

Minutes

Dundonnell Wind Farm Community Engagement Committee

Meeting date Monday 13 July 2020
Meeting time and location 6pm, via Zoom

1. Attendees

Cr Jill Parker (Acting Chair)
Cr Jim Doukas
Karen Blackmore, Community Representative
Dave Sweatman, Community Representative
Greg Grant, Community Representative
Tim Hill, Community Representative
Tilt Renewables:
Matthew Glass, Project Manager
Cara Layton, Stakeholder and Environment Manager
Mark Selvaratnam, Assistant Project Manager
Martine Holberton, Community and Stakeholder Advisor

Vicki Askew-Thornton, Moyne Shire Council (non-member)

2. Apologies

3. Declarations of interest

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4. Minutes of previous meeting

Moved by Dave Sweatman, seconded by Karen Blackmore that the minutes of the CEC meeting held on 15 June 2020 be accepted. **CARRIED**

5. Business Arising

- 5.1 Update from Council regarding email sent to CFA District Headquarters asking for advice about future fuel reduction methods in the Mortlake-Ararat Road and CastleCarey Road reserves under the transmission line:
On 9 July, Council received the following response from the Manager of Community Safety, South West Region CFA:
CFA undertakes roadside management and prescribed burning within the vicinity of numerous high voltage power lines. It is CFA's understanding that the establishment of the 220kV overhead transmission line has not impacted the roadside vegetation management regime that CFA periodically undertakes. That is to say, the current burn regime which see's periodic burning of the grass long the road reserve is not impacted. The establishment of the lines and infrastructure will result in some minor changes

within the burn planning process, these revolve around, safety and smoke management. But this should not adversely affect the ability for brigades to undertake burns.

Since your email on the 17th June we have made contact with the electricity regulator to confirm our understanding and clarify with the regulator whether there are any specific issues with these lines that CFA needs to be aware of but at this stage we have to receive any contrary advice. If we do receive contrary advice on these specific lines, we will engage with the impact brigades as a priority.

- 5.2 Feedback from Tilt Renewables (TR) regarding a host landholder's wandering stock:

TR reported that fencing is being completed and rehabilitation commenced. Dave Sweatman was not aware of any wandering stock issues since the last meeting.

6. Correspondence Incoming

6.1 Construction update emailed from TR.

6.2 9 July – email from CFA South West Region.

6.3 13 July – Grid connection update from Tilt Renewables (**Attachment 1**):

Further discussion regarding 6.3:

TR believes it has conducted the connection process correctly to date.

The AEMO issue has affected the commissioning process, which is expected to remain stalled at the current hold-point until the issue is resolved.

Therefore, even though all turbines have been erected, the wind farm will not be able to operate fully until the issue is resolved.

TR has estimated that this issue will affect its EBITDAF (Earnings Before Interest Taxes Depreciation Amortisation and Foreign).

Action: Council took on notice a question about how this situation will affect its rating process for the wind farm.

7. Correspondence Outgoing

17 June - email to CFA South West Region.

8. Reports

8.1 Tilt Renewables (TR)

Construction Update

- Last week, the 80th and final turbine was erected. This was a great achievement given that the process had previously been behind schedule.
- High risk work is almost completed and has gone without a major safety incident.
- Site rehabilitation work is in full swing.
- The main cranes will soon leave the site.
- On site worker numbers will decrease considerably over the coming weeks.

Compliance

- Brolga Compensation Plan (BCP) update:
TR is working with DELWP to get the four selected wetland rehabilitation sites on title.
The landowners have agreed to participate and the agreement paperwork is being finalised.
Wetland restoration work will then commence.
The BCP requires the restoration of four degraded wetland areas. Each of the four wetlands will need to be able to accommodate one Brolga breeding pair. Over time, the intent is that those pairs will breed.
- TR is preparing for the closing out of construction development plans, and the implementation of operational management plans including the Bat and Avifauna Management Plan and operational noise management plan.
- The offsite landscaping plan is continuing, with second round offers to be made to eligible landholders.
Landholders that have received draft landscaping plans are being asked to provide any comments and feedback to TR.

8.2 Community Representatives

Tim asked about the status of the Dundonnell Mini Grid.
Mark responded that all 35 systems have been installed and the majority have been commissioned and are operating. A couple are still to receive certificates of safety before they can operate.

8.3 Council

DELWP has kept Council informed of the BCP wetland administration process.

9. General business

- 9.1** Dave asked how the AEMO issue is affecting other wind farm projects in Moyne.
Matt Glass clarified that the issue is unlikely to relate to the capacity of the transmission network.
Council noted that this issue had been discussed in relation to the Woolsthorpe Wind Farm connection package process. The Woolsthorpe Wind Farm 66kV line will connect to an existing substation near Koroit, not directly into the 500kV line.
- 9.2** Greg asked how much power is drawn back into the wind farm on a still day.
Matt explained that the turbines draw back some power in order to remain energised.
- 9.3** Tim asked about the status of the Community Fund and the model for the fund Committee.
Martine and Cara responded that TR is seeking feedback from the community and the CEC about this. The Salt Creek Wind Farm 'Lend a Hand' fund is a working example of how the fund could work.
Action: TR will send information on the Salt Creek Wind Farm community funding model to the CEC.

The meeting closed at 6.40pm.

10. Date of next CEC meeting

Monday 17 August 2020, 6pm, via Zoom.

Confirmed this / /

Chair

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