



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

9.00am, Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2019  
Nimmitabel Community Centre, Nimmitabel

## Attendees

Lisa Andrews (LA)	Independent Chairperson
Fiona Taylor (FT)	Community Representative
Howard Charles (HC)	Community Representative
John Harrington (JH)	Community Representative ( <i>arrived at 11.17am</i> )
Vickie Pollard (VP)	Nimmitabel Advancement Group representative
Maryanne Renfrey (MR)	Country Women's Association representative (Nimmitabel Branch)
Peter Bascomb (PB)	Snowy Mountains Regional Council – General Manager
Adam West (AW)	Facility Manager, BRWF
Mark Branson (MB)	Senior Development Manager, CWP Renewables

## Apologies

Bill Garnock (BG)	Host Landholder
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Item	Action									
<p><b>1.0 Welcome and Introductions</b> <i>Meeting opened at 9.05am.</i> Lisa Andrews welcomed the attendees and introduced Peter Bascomb, General Manager of Snowy Mountains Regional Council and its new delegate on this CCC.</p>	All present were requested to complete the Attendance Sheet.									
<p><b>2.0 Apologies</b> Bill Garnock.</p>										
<p><b>3.0 Declarations of Interest</b> 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>	No change to previous declarations.									
<p><b>4.0 Business arising</b> The minutes of 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018 were finalised and sent to CCC members on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2018.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Item</th> <th>Issue</th> <th>Action By:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>Advise CCC when Modification is placed on public exhibition <i>(complete – emailed to CCC members on 28/11/18)</i></td> <td>MB/LA</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>Keep CCC informed of Community Enhancement Fund outcomes.</td> <td>AW</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Item	Issue	Action By:	1	Advise CCC when Modification is placed on public exhibition <i>(complete – emailed to CCC members on 28/11/18)</i>	MB/LA	2	Keep CCC informed of Community Enhancement Fund outcomes.	AW	<p>Item 2 – AW advised that there is one application from the last round of funding allocations that was still awaiting a further quote. JH advised that this information is now available and will be resubmitted.</p> <p>AW advised that the 2019 meeting dates are set for funding. Advertising will be undertaken via radio/notice boards/Council website, etc.</p> <p>Extensive discussion ensued in relation to the CEF (see next item).</p>
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### Community Enhancement Fund Discussions

- The community expectation is that the funds should be spent in the area most impacted by the development.
- HC expressed concern that the CEF is not really doing what it was intended do. The fund was to address issues of impact by the wind farm.
- The administrative and governance burden imposed on the Council was recognised, however, staff need to understand that they are working with volunteer groups that lack the understanding required to meet contract/ procurement requirements.
- There are a number of sport & recreation grants available that would be better suited in addressing some of the CEF applications.
- It was suggested that the guidelines need to be reviewed to ensure equity for the local community as there is some discrepancy between some communities' eligibility (ie Dalgety vs Bredbo).
- CWP has sought a summary/audit from Council of the funds expended to date, whether projects have been finalised, etc, however, due to staff shortages, Council have been unable to provide this information.
- PB confirmed that currently resources are stretched due to over 100 staff vacancies.
- It was recognised that Stage 2 of the project, may be an opportunity to revisit the Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) with Council and settle concerns of the community.
- It was agreed that there is benefit in allowing some regional projects to proceed, as local residents would still take advantage of these developments.

**Action: PB to follow up paper trail/governance of funding expended to date and provide to CWP.**

**Action: Copy of Charter for CEF to be distributed to CCC members.**

<p><b>5.0 Correspondence Report (emailed 14/3/19)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 23/11/18 – Email to CCC members with the draft minutes from the meeting held on 12/11/18</li> <li>• 28/11/18 – Email to CCC members with the exhibition notification for Stage 2</li> <li>• 30/11/18 – Email to Snowy Monaro Regional Council seeking a delegate on this CCC.</li> <li>• 13/12/18 – Email from Council advising that the GM, Peter Bascomb will be Council’s delegate on this CCC.</li> <li>• 1/12/18 – Email to CCC members with the finalised minutes and presentation from 12/11/18 meeting.</li> <li>• 8/3/19 – Email to CCC members with the Meeting Notice &amp; Agenda for today’s meeting</li> <li>• 14/3/19 – Email to CCC members with a reminder for today’s meeting and including the Correspondence Report.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Accepted.</b></p>
<p><b>6.0 Reports/Updates</b></p> <p><b>Stage 2 Presentation</b></p> <p>A hard copy of the Stage 2 presentation was provided to all attendees (see attached).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The proposed modification is for the Yandra cluster only.</li> <li>• Reduction from approved 32 WTGs to 20 WTGs.</li> <li>• Increase the size and capacity from approved (152m), up to 200m.</li> <li>• Inclusion of a temporary construction compound.</li> <li>• The EIS was publicly exhibited for 2 weeks from 29<sup>th</sup> November to 13<sup>th</sup> December 2018.</li> <li>• A total of 56 submissions were received (24 in support, 25 objecting, 3 comments and 4 organisation submissions).</li> <li>• FT raised concern with the neighbour landholder agreements and the perception that the company is using financial inducements to silence neighbours. MB explained that as part of the consultation process and explanation of potential impacts on those potentially affected by the development, neighbour agreements were voluntarily offered to share direct benefits of the wind farm with those currently non-involved. The agreements constitute a negotiated agreement under the NSW Wind Energy Guidelines and the approach is endorsed by the National Wind Farm Commissioner.</li> <li>• 82% of all submissions came from within SMRC.</li> <li>• MB discussed the issues that have been identified as a result of the exhibition process (socio-economic, impact assessment, process and the existing wind farm approval).</li> <li>• Despite the reduction to 20 WTGs, CWP has committed to honour the original contribution of \$2,500 for each</li> </ul>	

<p>of 32 WTGs, totalling a \$80,000 annual contribution into the CEF.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The next steps in the process were explained, including the modification's referral to the Independent Planning Commission (IPC) for determination.</li> <li>Council has received a presentation from CWP on the modification.</li> <li>It was recognised that Springfield Road maintenance wasn't handled as well as expected during Stage 1 and CWP has met with Council to discuss a monthly maintenance program during Stage 2. It is expected that this will ensure a better outcome for users of the road.</li> <li>HC commented on the road construction undertaken by CWP contractors as opposed to Council built roads.</li> </ul> <p><b>BRWF Stage 1</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AW advised that there is major work planned for mid-April with large cranes coming on site to undertake blade repairs, which is part of the five yearly standard maintenance program. This will include works to repair tip erosion.</li> <li>There has been above average wind generation with 98.2% of P50 investment budget being produced; 0.2% over contractual availability.</li> <li>BRWF is the best of the wind farms in its portfolio in terms of production, which is why they wish to progress with Stage 2.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Action: Advise CCC when the modification is referred to IPC.</b></p> <p><b>Action: FT requested a copy of the presentation be sent to all CCC members.</b></p>
<p><b>7.0 Community Concerns</b> – No questions provided prior to the meeting.</p>	
<p><b>8.0 General Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HC asked if EDCO were the developer for Stage 2. MB advised that Boco Rock Wind Farm Stage 2 are the developers. Two separate entities at the moment.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>9.0 Next Meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2019</b>, at the Nimmitabel Community Centre, commencing at <b>9am</b>.</li> </ul>	<p><b>VP booked into Community Centre Calendar.</b></p>

**Meeting closed 10.34pm with LA thanking all for their contribution and attendance.**

**Action Items:**

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1	Keep CCC informed of CEF outcomes	AW
2	Provide details of CEF expenditure and project finalised to date	PB
3	Copy of Charter for CEF to be provided to CCC members	AW/LA
4	Advise CCC when modification referred to IPC	MW/LA
5	Send copy of Council's presentation to CCC members	MB/LA