



**BIALA WIND FARM
COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE – MEETING 13**

Date/Time:	Tuesday, 28 Jan 2020 6pm – 8pm
Location:	Grabben Gullen Community Hall, Grabben Gullen
Attendees:	Nic Carmody (NC), Chairperson Paul Hewitt (PH), Committee Member George Shepherd (GS), Committee Member John McCue (JM), Committee Member Shane Laverty (SL), Committee Member Jenifer Heffernan (JH), Committee Member Kathy Cosgrove (KC), Committee Member Tim Mead (TM), (BJCE), Applicant Representative Robbie Williamson (RW) (BJCE), Applicant Representative Adam Lenihan (AL) (AECOM), Owner’s Construction Representative Andy Wang (AW) (Goldwind), Turbine Supply & Installation Project Manager Steve Cachia (SC) (ARES), Logistics & Transportation Project Manager Catherine Culley (CC), Observer
Apologies:	None

CONSOLIDATED ACTIONS LIST

- PC to discuss the damage on Grabben Gullen road within Council (carried over from meeting 11 & 12 minutes)
- BJCE to provide updated high level Biala program to CCC members (ongoing)
- BJCE to share the report assessing potential impacts on Bannister Springs with CCC members
- NC to respond to Peter Gordon email
- BJCE to ensure GWA and ARES have school bus contact details
- BJCE to provide an update on the issue of delivery routes to site (ongoing)
- BJCE to share “OSOM Delivery Factsheet” with CCC members for feedback
- BJCE to circulate the VPA to members of the CCC
- BJCE to ask Council when VPA committee selection will take place
- BJCE to organize CCC site visit before the next CCC meeting

SUMMARY OF MEETING MINUTES

1. Welcome and Introduction
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NC welcomed everyone to the 13th CCC meeting • No apologies
2. Code of Conduct & Agreement
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No changes to the Declaration of Interest since the previous meeting.
3. CCC Meeting Minutes

CCC #12 Meeting Minutes were adopted

Update on the Consolidated Actions from previous minutes:

- **PC to discuss the damage on Grabben Gullen road within Council (not closed in meeting 12)**
 - PC not present so carried across to next meeting
- **BJCE to circulate high level Biala program to CCC members**
 - BJCE provided A3 print outs of high level Biala program
- **BJCE to provide an update on the issue of delivery routes to site**
 - BJCE have received no complaints in relation to delivery routes since last meeting
 - 90% of deliveries now are regular deliveries so good understanding of routes
 - Signs erected at the site exit prompt use of correct routes
 - PH has occasionally observed trucks driving towards Grabben Gullen at the end of the day. AL noted that some contractors are based between site and Boorooowa and may have driven home by alternative routes when they finish their working day.
- **BJCE to contact AP&H Society about the times and dates that community groups use the showgrounds, including the Pony Club.**
 - BJCE have been in regular contact with AP&H Society in relation to access track works at the showgrounds
 - JH and CC flagged concerns that the Pony Club wasn't contacted directly and about the current state of the works.
 - Discussion around BJCE's agreement with AP&H society and their interface with other users of the showground. Key points were:
 - Access track works still underway
 - Concerns about accessibility for other showground users had been communicated by the AP&H society to the contractors doing the works
 - Work will be completed in time for the area to be used for the Crookwell Show

Range Road Upgrade

- Final seal will be undertaken prior to March 2020
- Council requesting a safety audit is undertake and possible safety measures implemented before completion is granted. 40kmh speed limit will remain until in place until then
- The dip flagged by SL in previous CCC has been flagged to Divall's and will be addressed during final sealing. This will be monitored.

Project Update

- AL provided update on Civil and Electrical Works. Key milestones:
 - 90% earthworks complete
 - 27/31 foundations poured
 - 50% access roads graveled
 - 10/31 hardstands graveled
 - Cable laid for the first (of four) collector groups internally on wind farm.
 - 60% of Transmission Line works complete
- AW and SC described the upcoming turbine deliveries
 - First vessel arrived in Port Kembla January 10th. Second vessel expected to arrive in early February.
 - Intersection works pending final council approval
 - Each turbine requires 11x OSOM deliveries
 - Permitting and police escort process discussed
 - SC described ARES experience in liaising with school buses on other projects
 - BJCE outlined proposed protocol for communicating key information around turbine deliveries with community (includes an “OSOM Delivery Factsheet” which CCC members will be provided).

Complaints

TM provided Biala WF complaints update:

Pony Club

- Discussed above

Plastic Litter on Neighbouring Property

- Landowner adjacent to transmission line works found some plastic tape on their land and were concerned about the potential risk to stock
- CPP remedial actions
 - Checked for any other potential litter along the area of works
 - Re-iterated importance of keeping works area tidy and managing litter/waste in the morning kick off meeting with workers the next morning
 - Communicated directly with complainant about complaint
- BJCE followed up with complainant to discuss these actions.

Dust complaint

- Landowner adjacent to wind farm site complained that there was excessive dust being generated by works related to the wind farm
- After receiving the complaint CATCON and BJCE site representative inspected dust levels at various work fronts (in particular areas closest to complainant’s land).
 - Noted it was a windy day and there was dust at work fronts but did not observe dust escaping the project area at this time
 - Confirmed that 2 water carts were in operation that day
- CATCON have stopped works on multiple days due to excessive winds. Dust suppression on site very difficult on these hot/windy days, and on some occasions there is excessive dust being generated from all around the

district independent of the project works. A key project focus is therefore laying gravel quickly to minimise the amount of time with exposed earthworks.

- CATCON continue to try and wet unsealed tracks.
- DPIE have visited site to observe dust controls in place (no immediate actions requested)
- DPIE expected to visit site again in the next couple of weeks
- BJCE have responded to complainant and discussed the above points.

Sediment complaint

- Landowner adjacent to wind farm site complained that sediment from works close to T02 had entered Wattle Creek following rain event
- CATCON and BJCE site representative immediately inspected this area to ensure sediment controls remained in good working order following the heavy rain.
- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) inspected the area the following day. No immediate on site actions requested by EPA however they have requested a follow up incident report from BJCE.
- CATCON have installed additional sedimentation controls in this area as an extra precaution.
- EPA will provide a response in next few weeks (may include recommendations) following BJCE's incident report.
- BJCE have responded to complainant and discussed the above points.

Out of hours noise complaint

- Landowner adjacent to wind farm site complained that noise could be heard around 6:30am on 2x Saturdays in December
- CATCON have been undertaking out of hours works but only those expected to be inaudible at neighbouring residences (allowable in conditions of consent).
- BJCE have asked CATCON to re-assess the activities they undertake out of hours to ensure they are in compliance
- BJCE have responded to complainant with the points above

BJCE publishes a complaints register monthly which is downloadable from the project website.

General Discussion

Email from Gullen Range CCC Chair

- NC read out an email from Peter Gordon (chair of Gullen Range Wind Farm CCC). Email asks if Biala CCC is interested to meet with other wind farm CCCs in the greater Crookwell area and discuss how windfarm funding/initiatives could be coordinated.
- Biala CCC felt probably more relevant to the committees for the Voluntary Planning Agreements (for Biala this will be the “Community Enhancement Fund”).
- Not worth arranging a meeting at this point but happy to consider a specific proposal in future
- Action for BJCE to share the Biala VPA details with CCC members

Bushfires

- General discussion around the impact of bushfires around the state, and measures in place to monitor/respond to bushfire risks for Biala WF construction.
- Biala Bushfire management plan was prepared in consultation with RFS
- Some works will continue on total fire ban days – for instance works in areas where vegetation has been cleared – however no stripping of topsoil in new areas will occur.

Sediment Controls

- JH flagged concern that she could not observe sediment controls in southern area of the project
- AL confirmed that sediment fencing and earth bunding is present in that area of the works. Adam had inspected that location that day.

Groundwater Monitoring at Gurrundah Creek (on Transmission Line)

- BJCE confirmed that ground water levels were being monitored in this location in accordance with the TL conditions of consent.
- Some discussion around implication of the drought for groundwater monitoring at Bannister Springs. Contractors have observed a steady decline in the water levels but no sudden changes during trenching
- Action on BJCE to share the report which was submitted to the transmission line joint regional planning panel

Minor Modification

- TM provided an update that DPIE approved a minor modification (mod) to the Wind Farm Development Approval on 9th Jan
- Mod updates the indicative infrastructure layout and includes the layout of the internal cables on the wind farm (not explicitly shown in original EIS)
- Details here: <https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/project/25886>

9. Next Steps and Close

Next meeting 31st March 2020, 6pm till 8pm
Grabben Gullen Community Hall
Meeting closed 7:00pm