), Committee Member

## SUMMARY NOTES OF MEETING

<b>1. Welcome and Introduction</b>
<p>Nic Carmody welcomed everyone to the fourth CCC Meeting.</p> <p>John McCue and Charles Knight (committee members) were apologies.</p> <p>Paul Culhane was introduced as former Mayor John Shaw’s replacement as Council’s representative.</p>
<b>2. CCC Meeting Notes</b>
<p>CCC #3 meeting notes were adopted.</p>
<b>3. Revised CCC Guidelines 2016</b>
<p>NC provided a brief outline of the draft revised CCC guidelines. The public comment period has closed with no date for formal adoption. Given the Biala CCC is active the guidelines do not significantly change the future operations of the CCC.</p>
<b>4. Project Update</b>
<p>MC provided the following update on the Project happenings since last meeting, Project status and next steps in the approval process:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The draft Response to Submissions (RtS) completed 21/12/15 but awaiting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Council’s response to agreed road upgrades for the RAV route and access road intersections; and</li> <li>○ DPE response from its Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment (LVIA) consultants review of the LVIA in the EIS.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Council’s response received 16/2/16. DPE requested the RtS be submitted and any</li> </ul>

LVIA issues will be advised separately.

- RtS submitted 18/2/16 – on DPE website 25/2/16.
- New DPE assessment officer undertook site visit with its LVIA consultant on 22/3/16 – advised likely timetable for assessment process with the aim for assessment report by end of May 2016.
- DPE provided email with feedback regarding the LVIA from the site visit and issues raised by OEH to the Ecological Impact Assessment on 29/3/16.
- ERM responded to the LVIA issues and 6/4/16 and met with DPE to discuss outstanding issues on 8/4/16.
- Newtricity and its LVIA consultant undertook site visit on 29/4/16 and ERM provided formal response to LVIA issues to DPE on 3/5/16.
- DPE issued request for additional clarifications to issues on 31/5/16, 2/6/16, & 10/6/16 and ERM provided a response to all issues on 15/6/16.
- DPE issues request for additional issue clarifications on 20/6/16 and draft conditions of approval on 24/6/16. ERM provided a response to all issues on 1/7/16 and an additional figure for the DPE assessment report and response to the draft conditions on 8/7/16.
- DPE requested additional figures for its assessment report on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>/8/16 and revised draft conditions on 19/8/16. ERM provided a final response on 2/9/16.

Assessment process – next steps:

- Awaiting DPE Assessment Report – DPE advised today that it should be issued within two weeks.
- Assessment Report to be placed on DPE Project website and issued to PAC.
- PAC provides two week notification period prior to its public meeting.
- PAC process takes approximately 60 days.

Transmission Line:

- AL confirmed that landowner negotiations are ongoing both to the south and east. Also still investigating technical feasibility including option for undergrounding the line for some segments of the routes.

## **5. General Items for Discussion**

- NC noted the CCC's disappointment at the length of time DPE has taken to complete the EIS assessment and lack of responsiveness.
- KC asked if the aboriginal elders had been consulted. MC confirmed that this was part of the Aboriginal Heritage Assessment process.
- KC asked if the Progress Association had been consulted. AL confirmed that DPE had meetings with the Progress Association early this year.
- AL asked PC id any issues about the Biala Wind Farm had been raised by the new Council. PC advised that the Council had been kept updated but had not expressed any specific issues.
- MC confirmed ERM will send a link to the DPE Assessment Report once it is posted on the website and will provide a CD of the report to KC by post.

## 6. Next Steps and Close

Draft meeting notes to be sent to NC who would circulate allowing 2 weeks for comments.  
Any comments questions or changes to be notified to NC as soon as possible.  
The meeting notes will be placed on the website but will remain draft until next meeting.  
Meeting notes to be made final once adopted by CCC meeting and website updated.  
It was agreed that the next meeting take place after the PAC determination.