

# Community Meeting

WOOLSTORPE WIND FARM



Wednesday, 3rd July 2019

7:00pm

Woolsthorpe Community Hall

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**Meeting called by:** Woolsthorpe Wind Farm

**Chair:**

**Attendees:** Open to all community members (approx. 25 attended)

## *Meeting Notes*

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**Opening** Welcome to attendees

**Presenter:**

### **Discussion:**

Welcome attendees and introduction of the team involved in the project and present at the meeting including:

- Scott De Keizer (Enerfin)
- Bruce Payne (Enerfin)
- Alistair Craib (Ironstone)
- Mark Thompson (Ironstone)
- Vivek Chandra (Siemens Gamesa)
- Andrés Araya (Enerfin)

Brief update on the project status, current workstreams and approximate construction dates, then opened the floor for questions and feedback from the community.

## ***SUMMARY OF ACTIONS REQUIRED***

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<b>Action items</b>	<b>Person responsible</b>
✓ Ask Powercor about potential outages (days and duration) during the construction of the Transmission lines	Mark Thompson
✓ Siemens-Gamesa to give details about the TMP and the number of trucks and routes to be used during construction, to be on the agenda for the next CEC Meeting.	Vivek Chandra
✓ Update of the website and upload new documents to make them available to the community.	Andres Araya
✓ Comments on HOW the community members can hold VicRoads accountable or make sure they make sure that the conditions of the roads are adequate after construction.	Scott De Keizer
✓ (Aviation Lights) Information regarding effects on Crop Dusting and potential safety risks and how to manage them.	Scott De Keizer
✓ Set up a sign-up link on the website for the newsletter and other updates	Andres Araya
✓ Finalize, review and upload the Community Fund Details to the webpage to make available for the Community.	Scott De Keizer
✓ Communication to be used during construction, inside the project and with the community if necessary (SGRE).	Vivek Chandra

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**Agenda item:** Questions from Community Members

**Presenter:**

**Discussion:** General Enquiry about the meaning of a PPA and what they consist of.

⇒ Addressed by the team

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**Agenda item:** Questions from Community Members

**Presenter:** -

**Discussion:** Regarding Transmission Lines (Distribution Lines), what are the main differences between Woolsthorpe Wind Farm and Salt Creek Wind Farm

⇒ Addressed by the Team, reassuring that the design for the new and improved Transmission Lines is much less “interruptive” as the ones used for Salt Creek. The distribution line will be of wood construction and 17-18m tall and around 40cm in diameter. We will not be using large galvanized poles.

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**Agenda item:** Questions from Community Members

**Presenter:** -

**Discussion:** Will there be power outages during the construction of the Transmission Lines for the Woolsthorpe Wind Farm??

⇒ *The Team will enquire to get a proper answer from Powercor.*

**Action items**

**Person responsible**

**Deadline**

- ✓ Ask Powercor about potential outages (days and duration) during the construction of the Transmission lines
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**Agenda item:** Questions from Community Members

**Presenter:**

**Discussion:** Is it possible to have underground cabling for the project?

⇒ Addressed by the Team, mentioning that underground cabling disturbs far more land and native vegetation, trenching will be over four-meters and 1-2 meters deep, hence an OHL solution was proposed and backed by Powercor. On the other side, underground cabling has the potential of driving up the cost of the project making it unfeasible.

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**Agenda item:** Questions from Community Members

**Presenter:**

**Discussion:** Is there a cost regarding the cutting of trees in the proposed route for the Transmission Lines?

⇒ Addressed by the Team .....

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**Agenda item:** Questions from Community Members

**Presenter:**

**Discussion:** General concerns, blaming Powercor for the latest bushfire threats and poor maintenance of their Transmission and Distribution Lines.

⇒ Addressed by the Team: the distribution line built with have a shorten maintenance regime (every 2.5 years) and will also refresh and renew existing line. This will be a net positive for the community.

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**Action items**

**Person responsible**

**Deadline**

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**Agenda item:** Questions from Community Members

**Presenter:**

**Discussion:** Have we done a reassessment on the costs between going Overhead and Underground with the Transmission Lines, related to the time when the Project was acquired? Under the reasoning that with time the costs of technology could have decreased.

- ⇒ The Team mentioned the conditions how the project was acquired and previous development already performed, also mentioning that the overhead cabling is the solution that was given by Powercor, but committed to give to the community good reasons regarding why Overhead is the better option for this particular project.

**Action items**

**Person responsible**

**Deadline**

- ✓ Give good reasons related to why overhead transmission lines is the best option for the project.

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**Agenda item:** Questions from Community Members

**Presenter:**

**Discussion:** Can you take us over your Road/Traffic Management Plan?

- ⇒ Addressed by the Team, mentioning that it's developed to it's second draft already and being reviewed by Council, and to be endorsed after by VicRoads, mentioning the difference between VicRoads and Council Roads, mentioning the surveys that will be conducted before and after construction to make sure that the roads are returned to equal or better conditions.

Comeback from the Community regarding the state in which the roads were left after the construction of the Macarthur Wind Farm.

- ⇒ Once the plans are approved, they will be uploaded to the site for the Community to have access to them.

Interest regarding **WHO** is responsible to make sure that the roads are returned to equal or better conditions as the ones before the construction.

- ⇒ Comments by the Team regarding that as the owners of the project (Enerfin-Ironstone), the commitment with the community is long term and that there's an obligation to return the roads to their original condition since it's for everyone's use, the team and most importantly the community.

**Action items**

**Person responsible**

**Deadline**

- ✓ Once approved, upload the Traffic Management Plans to the project's website

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**Agenda item:** Questions from Community Members

**Presenter:**

**Discussion:** Do we have a preferred route for transport of the Woolsthorpe Wind Farm elements?

- ⇒ Addressed by the Team, routes from port, quarry's and for construction. There will be more details available in the future and in the TMP to be uploaded to the website.

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**Presenter:**

**Discussion:** Will you be using the Woolsthorpe Heywood Road or western part of the WH Road? Will there be an upgrade of the road?

- ⇒ During construction, for the transport of the Wind Farm elements, the west side of the Woolsthorpe-Heywood Road will be used, in case of deterioration it will be restored to equal or better condition as before construction, same as the other roads used during construction and considered on the Traffic Management Plan.

Will there be trucks coming from Woolsthorpe?

- ⇒ No, the idea is to avoid trucks going through the town, Siemens-Gamesa will come back with a detailed answer regarding this subject and it will be in the agenda for the next CEC Meeting.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Siemens-Gamesa to give details about the TMP and the number of trucks and routes to be used during construction, to be on the agenda for the next CEC Meeting.		

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**Agenda item:** Questions from Community Members

**Presenter:**

**Discussion:** Brought up by Alistair Craib: Any ideas from the Community regarding the website.

- ⇒ Commitment to update the website and make more documents available over time.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Update of the website and upload new documents to make them available to the community.		

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**Agenda item:** Questions from Community Members

**Presenter:**

**Discussion:** Concerns about slow equipment and construction traffic during construction because of harvest season and potential problems that might arise from that.

- ⇒ Addressed by the team.

Back to **WHO** signs off at the end of construction regarding the conditions of the road (who will determine if the roads are in that equal or better conditions as before construction).

- ⇒ Answer by Moyne Shire Council, mentioning the difference between Council and VicRoads roads, and they sign for their roads.
- ⇒ The Team will comeback with comments on **HOW** the community members can hold VicRoads accountable or make sure they make sure that the conditions of the roads are adequate after construction.

Comeback regarding the conditions in which the roads were left after the construction of the Macarthur Wind Farm.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Comments on HOW the community members can hold VicRoads accountable or make sure they make sure that the conditions of the roads are adequate after construction.		

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**Agenda item:** Questions from Community Members

**Presenter:**

**Discussion:** Regarding Aviation lights, that for this project are not required and there's safety concerns about this for three reasons:

1. Flights from the Koroit Airstrip
2. Crop dusting going on in the surrounding area
3. Helicopter that comes from South Australia once or twice a month.

- ⇒ Addressed by the team, no problems with points 1 and 3, supported by the Aviation Authority, but will get back to the community regarding crop dusting, even though any plane working on the zone will have the GPS locations of the Wind Farm and Turbines since everything will be registered with the Aviation Authority.

<b>Action items</b>	<b>Person responsible</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
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- ✓ (Aviation Lights) Information regarding effects on Crop Dusting and potential safety risks and how to manage them.

<b>Agenda item:</b> Questions from Community Members	<b>Presenter:</b>
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**Discussion:** When will the next newsletters be available?

- ⇒ There is a draft on newsletter N3 which should be available for the next CEC meeting for distribution, also the idea of having a subscription link on the website came up.

<b>Action items</b>	<b>Person responsible</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
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- ✓ Set up a sign-up link on the website for the newsletter and other updates

<b>Agenda item:</b> Questions from Community Members	<b>Presenter:</b>
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**Discussion:** Regarding the Community Fund Proposed, someone mentioned that he feels that after for example 3-5 years, the community might run out of ideas of projects to fund with this money, what happens on that case? Or what happens if the community comes up with a project that requires a larger sum than the yearly AUD\$60.000 proposed?

- ⇒ Addressed by the team and made a commitment to finalize of the details of the program so that it can be shared with the community, the intention is to make it as beneficial for the Woolsthorpe Community as possible.

<b>Action items</b>	<b>Person responsible</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
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- ✓ Finalize, review and upload the Community Fund Details to the webpage to make available for the Community.

<b>Agenda item:</b> Questions from Community Members	<b>Presenter:</b>
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**Discussion:** Is the money on the community fund managed by the Woolsthorpe Wind Farm or the Community?

- ⇒ The money will be managed by the Projects Team, to make sure that the money is used properly and goes to the projects that brings most benefit to the community, however the community will be the main driver in determining what will be funded and what project will deliver the most value to Woolsthorpe.

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**Discussion:** When will the first truck roll?

- ⇒ Site mobilization starts the first week of October, but that is depending on the required Sign-off by the Minister of Planning, authorizing the start of construction.

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**Agenda item:** Questions from Community Members

**Presenter:**

**Discussion:** Who need to sign off to allow the beginning of construction?

⇒ Victoria's Minister of Planning.

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**Agenda item:** Questions from Community Members

**Presenter:**

**Discussion:** What form of communication will be used on site? This driven by the fact that mobile reception is very bad in the area.

⇒ Siemens-Gamesa: Two way radios will be used during construction, anyway SGRE will get back to them on that subject.

**Action items**

**Person responsible**

**Deadline**

✓ Communication to be used during construction, inside the project and with the community if necessary (SGRE).

Vivek Chandra (SGRE)

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**Agenda item:** Closing

**Presenter:** Scott De Keizer

**Discussion:** Finish meeting, opening now the opportunity to talk one on one with some community members regarding their concerns and questions about the project.

The Project's Team will also move after to The National, where further conversation on the project's subjects can be addressed.

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## ***Other Information***

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**Special notes:**