



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

9.00am, Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2014  
Nimmitabel Community Centre

**Attendees**

Cr Dean Lynch	Mayor, Cooma Monaro Shire Council
Howard Charles	Landholder (host)
Richard Lawson	Community Member
John Harrington	Community Member
Bill Garnock	Landholder (host)
Fr Sergei Shatrov	Community Member
Fiona Taylor	Community Member/Neighbouring Landholder
Cr Brad Yelds	Bombala Council
Adrian Oakey	CWP Renewables – Manager, Boco Rock Wind Farm
Ed Mounsey	CWP Renewables – Head of Development
Lisa Andrews	Independent Chair

Item	Action
<p><b>1.0 Welcome and Introductions</b> <i>Meeting opened at 9.08am.</i> Lisa Andrews welcomed the attendees and each person gave a brief introduction of their position on the Committee</p>	
<p><b>2.0 Apologies</b></p>	Mark Fleming OEH (Observer & Minute Taker)
<p><b>3.0 Declarations of Interest</b></p>	Lisa Andrews declared that she was an independent chair engaged by CWP to chair the CCC meeting.
<p><b>4.0 Confirmation of previous minutes</b></p>	<p><b>Motion:</b> That the draft minutes be confirmed as an accurate record of the previous meeting held on 30 October 2013</p> <p><b>Moved</b> Howard Charles <b>Seconded</b> Brad Yelds <b>Accepted</b></p>
<p><b>5.0 Business arising</b> Correspondence to Cooma Monaro Shire Council (CMSC) regarding the Sealing of Springfield Road.</p>	Cr Lynch responded on behalf of CMSC advising that an agreement was entered into with CWP and a dilapidation report prepared. There is currently heavy patching work being carried out on Springfield Road, which receives a heavy traffic load. CMSC have been successful in attaining 3 or 4 contracts with Downer and the Council has agreed that any profits from these contracts will be spent on road maintenance. Cr Lynch can bring back figures to the next meeting. There are

	<p>no plans to reseal Springfield Road, however, they can look at lowering the speed limit in consultation with RMS. It would appear that speeding vehicles are more likely to be tourists, than contractors.</p> <p>HC – stated that contractors are doing a ‘good job’ fixing the soft patches and they are digging to a substantial depth.</p> <p>AO – advised that WPCWP have rebranded to CWP Renewables, confirming that they are the same people, but the name change reflects their core business (see handout).</p>
<p><b>6.0 Correspondence</b></p> <p><b>In:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Email from FT raising concern with how CWP responded to questions raised by Fr Shatrov at the last CCC meeting and seeking clarification on WPCWP’s membership on the committee.</li> <li>• Email from Fr Shatrov with his submission on community concerns. This email forwarded through to CWP for their information &amp; response at the meeting</li> <li>• Email from HC raising concern with Springfield Rd and suggesting a response be provided at this meeting.</li> <li>• Email from Andrew Milne resigning from the CCC.</li> </ul> <p><b>Out:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minutes of previous CCC of 31/10/14 meeting via email.</li> <li>• Letter to CMSC regarding Springfield Rd</li> <li>• Follow-up letter to CMSC</li> <li>• Email to Cr Lynch requesting he follow-up a response from CMSC</li> <li>• Email to CCC members, confirming that their contact numbers would be appearing on the project newsletter</li> <li>• Response to FT suggesting new procedure for Community Concerns be considered in order that information is disseminated sensitively and respectfully.</li> <li>• Email to Committee seeking any Community Concerns for the Agenda</li> </ul>	<p><b>Motion</b> Moved by LA, that AM’s resignation be discussed during General Business to enable consideration on whether a replacement is necessary.</p> <p><b>Seconded</b> John Harrington</p> <p><b>Carried</b></p> <p><b>Motion</b> By LA, that discussion &amp; consideration of the new procedure be moved to General Business.</p> <p><b>Seconded</b> Cr Lynch)</p> <p><b>Carried</b></p>
<p><b>7.0 Boco Rock Reports</b></p> <p>Adrian Oakey updated the committee on the Wind Farm Project - progress to date.</p>	<p>Hand-outs distributed by AO. Slide show presentation with photographs depicting project</p>

BY advised that there had been a letter in the Bombala Times from a shop owner, however, he doesn't see this as a big issue as the long term benefits will be positive.

FT asked if the trucks could be overtaken. AO responded by stating that the trucks are a 'wide load', but can be passed with care in the right location. BY advised that the trucks were as wide as a logging truck, but longer.

FT raised concern with transportation times, especially if farmers have to move stock. AO replied that they hoped to move mid-morning to avoid any major conflict, however, could not commit to a particular time. AO further advised that additional signage would be erected; notice boards with information, but main dissemination of information would be via the local radio station.

construction were displayed on a monitor for members' viewing.

**Turbine foundation** pours have begun:

Four foundations poured in January.

Up to 70 loads of concrete are moved from the batch plant to the foundation during each pour. Excavations and foundation blinding are continuing.

**Roadworks** are being undertaken on Springfield & Avon Lake Roads in preparation for heavy haulage. Works include; road pavement repairs, modification to Springfield/Avon Lake Road intersection. All roadwork has been subcontracted from Downer to CMSC.

Delays may be experienced along these roads.

**Substation and Steeple Flat**

Foundations and duct work currently under construction.

The first transformer is packed and ready to be shipped from Thailand to Newcastle, then onto Eden

**Heavy Haulage** is to begin in late March/early April.

Components will be delivered to the Port of Eden  
Components will include:

Tower sections (3 per turbine)

Nacelles (1 per turbine)

Blades (3 per turbine)

Hubs (1 per turbine and 2 per truck)

First delivery expected **late March**.

**Route** – Edrom Road → Princes Highway → Imlay Road → Monaro Highway → Springfield Road. Downer is working with Forestry & Bega SC for trucks to negotiate around corners as well as RMS for the Princes Highway. A trial run will be done to see if the trucks can manoeuvre – there may need to be modifications to kerbs, car parking spaces and some signs removed/repositioned.

**Consultation & Engagement**

Christmas – Newspaper update.

January – Newsletter, Cooma Australia Day stall & Nimmitabel Show stall.

February – Newspaper update & meetings with Councils.

More engagement and consultation to come before the haulage period begins.

Regular updates will be provided, along with website updates.

<p>FT asked if letter box drops could be conducted. AO replied that they will to affected property owners. However, the fastest communication was via radio. Once an approximate time is available they will arrange for letters to be delivered. DL asked if there will be a tour by Councillors and interested community members in visiting the site. AO responded stating that they are looking at the safety of the site to allow this to occur. DL asked if the CCC members could view the site sooner and suggested that a site visit be arranged after the next CCC meeting. AO to arrange.</p> <p>AO will also arrange to conduct a briefing of the project and transportation routes at each of the Councils' meetings.</p> <p>RL asked what was the current thinking for Phase 2?</p> <p>AO – working on whether it can be financed. Looking at the costs and energy off-take agreements, Renewable Energy Certificates, etc.</p> <p>HC – Can CWP guarantee that certificates will go?</p> <p>EM – RET is an integral part, so difficult to second guess. RET is the driver behind renewables.</p> <p>HC – so; no RET – no Stage 2. EM replied, unlikely,yes.</p> <p>HC – asked if the transmission line has capacity. AO responded that the transmission line is capable of Stages 1, 2 &amp; 3. AO explained the size of the insulators and positioning of the conductors, as well as the route of the line.</p>	<p><b>Motion</b> Moved by HC, that Downer attend the CCC to answer any questions on the contract works.</p> <p>Discussions held on this matter. DL stated that if community members had any concerns, they could lodge any questions, under the new procedure, 14 days prior to the next CCC with CWP providing answers to these questions at the meeting.</p> <p>AO confirmed he can do this.</p> <p>DL stated that the CCC should be for the community, not contractors.</p> <p><b>Agreed that Downer is not needed to attend.</b></p>
<p><b>8.0 General Business</b></p> <p><b>Community Concerns:</b></p> <p>LA introduced a new procedure for discussion to address Community Concerns.</p>	<p>FT raised concern following the last CCC meeting in relation to the number of company/contractor representatives attending as well as the response provided to questions raised by Fr Shatrov. As a result of these concerns the follow procedure is proposed - <b>Motion:</b> LA</p> <p><b>1 That no less than 14 days prior to the next scheduled CCC; members submit in writing to the chair, items to be raised at the meeting under a new heading in the Agenda - "Community Concerns".</b></p> <p><b>2 That all members declare their interest at the beginning of the CCC meeting, so that all present are aware of their role, ie company representative, observer, etc.</b></p> <p><b>Seconded</b> DL</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Moved by LA:</p>

LA read Andrew Milne's letter of resignation to the CCC.

LA went on to state that the current make-up of the CCC comprised of:

- 4 x Community Members
  - 2 x Host Landholders
  - 2 x Councillors from CMSW & BC
  - 1 x Independent chair; and
  - 2 x Senior representatives from CWP
- Totally 11 members.

**Fr Shatrov's Community Concern's Submission.**

**Abridged:**

- Q1 – Where is the water being sourced from for the project?
- Q2 – Could the developer outline for the CCC, what agreements & contracts are in place for water extraction and usage?
- Q3 – If alternate water sources are being/going to be used, are there consents in place?

Q4 – What components of the project are the most water intensive & how much water is expected to be used during the project?

**Last Community Newsletter 2013**

Q1 – How often will the newsletter be printed and how will residents receive them? Do you propose to drop the newsletter, in favour of an updated website?

Q2 – Can the developer clarify how many expressions of interest there were for construction contracts and how many of them were local?

That Andrew Milne's resignation be accepted and that the CCC write to Mr Milne thanking him for his time and input into the committee and wishing him well in his future endeavours.

**Secunder:** HC

The draft "Guidelines for Wind Farm Community Consultative Committees" recommends five to seven stakeholders or representatives from the local community. Therefore, the CCC still has a good number of members from a broad section of the community.

The primary source is HC's dam. Modifications have been made to HC's licence to accommodate this arrangement. This water is used for building the foundations, roads and dust suppression. In addition, CMSC have been providing their own water for dust control and road building. Downers have their own extraction licences from the Lachlan River & Snowy River Way.

The project is actually under its water usage estimate; the original estimate was 2.5 megalitres, with 84 kilolitres per foundation. There has been an increased amount of water needed for road building and dust suppression, due to the dry weather. How much more will depend on whether rain is received.

Some people are saying that they are not receiving them. We provide information for the Nimmitabel, Berridale, Snowy Mountain, Dalgety publications, as well as north & south of Bombala, so everywhere is covered. We try to do this monthly and are also looking at providing these updates when we have something to say.

HC asked if these questions were relevant?

SS said that concerns have been raised with him about local jobs.

AO advised that they had received 506 enquiries for work from various websites, Australia wide, from businesses, national companies and individuals looking for work. By 'local' it is meant, Cooma, Jindabyne, Bombala, Bega, etc – communities where people can reasonably

<p>Q3 – How many ‘local’ people have been contracted successfully?</p> <p>Q4 – With ...up to \$150M being injected into the local &amp; Australian economy.... Can the developer explain the true cost benefits?</p> <p><b>DG’s Consent Approval Guidelines</b></p> <p>Q1 – Prior to commencement conditions of approval – provisions for decommissioning of the wind farm – has CWP adequately provided this information?</p> <p>Q2 – Can the developer please explain what is mean by the term “provisions”?</p> <p>Q3 – Has the CCC been given copies of the “...management, decommissioning or rehabilitation plans....”?</p> <p><b>CCC</b></p> <p>Q1 – When will the developer organise a site visit for all the CCC members?</p>	<p>commute to the project.</p> <p>HC – Advised that he seems to know all the subbies working on the project.</p> <p>FT – said that she was the opposite, stating that all the workers seem to be from outside the area.</p> <p>AO – advised that he has asked the contractor to provide an evaluation of workers origins. He is aware of Downer employing a full time site administrator and CWP have engaged one person full-time. On any given day there are up to approximately 126 people working on the project. There is no accommodation on site, so all workers live ‘locally’, ie Cooma &amp; Jindabyne. Local businesses and support services are utilised, eg; work gear suppliers, pubs, clubs, engineering services, signage suppliers, cleaning companies, etc.</p> <p>\$150M is the estimated Australian component of the project cost, primarily made up of the Downer contract – civil works, electrical works, installation, haulage. This figure is for Stage 1, estimated figures for the entire wind farm are included in the Environmental Assessment.</p> <p>EM – yes; the project can’t commence until all “prior to commencement of construction” conditions have been met.</p> <p>The term “provisions” is best articulated through reading Conditions of Approval - 1.7 &amp; 1.8.</p> <p>The Management Plans are on the website. Operation and Decommissioning Plans will be available by the time the company is ready to operate &amp; decommission.</p> <p>DL – People feel strongly about the decommissioning and repatriation of turbines.</p> <p>AO – Some of this comes from California, where turbines were left and are now an eyesore and dilapidated. Decommissioning of BRWF turbines is assured.</p> <p>Following the next CCC meeting.</p>
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<p><b>Roads &amp; Project Site Viewing</b></p> <p>Q1 – Is Brenoch Road a public road and if so can the public use it any time to view the site?</p> <p>Q2 – What is being done to help rectify the deteriorating nature of Springfield Rd, Snowy River Way &amp; other sealed roads leading to the project site?</p> <p>Q3 – Should Hazard signage be installed where roads are deteriorating?</p> <p><b>Draft Minutes from CCC of 14/8/13</b></p> <p>Q1 – Is it possible to have the draft minutes changed?</p> <p><b>Biodiversity Offset</b></p> <p>Q1 – Can the developer explain the Weston Biodiversity Offset as there appears to be wind turbines proposed to be built on this land.</p> <p><b>Returning to General Business</b></p>	<p>Yes, however, you can't see the project site from Brechnoch Road. The Wind Farm is up on the hill, on private property, so public not encouraged to access this area.</p> <p>Refer back to Cr Lynch's advice. Patches are being done to make roads trafficable. Dilapidation reports have been carried out.</p> <p>DL – Signage is a matter for Council, who have a duty of care to motorists. Encouraged to report any dangerous driving conditions to Council as a matter of urgency.</p> <p>LA – the draft minutes are now the confirmed minutes and have been finalised. A notation can be made in general business if SS feels his statement was misrepresented.</p> <p>The areas within the Biodiversity Offsets which are impacted by wind turbines and infrastructure have been excised from the total area calculation attributed to the offset. Moreover, the company has exceeded its requirements in providing Biodiversity Offsets.</p> <p>DL – glad that questions have been raised in relation to community concerns.</p> <p>HC – Country roads are often not 2 lanes, usually 1 ½ lanes so signage is an important issue. The 'white posts' on the side of Springfield Road have been moved in closer to the road and can be easily hit. Can Council look at replacing posts at a safer distance than their current proximity to the road edge? DL – to raise with Director of Engineering Services &amp; report back to the CCC.</p> <p>JH – advised that his wife, Isobel has the contract with the Department of Transport for the school bus run. The windscreen on the old bus had to be completely replaced and the windscreen on the new bus has sustained a crack. She contacted Downer who met with her the same day to discuss the issue. Since then, the truck drivers have either pulled over to the left and stopped/slowed down when the school bus is passing. JH said that his wife wanted to commend Downer for their immediate action and</p>
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	<p>thank the drivers for their courtesy. Mrs Harrington will contact CMSC to seek the erection of signage indicating "School Bus Route".</p> <p>BG – What are the numbers on the CCC?  LA – Currently, 6 community reps. (Guidelines recommend 5 – 7 reps).  BG – Thought that the position should be advertised for another representative to replace the vacancy.  FT – Agreed.  <b>LA to arrange for advertising of vacant CCC position.</b>  BY – asked if CWP were having a stand at the Bombala and Delegate Shows?  AO – CWP are booking a stand for the Bombala Show, but not the Delegate Show. The company is sponsoring the camp draft in the next two weeks and contributing to signage for the 'windmill'.</p>
<p><b>9.0 Next Meeting  Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2014 at 9am</b></p>	<p>The next meeting of the CCC will be held in the Nimmitabel Community Hall, followed by an inspection of the Boco Rock Wind Farm site. Please wear steel capped boots, otherwise, let AO know what size you need. Attendees are required to be inducted onto the site, so AO will send the paperwork through to LA for distribution to the CCC.</p>

**Meeting closed 10.45am**

**Action Items:**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Action By:</b>
<b>1</b>	Figures from CMSC's contract with Downer (on returning profits back to road maintenance)	Cr Dean Lynch
<b>2</b>	Consultation with RMS on lowering speed limit on Springfield Road	Cr Dean Lynch
<b>3</b>	Letter box drops to affected property owners advising when transportation of equipment is proposed	Adrian Oakey
<b>4</b>	Arrange inspection by CCC of Boco Rock Wind Farm	Adrian Oakey
<b>5</b>	Brief Councils on project update and transportation routes	Adrian Oakey
<b>6</b>	Send through induction paperwork in preparation for site inspection	Adrian Oakey/ Lisa Andrews
<b>7</b>	Send letter to Andrew Milne, accepting resignation and thanking him for his contribution to the CCC.	Lisa Andrews
<b>8</b>	Arrange for advertising of vacant CCC position	Lisa Andrews