

**BIALA WIND FARM
COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE – MEETING 17**

Date/Time:	Tuesday, 9 th February 2021
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 Shane Laverty (SL), Committee Member Kathy Cosgrove (KC), Committee Member Jenifer Heffernan (JH), Committee Member George Shepherd (GS), Committee Member Tim Mead (TM), (BJCE), Applicant Representative Elizabeth Picker (EP, (BJCE), Community Liaison Officer
Apologies:	John McCue (JM), Committee Member Vince Heffernan (JH), Committee Member
Observers:	Bernadette Clancy (BC) Steven Clancy (SC)

SUMMARY OF MEETING MINUTES

1. Welcome and Introduction
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NC welcomed everyone to the 17th CCC meeting • Apologies from VH noted • NC detailed correspondence received as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Email from local resident outlining a traffic incident that occurred on Range Road in November last year with a wind farm subcontractor vehicle. TM explained the issue was tool boxed on site and the resident was contacted and the complaint has been closed. ○ Two CCC members were contacted to confirm their member status. JM has resigned from the CCC. There is a possible vacancy on the CCC, NC confirmed the CCC can have up to 5 or 6 members. ○ GS queried the duration of the committee. NC confirmed the CCC will exist for the life of the project and explained the guidelines and frequency of meetings throughout the project lifecycle. ○ KC asked whether the CCC or meetings change if the ownership of the wind farm changes. NC confirmed the CCC would remain the same.
2. Code of Conduct and Agreement
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Declaration of pecuniary or other interests: JH confirmed she no longer has a pecuniary interest.
3. CCC Meeting Minutes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Minutes for the 16th meeting were agreed out of session and are on the website.

4. Complaints

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

5. General Discussion

NC asked observers to voice their concerns:

Aviation Lights

- BC explained she has built an off-the-grid, glass front, north facing home and can see all of the wind turbines and aviation lights. BC assumed the lights would eventually turn off after construction is complete but that is not the case. BC commented that she had not received any correspondence about the aviation lights.
- SC said the lights are typically off by 1.30am.
- TM explained the lights had not been turning off at the correct time and confirmed they should turn off at midnight. Reprogramming is underway so this should be fixed shortly.
- PC explained ULSC has written to Wendy Tuckerman MP and Minister Angus Taylor. Tuckerman has emailed the DPIE and Minister Taylor has not yet responded. PC will update ULSC on the aviation lights following this meeting. PC encouraged the two observers to contact ULSC directly.
- JH asked PC if a community petition is still worthwhile. PC confirmed it is worthwhile.
- General discussion about helicopter flight paths with other nearby wind farms.
- PH asked PC about the best way to action the community petition. PC suggested the petition go through ULSC so they can reinforce it.
- PC strongly recommended individual submissions directly to ULSC. NC encouraged members to contact local Members.
- NC explained BWF's conditions of consent and that the aviation lights are a requirement from the Department of Defence.
- General discussion about the technical requirements on the aviation lights, and if they require guards.
- TM confirmed there are two lights per tower. TM noted the need to have aviation authority permission to make any changes to the aviation lights.
- TM explained BJCE would switch the lights off if that is allowed. Meanwhile, BJCE is trying to find a technical solution to reduce the intensity of the lights.
- GS suggested that reduced intensity would make a difference because, currently, the aviation lights can be seen from 80km away on clear nights. However, more intense lights might be required during fog cover.
- General discussion about aviation firefighting in close proximity to wind turbines.
- BC asked if the aviation lights change colour. TM said that the lights are red; however, he will check and confirm again for BC. – ACTION ITEM

RSF update

- GS confirmed he had reviewed the bushfire management plan and sent it back to Kyle (CATCON).
- GS said he has not yet inspected the O&M Building and water tanks.

Transmission Line Works

- JH asked if there was an issue with the transmission line from Humes Creek back to the

GRWF Substation before Christmas, and asked if Humes Creek had been disturbed.

- TM explained there was a minor cable fault requiring repair, but this was not at Humes Creek. He confirmed the location and process undertaken to resolve the cable fault. TM confirmed the transmission line works did not occur at Humes Creek.

6. Next Steps and Close

Next meeting: Thursday, 13th May 2021

Location: Grabben Gullen Hall

Meeting closed: 7.30pm

***Consolidated action item list on the next page.**



Consolidated Action Items

Action Item	Update
TM to confirm if the aviation lights change colour	
BJCE to investigate the possible corrugating on some of the road corners between the Leonard's driveway and the old school	
EP to follow-up with SC re; TV reception interference	Completed
EP to follow-up with BC re; program eligibility	Completed
BJCE to develop a TV Channel User Manual for the TV Reception Program recipients	
BJCE to arrange Biala grant writing workshop prior to CEF applications opening	
BJCE to provide updated high level Biala program to CCC members (ongoing)	Completed
NC to respond to Peter Gordon's email	Completed
NC to circulate NWFC presentation and contact details to members	2019 Annual Report can be read and downloaded here .
BJCE to confirm if Biala and Gurrundah localities are within the 5km zone for the Community Enhancement Fund	Completed
PH will speak to GGCPA and encourage them to approach Council about turning off the aviation lights	Completed
PC to flag the aviation lights at the upcoming Council meeting	Completed
BJCE to confirm the aviation light operation timings	Completed
BJCE to confirm if the ULSC would like a 100km speed sign installed along Range Road leaving Grabben Gullen	
EP to update Meeting 14 Minutes with updated aviation light information.	Completed
BJCE to issue text message to update community about the oversized loads.	Completed



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TM to confirm how many aviation lights are installed on each turbine.	Completed
PC to request USLC to support the community's request to have the lights turned off.	Completed
NC to circulate the VPA to members.	Completed
TM to circulate TV Program map to members when available.	Completed
EP to update member list on website	Completed
NC to contact inactive members to seek clarification if they would still like to be a member of the CCC.	Completed