

Minutes

Mt Fyans Wind Farm Community Engagement Committee

Meeting date Wednesday 2 September 2020

Meeting time and location 7pm, via Zoom

1. Attendees

Cr Daniel Meade (Chair)
Cr Jim Doukas
Cr Ian Smith
Kelvin Goodall, Community Representative
Jacinta Jubb, Community Representative
Lisa Parker, Community Representative

David Mounter, Development Manager, Mt Fyans Wind Farm (MFWF)
Stephen Ross – General Manager, Woolnorth Wind Farm Holding Pty Ltd
Giles Rinckes, Project Director, Mt Fyans Wind Farm
Tanya Waterson, Community & Stakeholder Engagement, Mt Fyans Wind Farm

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

2. Apologies

Wendy Bickley, Community Representative
Catherine Doulis, Community Representative

3. Declarations of interest

Nil.

4. Minutes of previous meeting

Moved by Kelvin Goodall, seconded by Giles Rinckes that the minutes of the CEC meeting held on 11 March 2020 be accepted. **CARRIED**

5. Business arising from previous minutes

- 5.1 For MFWF (with dates that responses were emailed to the CEC):
- Provide a copy of the Brolga report submitted with the permit application (13 March).
 - Provide a map of the background noise monitoring locations (13 March).
 - Possibility of school bus curfews for O/D deliveries (19 March. Further information was provided to Lisa from Council on 15 April).
 - Summary of organisational relationship between Hydro Tasmania, Woolnorth Wind Farm Holding and Mt Fyans Wind Farm (14 April).
 - What is the capacity of the 500KV electricity transmission network? (14 April).
 - What impact would a closure of the Alcoa smelter in Portland have on that capacity? (14 April).

- Will the Coronavirus effect the progress of the project? (14 April).
- Request for Lisa Parker to be consulted about Brolga.

Summary of discussion:

Lisa and some other landholders along North Road have not been contacted for this consultation. MFWF indicated that if there is further information about Brolga it can still be collected. MFWF will check their consultation records, and contact Lisa to discuss this matter further.

5.2 For Council (with dates that responses were emailed to the CEC):

- Provide a map of the zoning layout and Mortlake town boundaries (18 March).
- Provide an extract from the Minister for Planning's reply to Councils request to reconsider whether the project requires an EES (18 March).
- Forward minutes of Dundonnell Wind Farm CEC meeting that contains discussion about future burn offs under the DWF transmission line (18 August):

Summary of discussion:

Lisa intends to follow up this matter with the CFA District Headquarters in Hamilton to get further clarification.

5.3 For Community Representatives:

- Lisa Parker will provide a copy of the notes from the meeting held between some of Council's CEC Community Representatives to discuss wind farms in Moyne: Lisa will forward these notes to the CEC.

7. Correspondence Incoming

As listed above.

7.2 Email on 7 August from MFWF regarding:

- The grant towards the Mortlake Recreation Reserve emergency helipad.
- Shopfront in Dunlop Street.
- The flow of information to the community.

8. Correspondence Outgoing

As listed above.

9. Reports:

9.1 Mt Fyans Wind Farm (MFWF) representatives

Please refer to **Attachment 1 – Project Update.**

Summary of further discussion regarding Attachment 1:

- The next MFWF publications to be distributed will be letters to near-neighbours, and a project newsletter mailout.
- The report for the EPBC referral will be completed soon. The species in that report are the Southern Bent Wing Bat, relevant native temperate grasslands and herbaceous freshwater wetlands.
- Biosis is the main environmental consultant for the project.
- DELWP determines what is defined as a native grass. More information is available on the following website:

<https://www.environment.vic.gov.au/native-vegetation/native-vegetation>

David made a presentation on the Brolga surveys and investigations as a summary of the 'Brolga Assessment September 2018' that was submitted with the planning permit application.

Summary of further discussion:

- Regarding slide 7, the white areas depict landholdings where the consultants could not gain physical access. Lisa asked MFWF to contact her to discuss this matter further, as she and some other landholders in that area were not involved in the Level 1 survey consultations and they have information about Brolga they wish to submit.
Other methodologies included aerial surveys, high resolution imagery and roadside observations.
- Due to Covid-19, the DELWP annual autumn Brolga count has been cancelled.
- MFWF informed the meeting about the Victorian Biodiversity Atlas (VBAGo) app that can be used to upload information on Brolga and other protected or sensitive species sightings. Information about this will be included in the next project newsletter.
Council and Community Representatives agreed that there is probably not much public knowledge of the VBAGo.

A link to the Interim Brolga Guidelines is:

https://www.swift.net.au/resources/Brolga-Guidelines_2011_Final_online-v2.pdf

9.2 Community Representatives

- Jacinta thanked MFWF for the presentation on the Brolga surveys.
- Kelvin noted that it is important for any landholders that may not have been involved in the Level 1 surveys to be followed up.
- Lisa will summarise her questions regarding the Brolga surveys and the project's Brolga report in an email to MFWF.

9.3 Council

- Cr Smith asked about the possibility of an onsite quarry.
MFWF has been concentrating recently on flora and fauna surveys, but acknowledged Council's concerns regarding the potential impact of heavy construction vehicles on local roads.
- Cr Meade noted that at its August meeting, Council reaffirmed its current position of opposing new wind farms in Moyne Shire and seek further discussion with the state government on implementing the recommendations of the National Wind Farm Commissioner.

10. General Business

Nil.

11. Date of next CEC meeting

Tuesday 15 December, 7pm via Zoom

Confirmed this / /

Chair

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