



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

9.00am, Tuesday 7th March 2016
Nimmitabel Community Centre

Attendees

Richard Lawson (RL)	Community Member
Fiona Taylor (FT)	Community Member/Neighbouring Landholder
Fr Sergei Shatrov	Community Member
Bill Garnock (BG)	Community Member
John Harrington (JH)	Community Member
Cr Rogan Corbett (RC)	D/Mayor Cooma Monaro Shire Council
Mark Wiggins (MW)	(alternate)
Peter Veljkovic (PV)	Operations Manager, BRWF – CWP
Lisa Andrews (LA)	CWP Renewables Independent Chair

Absent

Cr Brad Yelds (BY)	Bombala Council
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Apologies

Cr Dean Lynch (DL)	Mayor – Cooma-Monaro Council
Mark Fleming (MF)	Office of the Environment & Heritage (Observer)
Howard Charles (HC)	Landholder (host)

Item	Action
<p>1.0 Welcome and Introductions <i>Meeting opened at 9.15am.</i> Lisa Andrews welcomed the attendees and asked that those present complete the Attendance Sheet.</p>	
<p>2.0 Apologies</p>	<p>Cr Dean Lynch (substituted by Cr Rogan Corbett) Mark Fleming & Howard Charles</p>
<p>3.0 Declarations of Interest</p>	<p>LA declared that she was an Independent Chair engaged by CWP to chair the CCC meeting.</p>
<p>4.0 Confirmation of previous minutes</p>	<p>Motion: That the draft minutes be confirmed.</p> <p>Moved Richard Lawson Seconded Cr Corbett Accepted</p>

<p>5.0 Business arising Action items from previous minutes.</p> <p>Complete - All items were sent out to the CCC on 28/11/16 with the draft minutes.</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Item</th> <th>Issue</th> <th>Action By:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>List of successful projects to be placed on BRWF website, so the community is able to see what has been approved in the area. Chair to provide link to CCC of Councils' consideration of the reports.</td> <td>MW/LA</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>Energy Generation Report - Link to report to be sent with draft minutes.</td> <td>MF/LA</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3</td> <td>Link to AEMO site to be sent with draft minutes.</td> <td>MW/LA</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4</td> <td>Link to APP</td> <td>MF/LA</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Item	Issue	Action By:	1	List of successful projects to be placed on BRWF website, so the community is able to see what has been approved in the area. Chair to provide link to CCC of Councils' consideration of the reports.	MW/LA	2	Energy Generation Report - Link to report to be sent with draft minutes.	MF/LA	3	Link to AEMO site to be sent with draft minutes.	MW/LA	4	Link to APP	MF/LA
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<p>6.0 Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 28/11/15 Email from Chair to CCC Members with the draft minutes from the November 2015 meeting, plus links for the Action Item 20/2/15 – Email from Chair to CCC Members with the Revised Community Consultative Committee Guidelines, currently on exhibition with the Department of Planning and Environment. Inviting submissions by 31 March 2016. 23/2/16 Email from Chair to CCC Members requesting the meeting change from Tuesday 8th March to Monday 7th March – several responses received. 25/2/16 - Email from Chair to CCC Members with Meeting Notice and Agenda for the meeting 29/2/16 – Email from Cooma-Monaro Council with an apology for Mayor Dean Lynch and advising that Cr Corbett would be attending as the alternate. 	<p>Moved Lisa Andrews Seconded Richard Lawson Accepted</p>															
<p>7.0 Boco Rock Project Update (MW)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Sponsorship grants are currently open for Cooma. Bombala has recently assessed projects, however are awaiting announcement. CWP recently had a stand at the Nimmitabel Show which was very successful. The Bombala show is coming up. Work is still progressing on turbines in accordance with the maintenance plan. 5 turbines a day are out of action whilst maintenance occurs. This period has been chosen because it is usually the lowest time for wind generation. The turbines have been reliable during the hot weather. 															

- Nationally – wind figures are down 6-7%.
- Currently meeting obligations in relation to regulations and auditing.
- No complainants have been received.
- Discussions about providing a formalised rest stop and viewing platform for motorists that are travelling on Snowy River Way and stopping to take photographs. It is obvious that people are interested in viewing the turbines, which has been recognised with the newly created Renewable Energy Trail, which is a self-drive education and tourism resource to show renewable energy infrastructure sites in south east NSW-ACT region. Further information is available on the South Renewable Energy website <http://www.serree.org.au/>
- Questions were asked on whether Stage 2 and Stage 3 would be proceeding, however there is no definite decision at this stage.
- MW explained how technology of turbines is changing with tip heights, spans etc, however, the cost of undertaking environmental studies, lodgement of State Significant Development (SDD) applications is substantial (\$15-20M) and therefore they need to ensure the viability of the project.
- An explanation was provided on the rehabilitation process following decommissioning of the turbines and how the company are accountable and responsible for the restoration of the site.
- The CCC were advised of the recent announcement by the NSW Department of Trade and Investment concerning the success of CWP Renewables' bid to supply wind energy from its proposed Sapphire Wind Farm in Inverell/Glen Innes to the ACT – further information can be obtained via the website: <http://www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au/about-us/news/2016/a-new-nsw-wind-farm>
- MW explained how wind generated in the Northern Tablelands is able to be provided to the ACT, which is via a grid system where all wind generators from South Queensland travelling further south to contribute to the pool of renewable power.
- Further details were provided about CWP Renewables looking at the inclusion of solar power, which is massive driver for renewable energy. Canberra are currently

	leading the way by working towards a 100% target.
8.0 Community Concerns	<p>SS enquired on behalf of a resident who lives on the Maclaughlin River, who is alleging interruption to his mobile phone service because of the nearby turbines. MW advised that the turbines work on a completely different frequency than the phone system and it would be highly unlikely that they would impact the service.</p> <p>MW further explained that it may be a coincidence that the interruptions have occurred at approximately the same time, as happened with the analogue TV system when it switched over to digital near the Taralga Wind Farm. If the resident was to submit a claim to CWP it would have to be assessed on its merits. Previous contact with Telstra on the possibility of them using one of the towers to improve reception to their customers, has not received a response.</p>
9.0 General Business	Incorporated within Project Update.
10.0 Next Meeting	The next meeting of the CCC will be held on Monday 10 th October 2016, which may include a tour of the BRWF site. To be confirmed.

Meeting closed 10.18am

Action Items:

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1	Link to media release by NSW Trade & Investment regarding the Sapphire Wind Farm Project: http://www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au/about-us/news/2016/a-new-nsw-wind-farm	LA