

Date/Time:	Thursday, 11 May 2017 12.00-2.00pm
Location:	Council Chambers, Gunning 123 Yass Street, Gunning
Attendees:	Nic Carmody (NC), Chairperson Councillor Paul Colhain (PC), Upper Lachlan Shire Council Representative Kathy Cosgrove (KC), Committee Member Vince Heffernan (VH), Committee Member Charles Knight (CK), Committee Member Annmaree Lavery (AL) (Newtricity), Applicant Representative Claire Burnes (CB) (ERM), Applicant Representative
Apologies:	John McCue, Committee Member

SUMMARY NOTES OF MEETING

1. Welcome and Introduction
Nic Carmody welcomed everyone to the fifth CCC Meeting. John McCue (committee member) noted as an apology.
2. CCC Meeting Notes
CCC #4 meeting notes were adopted.
3. Transition and reconstitution of CCC in accordance with revised CCC Guidelines 2016
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NC provided copies of DPE Guidelines and Fact Sheet for CCCs, and provided a summary of the key features of the new guidelines and how it applies to this CCC. • Noted that the new guidelines require declaration of pecuniary and other interests, which was agreed would be added as an agenda item for subsequent meetings. • NC to confirm with DPE any requirement for members to sign Code of Conduct. • In accordance with guidelines, draft minutes of this and all subsequent meetings will be circulated to all committee members within one week of the meeting. Members have one week to provide any comments to the Chairperson. • NC to liaise with DPE with proposal that CCC remain with current membership.
4. Project Update
<p>Project Approval:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CB highlighted key conditions of consent issued for the wind farm on 12 April 2017. Link to the DPE website where determination documents are located (including the conditions of consent and PAC assessment report): http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au/index.pl?action=view_job&job_id=6039 CB to post hard copy of determination documents to KC. <p>Transmission Line Connection:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AL provided update on transmission line easement options and landowner agreements.

Newtricity is close to finalisation of agreements along the preferred connection route and will lodge a DA once finalised.

- CK queried whether a route to the south was still under consideration as an alternative option. AL confirmed it remains the plan b option.
- AL noted that underground installation is now the preferred design option along the majority/all of the route, contingent on environmental conditions.
- NC noted that if members wanted any specific information on aspects of the design/proposal, that this could be identified by members in advance and specialist(s) could attend a future meeting to discuss.
- Communication of information to members and the broader community was discussed, specifically in relation to lack of communication of development consent having been issued by DPE.
 - Agreed that a communication strategy will be devised at the next meeting;
 - Newtricity to forward any new information to all members as it becomes available;
 - Agreed that a project update highlighting the key features of the development consent (specifically deferred consent and micrositing conditions) should be provided in the Gunning Lions club newsletter as this has greater distribution than local newspapers. CB to draft notice and forward to members for comment.

5. General Items for Discussion

- CB noted DPE EIA improvement project and imminent public release of Draft Guidelines for comment. The Guidelines, once adopted, will provide a new framework for future impact assessment of major projects (including wind farms) including the form and content of impact assessment documentation and public participation in the assessment process.
 - CB to notify members once the guidelines are publicly released.

6. Next Steps and Close

- Draft meeting notes to be sent to NC who will circulate within 1 week of the meeting and allowing 1 week for comments.
- The meeting notes will be placed on the website but will remain draft until next meeting.
- AL will notify the CCC when a DA is lodged for the transmission line.
- Agreed that the next meeting would take place following approval of the transmission line DA.
- Meeting closed at 2pm.