

Minutes

Dundonnell Wind Farm Community Engagement Committee

Meeting date Monday 14 September 2020
Meeting time and location 6pm, via Zoom

1. Attendees

Cr Ian Smith (Chair)
Cr Jill Parker
Cr Jim Doukas
Karen Blackmore, Community Representative
Dave Sweatman, Community Representative
Greg Grant, Community Representative
Tim Hill, Community Representative
Matthew Glass, Project Manager – Tilt Renewables
Mark Selvaratnam, Assistant Project Manager – Tilt Renewables

Vicki Askew-Thornton, Moyne Shire Council

2. Apologies

Martine Holberton, Community and Stakeholder Advisor – Tilt Renewables

3. Declarations of interest

Nil

4. Minutes of previous meeting

Moved by Tim Hill, seconded by Karen Blackmore that the minutes of the CEC meeting held on 17 August 2020 be accepted. **CARRIED**

5. Business Arising

- 5.1 Tilt Renewables (TR) emailed documents regarding the proposed community fund model to the CEC on 19 August.
The community representative positions on the fund committee have been advertised, and TR is currently reviewing the applications that were received.
- 5.2 Roadside viewing area:
Following further discussion, it was decided not to progress this idea any further at this time.

6. Correspondence Incoming

Nil.

7. Correspondence Outgoing

Nil.

8. Reports

8.1 Tilt Renewables (TR)

Project Update:

- The wind farm is currently at 'hold point 1A', with 54 turbines operating with a constrained output of up to 130MW. The next hold point (1B) will enable all 80 turbines to operate with a constrained output of up to 150MW.
- Up to 20 personnel are on site, mostly in relation to the commissioning process.
- Rehabilitation of the onsite quarry is almost completed, with some top dressing and seeding to be done.
- TR recently won the Clean Energy Council's 2020 Community Engagement Award for its Dundonnell Wind Farm benefit sharing plan.

8.2 Community Representatives

Nothing further to raise.

8.3 Council

- A)** Cr Parker noted that this will be her last Dundonnell Wind Farm CEC meeting. The Committee thanked Cr Parker for her input into the CEC.
- B)** Cr Doukas asked about native vegetation removal in road reserves along the transmission line.
TR responded that during construction, the shape and location of the areas of native vegetation removed around 15 of the poles changed from what is shown on the plans approved under the permit. The total area removed did not exceed the area allowed in the permit. TR is seeking retrospective approval from DELWP for this.
- C)** Cr Parker asked TR about native vegetation removal on the wind farm site. TR clarified that on private land, removal of native vegetation requires a permit. In regard to lichens and mosses, these are not considered as native vegetation requiring a permit in DELWP's '*Guidelines for the Removal, Destruction or Lopping of Native Vegetation 2017*'.

9. General business

9.1 Tim Hill has sent a draft memorandum of understanding to TR asking if it would consider making an annual per-turbine donation to the Dundonnell CFA. Matt Glass has passed the request on to the relevant TR personnel to consider.

9.2 Summary of discussion regarding the 20,000 litre firefighting tanks that are to remain on the wind farm site:

- One of the tanks has been removed. Matt Glass will follow this up.
- 5 tanks will remain at the site for firefighting purposes, and will be kept full of water. Vestas will be responsible for the maintenance of these tanks. TR will send the CEC a map showing the location of these tanks.
- It would be up to the participating landholders whether the larger tanks that were used for construction purposes remain on the site.

9.3 Cr Smith requested an update on the status of repair and reinstatement of local roads used for construction of the transmission line, particularly in relation to the Woorndoo-Darlington Road.

TR responded that the Road Quality Auditor has signed off on those roads.

Council clarified that it has not yet signed off on all of the roads that were used for the transmission line construction.

9.4 As the next meeting will be on 30 November, TR agreed to provide the CEC with a detailed project update in mid-October.

Cr Smith thanked the Committee members for their ongoing participation in the CEC.

The meeting closed at 6.40pm.

10. Date of next CEC meeting

Monday 30 November 2020, 6pm, via Zoom or in-person

Confirmed this / /

Chair

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