



COMMUNITY REFERENCE GROUP

Minutes

Date: 11/11/21

Time: Start 7.17pm and 7.38pm finish

Place: Wallace Hotel (Christmas get together)

Attendance: Tracey Ward (Community Engagement Manager, Lal Lal Wind Farms), Damian Ryan (Chair), Mick Frawley, Sue Witherspoon, Peter Britt

Guests: Heather McMahan (Lal Lal EPA)

Apologies: Kate Banner, Shane Murphy and Donna Bartlett

Minutes: Tracey Ward

Meeting Agenda

Item	Description	Action	Who By	Due
1	<p>DR asked if the minutes had been read and correct</p> <p>DR asked for any business arising from the previous minutes</p> <p>HMCM asked 2 questions.</p> <p>Regarding the status of the EPA auditor report for Yendon post construction noise testing. At the time of the meeting this report was being prepared to being sent to the auditor. Since this meeting the data from post construction noise testing was inconclusive due to the fact there were not enough turbines operating when noise testing was conducted. The Yendon noise testing will have to be conducted again when most of the turbines are operating.</p> <p>The question relates to what the following statement means from the previous minutes:-</p> <p><i>Indicative noise testing was conducted along Elaine Mount Mercer Road in 2020 in response to the complaints during a</i></p>	<p>Accepted</p> <p>Seconded</p>	<p>MF</p> <p>SW</p>	

	<p><i>period when the wind farm was not full operating and hence before formal testing could commence. This was indicative only and formal representative noise compliance testing is that done in accordance with the Noise Compliance Test Plan.</i></p> <p>Response below from Kevin Garthwaite from RES:-</p> <p><i>I think the best way to explain this is to say that at that particular time the wind farm was not operating at full capacity however we were receiving complaints from Elaine Mount Mercer Road. Due to the fact that the wind farm was not operating normally we were therefore unable to start the formal noise testing (under the Noise Compliance Test Plan) which is supposed to be done at a time when the wind farm is operating normally. The wind farm was being constrained by AEMO under the testing regime and at the time we did not know when it would be released to full capacity. In an abundance of caution it was decided therefore to carry out an interim test at the closest property to the turbines along the Elaine Mount Mercer Road. The interim test is only representative of the wind farm in the operational state at the time of the test and is not representative of the wind farm when it is operating normally.</i></p> <p><i>IN response to the second part it is as explained at the CRG the test plan has been devised scientifically by an independent acoustician and checked by and EPA approved auditor. If the wind farm complies at K15aa then it will comply at properties at more distant locations.</i></p>			
2	<p>Update from Community Engagement Manager, report for October to November 2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landscape program <p>The landscaping program closed in July 2021 for new applications. There were 438 applications for payments and 4 applications for actual landscaping. The payment in lieu of landscaping for Lal Lal Falls has now been paid to Moorabool Shire Council. One complaint has been received from the Wind Farm Commissioner regarding the landscaping applicant wanting the change the landscaping plan offered by LLWF. This change may not screen the dwelling form views of turbines. LLWF has offered a possible solution to the complainant and are expecting a response on 22/2221.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TV reception complaints <p>There have been a couple of new TV reception complaints from Elaine. Interim antenna works have been carried our while we are waiting for the turbines to be operational again so a more comprehensive assessment can be undertaken.</p>			

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aviation lights <p>Aviation lights, have been switched off since the 16 October 2020 and will remain off for the foreseeable future. A NOTAM (Notice to Airmen) has been issued by CASA so the lights remained switched off until January 2022. In the background LLWF is working on a planning permit amendment to remove the use of aviation lights at LLWF.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complaints and feedback <p>Noise complaints, complaints have been received from 6 families, 2 at the Yendon end and 4 from Elaine. LLWF is continuing to engage with these families in respect of their concerns, including site visits from SLR (acoustic experts) planned for later November / early December to assess potential acoustic treatment for each dwelling.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elaine Mount Mercer Road noise complaints <p>Correspondence is continuing with the residents that have raised noise complaints on Elaine Mount Mercer Road.</p>			
3	<p>CRG:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting dates for 2022 will be the same sequence as the meetings for 2021.. • TW will reach out to Kate Banner to see if there is anyone in Elaine or Clarendon that might like to become a CRG member in 2022. It was decided by the CRG to recruit 2 new members from this area. 			
4	<p>Any further items, next meeting</p> <p>The CRG discussed the recent passing of CRG member Ron Read again and acknowledged his contribution to the CRG and his local community.</p> <p>Meetings for 2022:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tues 8 March • Tues 26 July (CBF allocations) closed meeting • Tues 13 September • Thursday 10 November (Christmas get together at a local pub) 			