

**BIALA WIND FARM
COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE – MEETING 15**

Date/Time:	Tuesday, 15 th September 2020
Location:	Grabben Gullen Community Hall, Grabben Gullen
Attendees:	Nic Carmody (NC), Chairperson Paul Culhane (PC), Upper Lachlan Shire Council Representative Paul Hewitt (PH), Committee Member George Shepherd (GS), Committee Member Shane Laverty (SL), Committee Member Kathy Cosgrove (KC), Committee Member Adam Lenihan (AL) (AECOM), Owner’s Construction Representative Derek Powell (DP), (BJCE), Applicant Representative Elizabeth Picker (EP, (BJCE), Community Liaison Officer
Apologies:	John McCue (JM), Committee Member Jenifer Heffernan (JH), Committee Member Vince Heffernan (JH), Committee Member Tim Mead (TM), (BJCE), Applicant Representative Robbie Williamson (RW) (BJCE), Applicant Representative Andy Wang (AW) (Goldwind), Turbine Supply & Installation Project Manager

CONSOLIDATED ACTIONS LIST

Previous Action Items	Update
PC to discuss the damage on Grabben Gullen road with Council (carried over from meeting 11 & 12 minutes)	Ongoing
BJCE to provide updated high level Biala program to CCC members (ongoing)	Provided at meeting
NC to respond to Peter Gordon’s email	TBC
NC to circulate NWFC presentation and contact details to members	NC explained the National Wind Farm Commissioner has not yet circulated his presentation and annual report from the previous meeting.
BJCE to confirm if Biala and Gurrundah localities are within the 5km zone for the Community Enhancement Fund	The distance from the centre of Gurrundah to T30 (closest turbine) is 7.3km. The boundary of Gurrundah Is within 5 km of a Biala Wind Turbine.
New Action Items	Progress
PH to speak to GGCPA and encourage them to approach Council about turning off the aviation lights	
PC to flag the aviation lights at the upcoming Council meeting	
PC to establish a process to have the aviation lights removed once they’ve served their purpose	
AL to confirm if the lights are installed correctly and confirm the aviation light operation timings.	

Previous Action Items	Update
AL to confirm if the ULSC would like a 100km speed sign installed along Range Road leaving Grabben Gullen	
AL to investigate how/when the tree stump will be removed	
EP to update Meeting 14 minutes with updated aviation light information.	

SUMMARY OF MEETING MINUTES

<p>1. Welcome and Introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NC welcomed everyone to the 15th CCC meeting • Apologies from TM, JM, VH and JH noted • NC detailed correspondence received was: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A phone call from Dept. Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) about meeting frequency and the duration between each meeting. ○ Environmental audit letter from Diane Munro (DM) – NC confirmed he has extended an invitation to DM to attend a future meeting.
<p>2. Code of Conduct & Agreement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Declaration of pecuniary or other interests: No change
<p>3. CCC Meeting Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The minutes for the 14th meeting were agreed out of session and are on the website. • DP requested an amendment to the previous meeting minutes – in section 7 where it should state “18 out of 31 turbines will be fitted with aviation lighting” instead of 16. Previous meeting minutes will be revised and re-uploaded. • ACTION ITEM: EP to update Meeting 14 minutes with updated aviation light information.
<p>4. Project Update</p> <p>AL provided the following construction update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently erecting the 20th (out of 31) turbine up to its nacelle. • The last turbine is expected to be erected in the last week of December 2020 with fitting out and commissioning likely to be completed in early January 2021. All works are expected to be complete by February 2021. • Turbine deliveries are now finished. • Electrical reticulation is complete. The site will be able to be fully energised by the end of the week. • Civil works are ongoing – Operations and Maintenance Building is under construction and is expected to be complete in October 2020. • Rehabilitation work on some of the off-road sections will commence soon. • Employee update – there are approx. 80 people onsite. The crane crew has been decreased; the pre-install crew has left site and the electrical crew has been increased.

Turbine erection:

- Six turbines are fully commissioned, but only two turbines can operate at any one time, until Transgrid gives approval for more to operate. By end of September it is anticipated that up to eight turbines will be operational.
- Order of erection of the turbines was discussed and AL provided the latest erection sequence.
- It was discussed that the southernmost turbines will be erected by the last week of November 2020 or the first week of December 2020.
- KC asked if the project has had any trouble with the creek near turbine 30. AL said no, explaining there is a substantial culvert down there and a lot of work has been completed to ensure the area complies with environmental requirements.

Onsite rehabilitation works:

- Rehabilitation work at T1 and T2 was discussed. AL said it was being monitored and further reseeding would be undertaken if revegetation was not satisfactory.
- SL asked if hydromulching is being considered and that seeding would need to occur in early October to be effective? AL confirmed it's a possibility. DP confirmed the project has hydromulched part of the area already but that it could be considered again.
- PH suggested relocating the livestock from the area around the crane hardstands. AL confirmed the area north of area of T02 had been fenced.
- The method of hydromulching was discussed
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5. Complaints

- Specific complaints were not discussed. the August complaints register can be found [here](#).

6. General Discussion

Aviation Lights:

- General feedback from community members that lights are too bright and annoying.
- DP - Lights are required due to Department of Defence helicopters flying in the area.
- NC recommended CCC approach DPIE after all lights are operational
- DP - DPIE has been contacted to ask whether there is a pathway to reduce lighting or turn lights off.
- **ACTION ITEM:** DP to update committee with progress.
- **ACTION ITEM:** AL to check whether lights are installed correctly.
- **ACTION ITEM:** PH to discuss lights with GGPA and encourage them to approach Council.
- **ACTION ITEM:** PC to raise lights with Council.

Range Road upgrade:

- SL asked when the top soil left on the corner of Range Road and Grabben Gullen Road will be removed. AL said rehabilitation/clean-up works are likely to start in October. The project needs to agree the scope of these works with Council before commencement.
- SL asked when the pothole will be fixed. AL said there is a spring under the road. Divalls are coming up with a solution which will be implemented as soon as possible.
- GS thanked BJCE for removing excess signs and rubbish at the junction of Grabben Gullen and Range Road. GS asked if the tree stump at the junction will be moved or grinded down. **ACTION ITEM:** AL to investigate.
- DP raised whether a 100km/h speed sign should be in place leaving Grabben Gullen.

ACTION ITEM: AL to confirm if the ULSC would like a 100km speed sign installed. DP said BJCE is happy to install a road sign if it's required.

Environmental audit:

- Audit is underway. Purpose of audit discussed. Required under development approval conditions to be completed a certain length of time after construction commences.
- NC asked how many times the DPIE Compliance Team Leader from Queanbeyan has visited Biala Wind Farm. AL confirmed about four or five times.

7. Next Steps and Close

- **Next meeting:** Tuesday 17th November 2020, 5pm
- **Location:** Grabben Gullen Hall
- **Meeting closed:** 5:45pm