

Monday 11 November 2019
On site – Nimmitabel

Attendees

Lisa Andrews (LA)	Independent Chairperson
Cr Peter Beer (PB)	Mayor, Snowy Monaro Regional Council
Fiona Taylor (FT)	Community Representative
Howard Charles (HC)	Community Representative
John Harrington (JH)	Community Representative
Vickie Pollard (VP)	Nimmitabel Advancement Group representative
Maryanne Renfrey (MR)	Country Women’s Association representative (Nimmitabel Branch)
Adam West (AW)	Facility Manager, BRWF
Jessica Petersen (JP)	Development Officer, CWP Renewables

Apologies

Bill Garnock (host landholder) and Peter Bascomb (GM, SMRC)

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<p>1.0 Welcome and Introductions <i>Meeting opened at 2.13pm.</i> Lisa Andrews welcomed the attendees and thanked them for accommodating the change in meeting date. LA acknowledged that it was Remembrance Day and gave thanks to the armed forces who have died in the line of duty. LA introduced the Mayor of Snowy Monaro Regional Council, Cr Peter Beer.</p>	All present were requested to complete the Attendance Sheet.																		
<p>2.0 Apologies – As 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 and engaged by CWP to chair the CCC meeting.</p>																			
<p>4.0 Business arising The minutes of 20th June 2019 were finalised and sent to CCC members on 8/6/19. Action items from the previous minutes were:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="204 1601 1069 1993"> <thead> <tr> <th>Item</th> <th>Issue</th> <th>Action By</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>Completion of Code of Conduct and Pecuniary/Non Pecuniary Forms <i>(Complete – returned 21/6/19)</i></td> <td>JP</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>Keep CCC informed of CEF outcomes</td> <td>AW – <i>Ongoing</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td>3</td> <td>Provide details of CEF expenditure and project finalised to date <i>(Advised by SB that Council will not be providing this information, however, provided by PB on 8/11/19)</i></td> <td>SB</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4</td> <td>Copy of Charter for CEF to be provided to CCC members <i>(Unable to obtain at this stage)</i></td> <td>VP/LA</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5</td> <td>Advise CCC when modification referred to IPC</td> <td>JP/LA</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Item	Issue	Action By	1	Completion of Code of Conduct and Pecuniary/Non Pecuniary Forms <i>(Complete – returned 21/6/19)</i>	JP	2	Keep CCC informed of CEF outcomes	AW – <i>Ongoing</i>	3	Provide details of CEF expenditure and project finalised to date <i>(Advised by SB that Council will not be providing this information, however, provided by PB on 8/11/19)</i>	SB	4	Copy of Charter for CEF to be provided to CCC members <i>(Unable to obtain at this stage)</i>	VP/LA	5	Advise CCC when modification referred to IPC	JP/LA	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Complete 2. Ongoing 3. Complete 4. Complete 5. Held over
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6	Letter to CEF committee expressing CCC concerns and requesting review of Charter (Letter to SMRC sent 4/7/19)	LA	6. Complete
7	CWPR letter to Council reporting perception of community regarding CEF. (Letter sent to Council on 28/6/19 and a copy sent to CCC members 10/11/19.)	JP	7. Complete.
<p>5.0 Correspondence Report (emailed 26/10/19) with 2 additional items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25/6/19 – Email to CCC members with the draft minutes for review. • 4/7/19 – Email to CCC members with the finalised minutes. • 4/7/19 – Letter/Email to SMRC requesting a review of the charter. • 3/9/19 – Email to members seeking to postpone September CCC. • 3/9/19 – Email to SMRC following up correspondence of 4/7/19. • 10/9/19 – Email to CCC members confirming rescheduled meeting date as 11/11/19. • 26/10/19 – Email to CCC members with the Meeting Notice, Agenda & Correspondence Report for this meeting • 8/11/19 – Email from Peter Bascomb, SMRC providing responses to some of the concerns raised at the March 2019 CCC. Forwarded on to members on 9/11/19. • 9/11/19 – Email from CWP providing a copy of their letter, sent to SMRC in June 2019 regarding the CEF. 			Accepted.
<p>6.0 Reports/Updates Stage 2 Presentation LA asked JP to provide the Mayor with some background on the BRWF project as it was his first meeting. JP provided this detail.</p> <p>JP provided a presentation on BRWF Stage 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following public exhibition, analysis of public submissions and to further mitigate the impacts of the proposed modification on matters identified in the environmental assessment, an additional 5 WTG locations have been removed from the 30 approved locations identified as options in the modification application. • The proposed modification includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A reduction in the number of approved WTGs to be constructed for Yandra Cluster from 32 to 20 (maximum); ○ A reduction in the number of approved locations for the Yandra Cluster from 32 to 25 (removing location 102, 108, 109, 110, 118, 119 and 122); ○ A reduction in associated infrastructure, including roads and underground/overhead electrical cables. • This will also reduce visual impacts to receptors south east of the Yandra cluster. • JH enquired whether the reduction of turbines would impact on the contributions to the community enhancement fund. JP advised no, that CWP have already committed to providing \$2,500 (plus CPI increases) per turbine for 32 turbines, regardless of the final number. • JH queried the capacity of the powerline and why other wind farms are being proposed. JP and AW advised that this is up to the transmission line manager Essential Energy to manage. • JP commented that CWP try to secure power purchase agreements (PPA's) with large end users for their projects and has been successful with the Sapphire Wind Farm in Glen Innes supplying power for the Sydney Opera House and Sydney Airport through, PPAs and renewable energy retailer Flow Power. 			

- HC asked whether the stage two would have its own batching plant, with JP responding yes and that Lake Pendrill would be the water source.

Biodiversity offsets

A biodiversity offset was established for the approved project in 2015 including offsets for all impacts for the project, despite only 67 of the 122 approved WTGs being constructed.

The impacts from both stage one and stage two of the project have already been offset in full.

Updated draft civil designs have been prepared for the modification to ensure the proposal is designed to stay within the already offset vegetation impacts for stage two and within the existing development corridor.

The modification will include an average 6m wide roads, approximately 35m x 60m hardstands, approximately 24m footings and turning head areas and earthworks. All temporary impacts, including cut and fill, were assessed as permanent impacts and are within the limits of the project approval.

Next Steps

JP explained to members what the steps in the assessment process of the modification were and that the next stage will be the proponent reviewing the submissions received by the public and agencies, then providing a response to DPIE, which is expected by the end of this year.

Following this, DPIE will finalise its assessment and make a recommendation to the Independent Planning Commission (IPC). The IPC will make the determination on the modification application.

Biobank properties and management plans link:

<https://www.bocorockwindfarm.com.au/planning---approval-documents>

BRWF Stage 1

- AW advised the end of year maintenance shutdown would be carried out in the second week in December.
- Weed spraying is about to start next month; there has been a delay due to the lack of rain. Bill Buckley will be undertaking the work with 50% of land owners opting to undertake their own spraying.
- FT enquired whether the transmission easement was included in this program. AW advised that Essential Energy are responsible for the weed spraying in the easement. AW advised that land owners sign statutory declarations that they have carried out the spraying and provide invoices as proof of purchase, which are reimbursed by CWP.
- AW advised that BG has seen some Love Grass during his spraying activities. These are being GPS monitored and mitigated in accordance with the Weed Management Plan..
- HC advised that a task force is being convened to include Love Grass and has been to see John Barilaro to seek \$2M in funding per annum.

<p>Community Enhancement Fund</p> <p>Discussions regarding the Community Enhancement Fund with PB wanting to have an understanding of where the funds go, especially in relation to geographical borders, ranking system, impact of the project to benefiting grant funds recipients/programs, etc.</p> <p>FT raised concern that her husband, as a member of the Monaro Farming System group had applied for a grant in the last two rounds to investigate chemical resistance to Love Grass and was unsuccessful; being told that it was not an appropriate program for funding. All agreed that this is a very big issue, affecting the whole of the community and should be eligible.</p> <p>PB asked questions, all of which had been raised at previous meetings. He recommended that LA once again write to SMRC seeking answers to the CCC's previous concerns posed.</p>	<p>Action: LA to write to SMRC seeking responses to previous concerns.</p>
<p>7.0 Community Concerns – No questions provided prior to the meeting.</p>	
<p>8.0 General Business Nil.</p>	
<p>9.0 Next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wednesday 19th February, 2020 at the Nimmitabel Community Centre, commencing at 9am. 	<p>VP to book into Community Centre Calendar.</p>

Meeting closed 3.45pm with LA thanking all for their contribution and attendance.

Action Items:

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1	Keep CCC informed of CEF outcomes	AW – Ongoing
2	Advise CCC when modification referred to IPC	JP/LA
3	Forward previous presentations through to the Mayor & previous CEF correspondence	JP/LA
4	Write to SMRC again raising concerns regarding the assessment and distribution of CEF grants in accordance with the condition of project consent.	LA