

**BIALA WIND FARM  
COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE – MEETING 8**

<b>Date/Time:</b>	Tuesday, 13 November 2018 12pm – 2pm
<b>Location:</b>	Council Chambers, Gunning 123 Yass Street, Gunning
<b>Attendees:</b>	Nic Carmody (NC), Chairperson Councillor Paul Culhane (PC), Upper Lachlan Shire Council Representative Paul Hewitt (PH), Committee Member Shane Laverty (SL), Committee Member (pending final review by DPE) George Shepherd (GS), Committee Member (pending final review by DPE) Tim Mead (TM), (Beijing Jingneng Clean Energy), Applicant Representative Robbie Williamson (RW) (Beijing Jingneng Clean Energy), Applicant Representative
<b>Apologies:</b>	Kathy Cosgrove (KC), Committee Member John McCue (JM), Committee Member Vince Heffernan (VH), Committee Member

**SUMMARY OF MEETING MINUTES**

<b>1. Welcome and Introduction</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NC welcomed everyone to the 8<sup>th</sup> CCC meeting</li> <li>• Apology received from Kathy Cosgrove, John McCue &amp; Vince Heffernan</li> </ul>
<b>2. Declaration of Interest</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NC asked committee if there were any changes to the Declaration of Interest since the previous meeting – George Shepherd declared non-pecuniary interest as member of the Grabben Gullen Progress Association and a potential conflict of interest as employee of Rural Fire Services Crookwell. Any interactions been BJCE and GS in his capacity with the RFS shall not be entered into discussions in the CCC.</li> </ul>
<b>3. CCC Meeting Minutes</b>
CCC #7 Meeting Minutes were adopted
<b>4. CCC Membership</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NC received two new membership requests. SL and GS have both submitted applications to join the Committee - still awaiting final approval from NSW Department of Planning once they assess the candidates against the required criteria.</li> <li>• NC will circulate the Community Consultation Guidelines</li> <li>• NC advised everyone should make themselves familiar with the Biala WF Conditions of Consent (SSD 6039)</li> </ul>

<p><b>5. Transmission Line JRPP status</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PC advised the committee that the Transmission Line JRPP hearing was expected at the end of November (PC informed TM by email after the meeting that expected date actually early December)</li> <li>• TM informed that JRPP requested a peer review of Council’s supplementary report.</li> <li>• NC read extracts from the Southern Regional Planning Panel resolution from 16<sup>th</sup> Oct 2018, summarising the issues the panel has requested the peer review should address.</li> <li>• PC advised that JRPP had queried the proponent’s original position that a larger corridor would allow for the lowest impact transmission line route to be determined in later project stages (after consent) and wanted a more defined route particularly in relation to environmental constraints.</li> </ul>
<p><b>6. Project Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TM provided a general project update;             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 4 Management Plans which are required by WF Conditions of Consent have been approved by DPE for construction (Biodiversity, Heritage, Traffic (Stage 1) and Environmental Management Strategy). These are available on project website for download.</li> <li>○ Roadworks to Kialla Road completed apart from a final spray which is best done in the summer</li> <li>○ Completed additional heritage survey work</li> <li>○ Modification to WF consent to erect 4 Met-Masts rather than 3 approved</li> <li>○ Tender process for Balance of Plant Contractor has continued; there is a preferred contractor who has been engaged to do some preliminary design work where possible. Anticipate 2-3 weeks to close out main construction contracts for the project once final approvals are obtained.</li> <li>○ BJCE in ongoing discussion with Transgrid about the grid connection</li> <li>○ RFS will be consulted on the Bushfire Management Plan for construction. Met Masts expected to be the first construction item.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>6. General Items for Discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SL requested update on the plans for potential TV signal disturbance and expressed concerns around the non-local TV that a satellite solution would provide. TM stated that the Conditions of Consent require the applicant to make good any disruption to television broadcasting services in the area which are impacted by the development and that the first step is to understand the existing condition of the signal. BJCE have therefore engaged a specialist consultant to undertake a baseline signal survey of the greater Grabben Gullen area, expected to take place in early December. BJCE has also had discussions with GGPA about the current issues with TV in Grabben Gullen. While BJCE’s consultant is in the area, BJCE have requested for them to do a study into where a repeater tower could be placed in order to provide better signal to houses in the area. BJCE will share this study with GGPA. This is not a commitment by BJCE to put up a tower but should indicate possible solutions with associated costings which the GGPA can use</li> </ul>

in its discussions. SL advised that his TV is currently very good. GS stated that his has been troublesome in the past but has been corrected by moving aerial to a new position.

- GS updated that the RFS microwave communications system is working well following re-routing work commissioned by BJCE.
- TM updated that Community Consultation Strategy shall be uploaded onto BJCE website in the next couple of weeks. BJCE to email this to all CCC members at the same time.
- TM stated that Range Road works shall not progress until outcome of JRPP is known.
- SL sought confirmation that Range Road will only be used for oversized vehicles as per the Conditions of Consent. TM confirmed this but noted the concern that this condition could be detrimental to using local contractors (i.e. from Crookwell) who would be required to take significant detours with Heavy Vehicle's in order to undertake works on Biala WF. BJCE are seeking clarification with DPE on this condition in that regard.
- SL provided feedback that some community members who met with BJCE representatives at the beginning of the year, do not feel their concerns have been followed up with. TM took action to revisit consultation records and follow up any outstanding commitments from those meetings. BJCE reiterated that the community is welcome to contact them at any time should they have a query or concern about the project that they wish to discuss.
- NC asked whether we should trial an alternative time for the next CCC meeting. General consensus that early evening would be better. Next meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> January to be at 5-7pm. PH requested that committee members are emailed about major project developments before this date given that some key decisions are expected in the next month.
- TM requested feedback from the committee on circulation of Biala newsletters and the effectiveness in updating the community. GS suggested that dropping flyers at key public areas (Grabben Gullen pub, etc) could help reach more people.
- There was general discussion around the community interest in wind farm's on other projects. TM suggested that a blade could stop in one of the towns during the delivery phase of the project for members of the public to see close up. TM requested that the committee considers whether there is community appetite for this.

#### **7. Next Steps and Close**

Next meeting: Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January, 5pm till 7pm

Meeting closed: 2:00pm