

## Minutes

# Dundonnell Wind Farm Community Engagement Committee

Meeting date                                      Wednesday 13 May 2020  
Meeting time and location      6pm, via Zoom

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### 1. Attendees

Cr Ian Smith (Chair)  
Cr Jill Parker  
Cr Jim Doukas  
Karen Blackmore, Community Representative  
Tim Hill, Community Representative  
Greg Grant, Community Representative  
Dave Sweatman, Community Representative  
Tilt Renewables:  
Matthew Glass, Project Manager  
Cara Layton, Stakeholder and Environment Manager  
Mark Selvaratnam, Assistant Project Manager  
  
Vicki Askew-Thornton, Moyne Shire Council (non-member)  
Michelle Grainger, Moyne Shire Council (non-member)

### 2. Apologies

Martine Holberton, Tilt Renewables

### 3. Declarations of interest

Nil
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### 4. Minutes of previous meeting

Moved by Tim Hill, seconded by Greg Grant that the minutes of the CEC meeting held on 24 February 2020 be accepted. **CARRIED**

### 5. Business Arising

- 5.1 **Discussion regarding Cr Smith's declaration of interest at the February 2020 meeting:**  
Cr Smith has discussed this with Council's Director of Community and Corporate Services, who is satisfied that this matter has been addressed correctly.

5.2 **Ongoing responsibility for fire reduction in the Mortlake-Ararat Road and CastleCarey Road reserves under the transmission line:**

A meeting has been held between representatives from Tilt Renewables, AusNet and Mt Fyans Wind Farm, where a decision was made to arrange a further meeting with Richard Bourke from District 5 CFA for advice regarding alternative risk reduction.

TR will report on further progress at the next CEC meeting.

## 6. Correspondence Incoming

Project updates and newsletters emailed from TR.

## 7. Correspondence Outgoing

Nil.

## 8. Reports

### 8.1 Tilt Renewables (TR)

#### Construction

- Civil Balance of Plant – 55km/55km of access track is built, 80/80 foundations poured.
- Quarry - 370,000t has been produced = approx. 11,200 truck and dog movements. Rehabilitation of disturbed areas has commenced.
- Electrical Balance of Plant – 61/65km of cable is installed.
- Turbine Components – 306/400 tower sections are on site, 60/80 nacelles, and 165/240 of the blades are on site.
- Turbine Erection – 73 base and mid towers erected, 52 turbines complete.
- 35 WTGs are in testing, with 27 running at any one time.

Summary of discussion about questions relating to bat and avifauna mortality monitoring:

As per the endorsed Bat and Avifauna Management Plan (BAMP), the monitoring will commence when all turbines are operating. Construction workers are also required to report any carcasses found until construction is completed.

There is no requirement to monitor avifauna fatalities along the transmission line.

The BAMP sets out the reporting process that is required if particular bird and bat species carcasses are found during the wind farm monitoring.

This includes reporting the incident to DELWP and Council.

The BAMP also requires an annual report and statistical analysis to be submitted to DELWP and Council.

A link to the website that contains a copy of the endorsed BAMP is:

<https://www.tiltrenewables.com/assets-and-projects/Dundonnell-Wind-Farm/>

#### Benefits Sharing Programs

- Dundonnell Community Mini Grid – 24 installations are now complete. Participants are consulted prior to a plan being finalised and agreed.
- Community fund – Establishment of committee is planned for coming months.

## **Compliance**

- Brolga Compensation Plan – Site selections have been presented to DELWP. 6 sites presented, with the preferred 4 to be confirmed by DELWP and progressed.  
Summary of discussion about questions relating to the site selection process:  
The process is on schedule.  
Odonata and Greening Australia are engaged in the process.  
At the end of 'year zero', the wetlands will be secured with landholders, and the Wetland Management Plan will be in place.  
Tasks such as fencing and pest plant management will take place first.
- Offsite Landscaping program – The program remains open if Committee members receive any enquiries. Please direct enquiries the TR website or the project email: [dundonnellwindfarm@tiltrenewables.com](mailto:dundonnellwindfarm@tiltrenewables.com) or on 1800 WE TILT (938 458)  
9 visits were completed today. Each plan is drafted then discussed with the landholder before finalising.
- The latest project newsletter was published online and in the Mortlake Dispatch.
- Construction updates are emailed to the project database fortnightly and placed in the Mortlake Dispatch.

## **Connection Assets (transmission line and substations)**

- Works are practically complete.
- Rehabilitation works are ongoing including road repairs, vegetation rehabilitation etc.

## **8.2 Community Representatives**

Nothing further to raise.

## **8.3 Council**

The roadworks being undertaken by Ararat Rural City Council on the northern section of the Woorndoo-Streatham Road have been completed.

## **9. General business**

- 9.1** Cr Smith commented that he had come across a broken down project construction vehicle on a non-approved road.  
Dave Sweatman noted that last week he had seen project related traffic including medium sized cranes using non-approved roads such as the Darlington-Nerrin Road, Ennerdale Lane and Darcy's Lane. He estimated that there are currently more than 20 project related movements per day on the Darlington-Nerrin Road.  
Karen Blackmore commented that some project traffic is still using the Darlington-Nerrin Road.  
Dave noted that although the signage that TR has erected is good, there is still leakage of project traffic onto non-approved local roads.  
It was agreed that this matter needs to be addressed as a matter of urgency.

Matthew Glass will follow this matter up and keep the Committee informed of progress.

- 9.2 Dave Sweatman asked when noise monitoring would commence. TR responded that the noise monitoring must commence once all turbines are operating.
- 9.3 The predicted construction completion date is mid-September.

The meeting closed at 6.45pm.

**10. Date of next CEC meeting**

**Monday 15 June 2020, 6pm via Zoom.**

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Chair .....

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