



**MINUTES OF BOCO ROCK WIND FARM
COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
(CCC)**

9.00am, Monday 6th October 2017
Nimmitabel Community Centre

Attendees

Howard Charles (HC)	Landholder (host)
John Harrington (JH)	Community Member
Derek Dymond (DD)	Asset Manager – CWP
Adam West	Facility Manager, BRWF
Rowan Rogers	Operations Engineer - CWP
Lisa Andrews (LA)	Independent Chair

Absent

Delegate	Snowy Monaro Regional Council
Fiona Taylor (FT)	Community Member/Neighbouring Landholder

Apologies

Fr Sergei Shatrov	Community Member
Richard Lawson (RL)	Community Member
Bill Garnock (BG)	Community Member (Host Landholder)

Item	Action
<p>1.0 Welcome and Introductions <i>Meeting opened at 9.32am.</i> Lisa Andrews welcomed the attendees and introduced the new company representatives from CWP. All present were requested to complete the Attendance Sheet.</p>	<p>Derek Dymond, Adam West & Rowan Rogers – provided a brief overview of their background.</p>
<p>2.0 Apologies</p>	<p>As listed above.</p>
<p>3.0 Declarations of Interest Code of Conduct and Pecuniary/Non-Pecuniary Interest Forms distributed to Adam West & Derek Dymond for completion and return.</p>	<p>LA declared that she was an Independent Chair, approved by the Department of Planning and Environment and engaged by CWP to chair the CCC meeting.</p>
<p>4.0 Business arising The minutes of 6th March 2017 were finalised and sent to CCC members on 4th April 2017. Action: Item 1 – Send a card to Richard Lawson No other business arising.</p>	<p>Card sent to Richard at Bombala Hospital. A lovely note was received back from Richard’s wife, Lainie stating how much Richard enjoys being part of this CCC. <i>Noted.</i></p>

<p>6.0 Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 27/3/17 – Email with the draft minutes of 6/3/17 • 4/4/17 – Email with the finalised minutes of 6/3/17 • 30/6/17 – Email from Mark Wiggins advising of his resignation • 3/7/17 – Email from Chair to CCC members advising of Mark Wiggin’s resignation & that the new manager is Derek Dymond • 19/9/17 Save the date reminder for this meeting • 25/9/17 Meeting Notice & Agenda for this meeting • 27/9/17 – Email from Derek Diamond advising of Adam West’s appointment • 3/10/17 – Reminder for this meeting • 5/10/17 – Email from Fr Sergei Shatrov with an apology for this meeting • 5/10/17 – Email from Bill Garnock advising he would be attending this meeting 	<p>Moved LA Seconded HC Accepted</p>
<p>7.0 Boco Rock Project Update (MW)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The switchboard building that had asbestos contamination has had the material removed. The building was wrapped in plastic and there was minimal disruption to the wind farm activities. The asbestos inspector has signed off and CWP are just waiting on the final clearance from Worksafe NSW and the manufacturer. • Turbines are being maintained in accordance with the schedule. Grease (black marks) are being removed and seals have been replaced. The contractors abseil down the towers to clean them, so there has been a slight delay because of the high winds. • Remediation has been completed and temporary fencing has been erected to stop stock from entering and damaging the area. • Currently working with the weed spraying contractor. HC asked whether the new policy of the land owners doing their own weed spraying, then charging CWP is working. DD advised that this is certainly CWP’s preferred method as the farmers know the properties and locations of the weeds. • Following lengthy discussions about weed management; HC recommended that Bill Buckley (consultant) attend the sites and conduct an audit to ensure compliance. JH agreed. Action • It was also suggested that contact be made with Jo Powells from Local Land Services (Cooma) to provide guidance.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jo Powells recently contributed to the lift out in the Monaro Post "Your Farm" on serrated tussock grass. • DD advised that the weed inspector from Snowy Monaro Council came out a few weeks ago to look at the bio-banking offset. • Despite low wind in April, May and June; wind conditions since then have brought back target expectations. • Turbines shut down when conditions get too strong, as they don't want to damage them in high winds. • Stage 2 – HC informed the CCC that he had heard that the company has been speaking with host landowners. DD is not aware of any formal advice. • RR advised that they have recently undertaken a survey for the market operator regarding hot weather and its effect on the turbines. • DD advised that they continue to work with GE (supplier) to ensure the right oil is used. • There have been two outages on site to allow Essential Energy to undertake maintenance. • There is one turbine out at the moment with gear box issues and bearings have been replaced on some other turbines. • Weather forecasts are very important to BRWF's operations as they want to ensure workers' safety.
<p>8.0 Community Concerns</p>	<p>No issues raised.</p>
<p>9.0 General Business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JH discussed the proposed Granite Hills Wind Farm and their approach to him as President of the Rotary Club to hold a community meeting. Discussions have been had regarding compensation for neighbours that have to look at the turbines. DD & LA advised that the Department have been considering the issue of compensation for visual impact, however, no decisions have yet been made. • Companies are installing larger turbines, but fewer numbers. Visual impact and safety to birds is improved. • The damaged blade was discussed, with DD advising that GE are considering taking it away. • DD advised that CWP will continue to sponsor the Nimmitabel Show and Camp Draft. • CWP have held discussions with Council about the Community Enhancement Fund. • JH provided insight on his involvement with Council's Community Art Fund. • DD suggested that BRWF's Community Enhancement Fund operate along similar lines to Taralga Wind Farm, which its committee

	operate under the auspices of the Local Government Act's Section 355. It has stronger audit capabilities, cheques and balances. DD will provide a copy of documents between Lachlan Shire Council and Taralga Wind Farm for members' consideration and feedback.
10.0 Next Meeting	The next meeting of the CCC will be held on Monday 19th March 2018 , at the BRWF site and will include a tour of the facility (commencing at 9am). The following meeting is to be held at Nimmitabel Community Centre on Monday 8th October 2018 . <i>(Discussions at that meeting to consider moving to an annual meeting for 2019.)</i>

Meeting closed 10.51am with LA thanking all for their contribution and attendance.

Action Items:

Item	Issue	Action By:
1	Arrange for Bill Buckley to attend properties and conduct audit on weeds	DD
2	Copies of Community Enhancement Fund documents between Lachlan Shire Council and Taralga Wind Farm to be distributed to members for their information and feedback	DD
3	Code of Conduct and Pecuniary/Non-Pecuniary Interested Forms to be completed and returned.	DD & AW