



**COMMUNITY REFERENCE GROUP
Minutes**

Date: 08/03/22

Time: Start 7.10pm and 7.46pm finish

Place: Bungaree Rec Reserve

Attendance: Tracey Ward (Community Engagement Manager, Lal Lal Wind Farms), Damian Ryan (Chair), Mick Frawley, Donna Bartlett, Donna Hart, Shane Murphy

Guests: Heather McMahon (Lal Lal EPA)

Apologies: Kate Banner, Peter Britt and Sue Witherspoon

Minutes: Tracey Ward

Meeting Agenda

Item	Description	Action	Who By	Due
1	DR asked if the minutes had been read and correct DR asked for any business arising from the previous minutes, no business arising	Accepted Seconded		
2	Update from Community Engagement Manager, report for November 2021 to March 2022 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landscape program <p>The offsite landscaping program closed in July 2021 for new applications. The onsite landscaping plan has been finalised and is now posted on the LLWF website. Planting will take place in April 2022 (depending on the weather). There are 3 families still continuing on the landscaping maintenance program, those families that elected to have actual landscaping undertaken by LLWF (contractor is Aus Eco Solutions).</p>			

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TV reception complaints There have been a couple of new TV reception complaints received from Lal Lal and one from 9kms away from LLWF. The TV reception complaint received from Lal Lal has been rectified and the one from outside the area of LLWF was referred to Mt Mercer Wind Farm. • Aviation lights Aviation lights, have been switched off since the 16 October 2020 and will remain off while a planning permit amendment is being processed by DELWP. This planning permit amendment relates to removing the use of aviation lights at LLWF • Complaints and feedback 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. Site visits took place for 5 of the 6 families by SLR (acoustic consultants) in November and December 2021. Information is yet to be provided by SLR regarding this visit. The post construction noise testing has been completed and being reviewed by the EPA auditor. When completed, the reports will be made available on the website and a Zoom meeting will be offered to the CRG to review the results. Question as to how there would be enough noise data when all the turbines may not have been operating at Elaine. Response from LLWF, It's because the testing was done at a time when there were enough turbines operating to conduct a valid test. Question as to why it has taken so long for SLR to provide this information. Response was that SLR was closed for all of January 2022 and LLWF is following up with SLR and to when the information will be received. • Elaine Mount Mercer Road noise complaints Correspondence is continuing with the residents that have raised noise complaints on Elaine Mount Mercer Road. Question from the CRG, why has it taken so long to resolve these complaints. LLWF response is that we have been working with these families in an effort to come to a resolution. 			
3	<p>CRG:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome to Donna Hart from Clarendon. 			

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TW to reach out to Kate Banner again and see if there are any other people from Elaine that would like to join the CRG. 			
4	<p>Any further items, next meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CBF applications open in May 2022, Application forms will be posted on the website. • Acquittal forms should be submitted from the previous year is applying for CBF in 2022. Partially completed project groups should also submit an acquittal form. • SW and DR will review the CBF applications before the next CRG meeting. • Next CRG meeting, Tuesday 26 July 2022, closed meeting to discuss the CBF applications. 			