

COMMUNITY REFERENCE GROUP Minutes

Date: 24/03/20

Time: Start 7.10pm and 7.52pm finish

Place: Zoom meeting

Attendance: Tracey Ward (Community Engagement Manager, Lal Lal Wind Farms), Ron Read,

Damian Ryan, Sue Witherspoon, Mike Stephens (Chair), Mick Frawley, Shane Murphy

Guests: Heather McMahon (LLEPA)

Apologies: Vanessa Osborn, Peter Britt

Minutes: Tracey Ward

Meeting Agenda

Item	Description	Action	Who By	Due
1	MS asked if the minutes had been read and correct	Accepted	SM	
		Seconded	MF	
	MS asked for any business arising from the previous minutes			
	No business arising			
2	Update from Community Engagement Manager, monthly report for December 2019 to March 2020			
	Landscape program			
	There have been 304 applications for landscaping payments and 3 for actual landscaping.			
	Applications will be accepted by mail but email applications are preferred as TW is going to the post office box infrequently due to			

	restrictions associated with CoVid 19. The Information Centre in Buninyong is now closed.		
	HMcM question, how can someone who has reviewed a landscaping payment have their distance to the nearest turbine reviewed? TW said if the details are sent through the distance can be reviewed with the GIS team. Council can also review distances of dwellings to turbines, they have a copy of the turbine overlap file.		
	TV reception complaints		
	Most TV reception complaints have been resolved with a day or so. There have been no new TV reception complaints in the last couple of months.		
	Noise testing		
	The post construction noise monitoring program is delayed in commencing due to the fact that LLWF is not operating at full capacity. AEMO is limiting the amount of generation for some months now. Noise testing is being carried out at 2 dwellings, noise loggers will be removed after a 4 week period in April 2020.		
	Blade failure, 150919		
	Vestas has established that the failure of the blade related to a lightening strike. This blade was repaired in November 2019.		
3	CRG:-		
	 Terms of reference, MS asked TW to circulate to the CRG for review. Feedback to be directed to MW and TW. Circulated on 26/03/20. Demonstration of SCADA at site, this can be offered when site is accepting visitors, post CoVid19. This demonstration can be viewed through Zoom for those that can't attend site. 		
4	Community issues and complaints (Feedback from TW)		
	Health complaint, LLWF is liaising with National Wind Farm Commissioner regarding their follow up with this complaint.		
	Aviation lights, power outages and faults have resulted in some aviation lights remaining on all night. The National Wind Farm Commissioner has also received a call regarding an aviation light remining on all night.		
5	Any further Items?		

HMcM question, is there a form to lodge noise complaints, it is hard to find this information on the website. TW said that this information is being reviewed. The noise complaints form is uploaded and can be found on the link below to the website:-

http://www.lallalwindfarms.com.au/planning-compliance/

HMcM, question, why isn't turbine noise associated with turbines being constrained being investigated? These complaints are being investigated and turbines is use are being reconfigured accordingly. TW mentioned that she is unable to investigate noise complaints with no details eg date, time, weather conditions etc. These questions are contained on the noise complaints form.

Next meeting has been called to review the community benefit fund application and guidelines.

Next CRG meeting 12/05/20, Zoom meeting. Meeting details have been distributed 2/04/20