

COMMUNITY REFERENCE GROUP Minutes

Date: 13/08/19

Time: Start 7.06pm and 8.05pm finish

Place: Bungaree Recreation Reserve

Attendance: Tracey Ward (Community Engagement Manager, Lal Lal Wind Farms), Shane Murphy,

Ron Read, Damian Ryan, Sue Witherspoon, Peter Britt

Apologies: Mike Stephens, Kate Banner, Mick Frawley

Guests: Vanessa Osborn (Moorabool Shire Council), Gustav Reutersward (SLR), Kevin Garthwaite

(RES)

Minutes: Tracey Ward

Meeting Agenda

Item	Description	Action	Who By	Due
1	SW asked for apologies for this meeting, then called for the minutes from the previous CRG meeting 110619 be accepted and seconded	Accepted Seconded	SM RR	
	Business arising from the previous minutes			
	None			
2	Post construction noise testing, update from Gustav Reutersward (SLR).			
	Gustav has 25 years of experience with consulting, 14 with windfarm compliance testing.			
	Stage 1 and stage 2 noise compliance testing, set out by the very detailed noise compliance test plan			

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	Stage 1 will commence within 2 months of the commissioning of the last turbine. The same monitoring locations will be used that MDA used with the pre construction noise monitoring plan.			
	Monitoring will be repeated in 12 months time.			
	There will be 4 weeks of monitoring.			
	Request by the CRG (TW to write a memo to board requesting this):-			
	 Testing at different seasons Re testing in 5 years time Data scrutinised with metmast, wind direction data. 			
	Gustav related his experience of testing at different seasons at Cullerin Range WF. Very little difference with the seasons.			
	Question as to why both Kevin and Gustav were at the CRG meeting. Response, Gustav is undertaking the noise testing and Kevin represents the EPC.			
3	Update from Community Engagement Manager, monthly report for July 2019			
	Landscape program			
	There are 113 applications that have been processed for landscaping payments and 3 for landscaping.			
	Update on Lal Lal Falls, Narmbool and St Sava landscaping:-			
	TW has met with Council regarding progressing the landscape concept for Lal Lal Falls. Council will consult with all the relevant entities involved. Narmbool has a landscaping concept and has asked TW to make contact again when the turbines have been constructed. TW is still unable to contact St Sava.			
	Construction update			
	38 turbines constructed at Yendon, 3 and half at Elaine. Most of the turbines are commissioned at Yendon, a few a still undergoing reliability testing. Project completion is September 2019, this could change due to continual delays with the weather.			

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	• TV reception complaints There have been 9 TV complaints received. All have been dealt with. Some people have elected to have to convert to the VAAST system others want to remain with Melbourne TV. New antenna's have been installed for these people. The feedback so far is that people are impressed with how quickly their complaint was dealt with by the project.			
	Community event, CBF 070819, Lal Lal Soldiers Memorial Hall There was a great turn out of over 40 people with the CBF event last week. Thanks to Peter Britt, Sue Witherspoon and Ron Read for attending.			
	Each community group gave a quick update on their projects. There was lots of discussion at the end between the groups regarding their projects.			
	We will keep this format for future CBF events, it was really positive to hear from all the community benefit fund recipients.			
	Resignation from Andrew Aitken from the CRG			
	Andrew has resigned to put more time into his own community in Buninyong. TW asked the CRG if we need to recruit new members to the CRG. The response was to hold off for now.			
	Kate Banner is on leave from the CRG until further notice.			
4	Community issues and complaints (Feedback from TW)			
	There has been one noise complaint lodged. Turbines were being constrained as directed by AEMO. See below for explanation. There has been no further noise complaints.			
	There was really strong wind on this night, and with the cap limit of 42MW on the whole site (and 37 turbines operational, potential production was at 130MW), the blades need to constantly adjust (pitching) in order not to capture too much power from the wind and stay within the power limitation.			
5	Any further Items? Next CRG meeting will be on Tuesday 3 September 7pm, Bungaree Rec Reserve. We can change CRG meetings back to first Tuesday of month, seeing Andrew Aitken as now resigned (his original request).			