



COMMUNITY REFERENCE GROUP

Minutes

Date: 03/07/18

Time: Start 7.10pm and finished 8.10pm

Place: Elaine Mechanics Hall, 20 Pearson Road Elaine

Attendance: Mike Stephens (Chair), Tracey Ward (Community Engagement Manager, Lal Lal Wind Farms), Felix Rohde (Construction Project Manager, RES Australia), Sue Witherspoon, Andrew Aitken, Peter Britt, Shane Murphy, Kate Banner, Mick Frawley, Ron Read

Apologies: Tony Trigg

Guests: Belinda Wehl (LLEPA)

Minutes: Tracey Ward

Meeting Agenda

Item	Description	Action	Who By	Due
1	<p>MS asked for apologies, then a call for these be accepted and seconded</p> <p>Previous minutes discussed, MS asked for a vote that the meeting minutes were read and correct.</p> <p>Business arising from the previous minutes</p> <p>MS apologised for not following up on writing the letter to Moorabool Shire Council regarding noise compliance and complaints management and their role in the process.</p> <p>MS said he will follow this up next week.</p> <p>BW asked about the contacts for the project moving forward. TW clarified that she will be the contact for the project.</p> <p>BW said that there are now 3 different share holders in the project, there may be challenges</p>	<p>Accepted</p> <p>Seconded</p> <p>Accepted</p> <p>Seconded</p>	<p>SW</p> <p>AA</p> <p>SW</p> <p>AA</p>	

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	<p>with communication between the shareholders and the community.</p> <p>Rules of engagement have changed, TW is now the contact for the project.</p> <p>Some discussion around when and how Macquarie informed the CRG of the changes with shareholders.</p> <p>This information is commercially sensitive, change of shareholders. TW notified the CRG of the change, then Macquarie notified the CRG.</p> <p>CRG stated that, the community is wanting more information about the project.</p> <p>There is a community bulletin going out next week and there will be a community bulletin distributed every 2 months.</p> <p>MS asked for a reassurance that the new shareholders will honour the previously agreed commitments to the community eg the community benefit funds of \$100,000 per year with annual CPI increases and paid in a timely manner.</p> <p>MS stated that if this cannot be guaranteed some people may review their commitment to the CRG.</p> <p><i>Lal Lal Wind Farms Nom Co Pty Ltd, will honour the community benefit fund commitment and will endeavour to make these payments in a timely fashion.</i></p>			
2	<p>Update from Community Engagement Manager, monthly report for June 2018</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Info centre: Averaging about 3-4 visitors a week. Enquiries about landscaping and the community benefit fund. • Voluntary landscape program: appointments are continuing. Averaging 15 appointments per month. • Construction update: Construction is continuing. Works taking place are, temporary construction compound, 			

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	<p>access tracks, substation, excavation on 4 new turbine bases and construction of concrete batch plant.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Benefit Fund: continuing to receive enquiries for CBF applicants. 			
3	<p>Follow up on council letter from MS</p> <p>Covered in Business arising from previous minutes.</p>			
4	<p>Update on noise complaints procedure.</p> <p>TW stated that this document is being compiled, when complete it will be circulated for consultation with the CRG, Council and LLEPA.</p>			
5	<p>Plans for 'get together' for the start of construction</p> <p>Confirming this will happen in the Spring, local site workers and their families will be invited.</p>			
6	<p>Community issues and complaints (Feedback from TW)</p> <p>Landscaping: still some frustrations from some people regarding wanting their landscaping completed before now. LLWF is seeking a planning permit amendment regarding landscaping plan sign off by the Minister's office. The CRG will updated on how this is progressing</p>			
7	<p>Any further Items?</p> <p>BW asked the turbine generator log. FR said that this won't be available until the turbines have been commissioned are fully operational. TW said we can ask if LLEPA can have access when this information is available.</p> <p><i>Response from Vestas:- this information is not part of Vestas policy to be released nor is it usually supplied to external groups.</i></p> <p>Concerns about substation size and extra transmission lines at the Elaine end of the project.</p> <p>The CRG asked for a schematic model of the project for the next meeting.</p>			

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	<p>BW said it was her understanding from the community noise meeting where Sonus attended that people can't lodge noise complaints for the first 12 months of operations. TW stated that noise complaints can be lodged in the first 12 months of operations. The wind farm is assumed to be compliant for the first 12 months because 12 months of operational data has not been collected.</p> <p>BW asked the CRG if they were concerned about noise issues with the project. The response was that the CRG will respond accordingly if there are any unresolved noise issues.</p> <p>BW also stated that she is concerned about a 2dB error in the Sonus report and if there were reassurances from the project that the curtailment strategy will be implemented.</p> <p>TW stated that these questions were answered in the latest letter to LLEPA but would find out more from Vestas about the curtailment strategy. See response from Vestas below:-</p> <p><i>The curtailment is an automated part of the turbine control systems and forms part of our contractual obligations (with associated financial penalties for non-compliance). This compliance is also verified by the Noise Compliance Testing Plan required under the planning permit.</i></p> <p>Next meeting Tuesday 7 August at 7pm, Bungaree Recreation Reserve. <i>This meeting will be a 'closed meeting' (CRG members only), confidential discussions will take place concerning community benefit fund allocations for 2018.</i></p>			