

Minutes

Woolsthorpe Wind Farm Community Engagement Committee

Meeting date Friday 28 August 2019
Meeting time and location 10.30am, at the Woolsthorpe Hall

1. Attendees

Cr Colin Ryan (Chair)
Cr Mick Wolfe
Cr Jim Doukas
Graeme Broderick, Community Representative
Glenn Britnell, Community Representative
Scott de Keizer, Woolsthorpe Wind Farm Pty Ltd / Enerfin
Mark Thompson, Woolsthorpe Wind Farm Pty Ltd / Ironstone Capital
Guests:
Bruce Payne, Owners Site Representative / Construction Manager, Enerfin
Jason Quinn - Site Manager, Siemens Gamesa (SGRE)
Vivek Chandra - Senior Project Manager, SGRE
Heather Grasby – Project Procurement Manager, SGRE
Andres Sraya Gonzalez – Enerfin
Barry Thebes, Powercor
David Holroyd, Powercor

Vicki Askew-Thornton, Major Projects Liaison Officer, Moyne Shire (non-member)

2. Apologies

Alistair Craib, Woolsthorpe Wind Farm Pty Ltd / Ironstone Capital
Bill Slattery

3. Declarations of interest

Nil.

4. Minutes of previous meeting

Moved by Graeme Broderick, seconded by Glen Britnell that the minutes of the CEC meeting held on 26 July 2019 be accepted. **CARRIED**

5. Business arising from previous Minutes

- 5.1 Status of engagement with landholders adjacent to the proposed distribution line route:
Hay Property Group has made initial contact with the landholder whose land the line is proposed to run through.
Once the route alignment is finalised, the proponent will handle the communications with landholders who own property adjoining the corridor.

Powercor and the proponent will provide updates about these processes to the CEC meetings.

- 5.2 Powercor – costing on constructing an overhead distribution line vs underground distribution line:
Powercor estimates that to build an underground line would cost around 3 times the cost of the current proposal.
Graeme Broderick and Glenn Britnell clarified that they would like an estimate of the cost of building the new section of the line (approximately 6 kms) underground.
- 5.3 If the project changed hands in the future, what guarantee would there be that any community funding program would continue?
The proponent will need to get a legal opinion on this, but is confident that such a guarantee could be a part of any future sale agreement.
- 5.4 Feedback from the second community meeting held on Thursday 29 August:
- Around 25 people attended the meeting.
 - Some attendees seemed to be from outside the Woolsthorpe area, and raised questions about matters such as background noise monitoring and post construction noise monitoring.
 - Clarification was provided about the community fund model.
 - Fire risk was also raised. Graeme Broderick was disappointed that ongoing contact with the local CFA Captains had not occurred since the Fire Emergency Response Plan (FERP) had been finalised, and stressed the importance of regular and ongoing contact between the proponent and the local CFA. Scott DeKeizer will send a copy of the FERP to the local CFA Captains.
 - Glenn Britnell noted that there were some actions from the previous community meeting that had not been addressed at last night's meeting.
The Committee agreed that a summary of each community meeting should be placed on the project website.
The proponent will also place copies of the CEC minutes on the project website.
 - The proponent will consider how to get more information out to the community, including having maps and other printed information displayed somewhere in Woolsthorpe, added to the project website and provided to the Woolsthorpe Facebook page.

6. Correspondence Incoming

From Scott DeKeizer - Copy of invitation to public meeting on 29 August.

7. Correspondence Outgoing

Nil.

8. Reports

8.1 Woolsthorpe Wind Farm (WWF) Pty Ltd:

Preparation of Development Plans:

- Most of the development plans are now being assessed by DELWP.
- The Traffic Management Plan (TMP) is being updated with Council and VicRoads feedback and a final copy should be provided to Council and VicRoads shortly.
- The Cultural Heritage Management Plan (CHMP) and other plans are available on the project website:
<https://www.woolsthorpewindfarm.net/comunity>
The 'scar tree' has been excluded from the work zone.
- Once the development plans are endorsed, the documents will be placed on the project website.

Permit amendment application:

- DELWP is awaiting an audit of the predictive noise assessment report by an EPA accredited acoustician.
The assessment predicts compliance at the 3 testing locations.
The assessment is based on the confirmed turbine model.
- The amendment will need to be signed off by the Minister for Planning before the development plans are endorsed.

Connection / distribution line:

- The generator performance standards have been submitted to Powercor, after which it will go to the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) for review. Once AEMO approves, Powercor will provide an 'offer to connect'.
- The preliminary line design has been completed. There is still opportunity for adjustment, and consultation will occur with the Basalt to Bay Landcare Network Coordinator next week.
- The existing poles and wires along the proposed line route will be replaced to enable the new 66 kV circuit to meet clearance standards. The finished line will provide a better outcome for existing customers along the line.

Siemens Gamesa Renewable Energy (SGRE):

- SGRE is arranging subcontractors and working on engineering plans.
- The proposed construction commencement date is 2 October, but depends on the progress of the connection agreement.

8.3 Community Representatives

Glenn Britnell requested that the 6kms of the distribution line in the northernmost section of the route be placed underground due to community concerns about fire risk.

Powercor and the proponent will discuss this and report to the next CEC meeting.

8.4 Council

Cr Doukas asked if there will be any native vegetation removal on the wind farm site.

Scott DeKeizer responded that none will need to be removed on the wind farm site. A small section will need to be removed adjacent to the site entrance's intersection with the Woolsthorpe-Heywood Road to allow for over dimensional deliveries. This

has been included in the Permit amendment application. The native vegetation offset is being brokered by 'Vegetation Link'.

9. General business


Nil.

10. Date of next CEC meeting

Friday 4 October, 10.30pm at the Woolsthorpe Hall

SGRE will provide morning tea.

Confirmed this 4 / 10 / 19.

Chair 

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