

Mortlake South Wind Farm Community Engagement Committee

Meeting date Wednesday 3 October 2018

Meeting time and location 10.30am, Council office – Mortlake

Minutes

1. Attendees

Cr Jim Doukas (Chair)
Cr Ian Smith
Peter Rooke, Community Representative
Kelvin Goodall, Community Representative
Bruce Donaldson, Community Representative
Ben McInness, Acciona
Michelle Holmes, Acciona
Vicki Askew-Thornton, Major Projects Liaison Officer, Moyne Shire

2. Apologies

Cr Jill Parker
Neil Blain

3. Welcome

Cr Doukas welcomed everyone to the meeting.

4. Declaration of Interest

Nil.

5. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Moved by Kelvin Goodall, seconded by Cr Ian Smith that the minutes of the CEC meeting held on 29 August 2018 be accepted.

CARRIED

6. Business Arising

6.1: Status of the VRET Auction Scheme:
Acciona's bid to the VRET Auction Scheme was successful. This provides investment confidence to Acciona. Although the contract with the State Government includes the sale of 112MW of the wind farms output, it also contains a guarantee from Acciona that it will build the entire project. Other guarantees in the contract include a range of community engagement and benefit activities, and a percentage of

local content (Victorian) for the projects construction which the Industry Capability Network (ICN) will monitor.

It was suggested that in any publicity released by Acciona about the contract, the definition of 'local content' is made clear.

6.2: Acciona met with Tilt Renewables and Ausnet last week and all three companies agree in principal to transmission line sharing.

Summary of further discussion:

- The capacity exists in the existing Salt Creek Wind Farm transmission line wires for the power from the Mortlake South Wind Farm, but the solution for how such a shared line would meet AEMO's performance standards is still being developed. Then a case will be put forward to AEMO for its consideration.
- It is more logical to solve the issue this way rather than investigating whether the existing poles could be retrofitted with an extra set of conductors and wires.

6.3: Discussion about the responses to questions on notice from Cr Parker:

- Cr Doukas noted that he has received anecdotal observations that wind farms affect neighbouring property values. General discussion was held about the range of factors that would have an effect on property values.
- Strict on-site biosecurity management is required by the Permit and the Environment Management Plan (EMP) which is currently being drafted. There are difficulties in guaranteeing full compliance due to many factors including non-project related vehicles such as agricultural contractors accessing properties.

Whether paddocks will be de-stocked during construction will be decided on a case-by-case basis with participating landholders. Acciona has had advice from a local vet regarding biosecurity in relation to Johnes disease.

Vicki noted that a draft EMP had been submitted to Council and feedback has been provided to Acciona from Council's Environment and Municipal Emergency Resource officers.

7. Correspondence Incoming

- Acciona project update – provided via email and hard copy.
- Acciona's responses to questions on notice.

8. Correspondence Outgoing

As above.

9. Reports

9.1 Acciona

Refer to Acciona Project Update.

Summary of additional information and discussion:

- Ben tabled three A3 documents (**Attachment 1**):
 - Proposed Turbine Difference Plan
 - Proposed Turbine Layout Plan (the yellow dots show the locations of the turbines that will be constructed).
 - Turbine Specification Plan
- No turbine will be constructed closer than 1005 metres from an existing neighbouring dwelling.
- Vicki will email the CEC a list of the development plans that are required by the Permit.

9.2 Community Representatives

Nothing further to add.

9.3 Council

Nothing further to add.

10. General Business

- 10.1** Acciona will hold a Supplier's Information Session at the Mortlake Soldiers Memorial Hall, on Wednesday 17 October from 5 pm – 7pm. Details have been sent to all businesses who have so far registered via the ICN as being interested in the project. Details will also be in the upcoming project newsletter being prepared by Acciona. It was suggested that Acciona also publicise the session via an advertisement or story in local newspapers.
- 10.2** The quarry haulage routes for the project cannot be confirmed until a civil works contractor is appointed. Once the quarry sources are confirmed, proposed haulage routes will then be discussed with Council and VicRoads before being finalised. Once construction commences, each haulage contractor will be given a copy of the approved quarry haulage routes and will need to comply with those.
- 10.3** The CEC agreed to invite Peter Gstrein from VicRoads to the next meeting.
- 10.4** It was agreed that a site visit be postponed until after the Traffic Management Plan has been assessed and endorsed by Council.

11. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 14 November 2018, 10.30 am

Confirmed this / /

Chair

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