

**MINUTES OF THE BOCO ROCK WIND FARM
COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
Monday 28 February 2022
Nimmitabel Community Centre**

Attendees

Lisa Andrews (LA)	Independent Chairperson
Howard Charles (HC)	Community Representative
Bill Garnock (BG)	Host Landholder
Vickie Pollard (VP)	Nimmitabel Advancement Group representative
Olivia Barfield (OB)	Governance Administration Support Officer, SMRC
David Laing (DL)	Site Manager – CWP Renewables

Apologies

John Harrington – Community Representative
 Maryanne Renfrey – CWA’s Representative (Nimmitabel Branch)
 Fiona Taylor – Community Representative
 Cr Peter Beer - Snowy Monaro Regional Council
 Peter Bascomb - General Manager - Snowy Monaro Regional Council
 Jessica Petersen – CWP Renewables Development Officer

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<p>1.0 Welcome and Introductions <i>Meeting opened at 3.11pm.</i> LA welcomed all attendees and introduced David Laing the new site manager for the BRWF, replacing Adam West. DL was invited to provide members with his background. LA also introduced Olivia Barfield, Governance Support Officer with SMRC.</p>																
<p>2.0 Apologies – As listed above.</p>																
<p>3.0 Declarations of Interest LA declared that she was an Independent Chair, approved by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) and engaged by CWP to chair the CCC meeting.</p>	<p>LA to send governance forms to DL for completion and return. No changes to members’ previous declarations.</p>															
<p>4.0 Business arising The minutes of 16 November 2021 meeting were finalised and sent to CCC members on 30 November 2021. Action items from the previous minutes were:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th align="left">Item</th> <th align="left">Issue</th> <th align="left">Action By</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td align="center">1</td> <td>Keep CCC informed of CEF outcomes.</td> <td>AW – Ongoing</td> </tr> <tr> <td align="center">2</td> <td>Provide CEF grant acquittal information/audit to CCC when available</td> <td>PB</td> </tr> <tr> <td align="center">3</td> <td>CWP to consider whether a sign should be erected at the entry gate to the BRWF Administration Office.</td> <td>AW</td> </tr> <tr> <td align="center">4</td> <td>CWP to consider providing signs or templates to assist with the creation of signs so that community projects can identify that funding was received through the CEF. (In accordance with approval conditions.)</td> <td>BD</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Item	Issue	Action By	1	Keep CCC informed of CEF outcomes.	AW – Ongoing	2	Provide CEF grant acquittal information/audit to CCC when available	PB	3	CWP to consider whether a sign should be erected at the entry gate to the BRWF Administration Office.	AW	4	CWP to consider providing signs or templates to assist with the creation of signs so that community projects can identify that funding was received through the CEF. (In accordance with approval conditions.)	BD	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> DL unable to provide an update. Carried over to the next meeting. Audit/grant acquittal information not yet available. Held over. This item discussed. BG provided DL with the history and suggested signage at south end of Avon Lake Rd/The Snowy Rivers Way. DL to follow up. VP provided background on this issue. DL to follow up templates and report at the next CCC.
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5.0 Correspondence Report (emailed 14/2/22) with 1 additional item:

- 23/11/21 – Email to CCC members with the draft minutes for review. (Amendments received and incorporated into final minutes.)
- 30/11/21 – Email to CCC members with the finalised minutes.
- 14/2/22– Email to CCC with the Meeting Notice, Agenda & Correspondence Report for this meeting.
- 15/2/22 – Email to DPIE’s assessing officer asking for an approximate determination time for Mod 1.
- 26/2/22 – Email to members with the reminder for this meeting.

6.0 Reports/Updates

BRWF Stage One - Current Operations

- DL advised that it has been business as usual with no concerns.
- There are heavy vehicles on site for Q1 2022 undertaking upgrading of the towers, however, the schedule has been impacted by the wet weather.
- GE are undertaking the usual servicing of the turbines. Once the cranes are off site they will be able to fix up the cattle grids and roads.
- BG commented on the amount of rain that has been received in the area. Basically 3” in 3 lots over the past 4 months (24”). The amount of green grass and rain is unprecedented.
- HC enquired how the roads were holding up. DL advised that 6km of road has washed out. Mitigation works have been carried out and 6 culverts put in. The cranes cause a lot of damage due to their weight. The light vehicles on the internal roads are okay.
- HC commented that Council said that the gravel wasn’t good enough for Springfield Rd and got it from elsewhere, however, the roads on site appear to be better than the Council roads.
- BG asked whether the upgrading of Springfield Road was tied to Stage 2. VP advised that Council has the money to do the works. PB told her that they needed to undertake the scope of works. HC commented that John Barilaro had provided the funds some 3 years ago.
- DL advised that the weeds contractor is concentrating on weeds coming into winter. A meeting has been held on site and he will be spraying the hard stand areas and foundations around the turbines. The weeds are causing issues with trucks and there is quite a lot of work to do.
- DL stated that it was difficult for the consultant to undertake the bird and bat surveys because the grass was so high.
- BG asked how often the surveys were carried out with DL advising every week. BG stated that he hadn’t seen any bats in the area and with the amount of survey work undertaken since the commencement of the project, that these funds could be better spent elsewhere, such as weeds and roads. DL confirmed that it is a condition of consent.
- VP commented that other wind farms could use the data, as so much has already been recorded.

<p>Stage Two</p> <p>There is no update on Stage Two, with the application yet to be determined. HC advised that land owners and community are not being kept informed and posed a motion to apply for a GIPA to DPIE to try and ascertain the delays and whether it is being blocked through other avenues. Agreed.</p> <p>BG asked if there are any new wind farm proposals in the area. VP stated that Granite Hills and Elysian Wind Farms are not proceeding.</p>	<p>Action</p>
<p>8.0 General Business</p> <p>Nil.</p>	
<p>9.0 Next Meeting</p> <p>LA proposed to hold bi-annual meetings until the Mod (Stage 2) is determined, therefore the 25/7/22 meeting will be placed on hold with the next meeting being confirmed as:</p> <p>✚ Monday 21 November 2022, commencing at 3pm</p> <p>Reminding members that an extra-ordinary meeting may be scheduled if needed.</p>	<p>Location: Nimmitabel Community Centre.</p>

Meeting closed 3.45pm with LA thanking all for their participation.

Action Items:

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1	Keep CCC informed of CEF outcomes	DL – Ongoing
2	Provide CEF grant acquittal information/audit to CCC when available	PB – When available
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4	CWP to consider providing signs or templates to assist with the creation of signs so that community projects can identify that funding was received through the CEF. (In accordance with approval conditions.)	DL
5	Make application under GIPA to DPIE regarding Stage Two	LA