
Woolsthorpe Wind Farm Community Engagement Committee

Meeting date Friday 2 December 2022
Meeting time and location 10 am, Woolsthorpe Hotel

1. Welcome

2. Attendees

Cr Jim Doukas (Chair)
Cr Damian Gleeson
Terri Barnes, Community Representative
Glenn Britnell, Community Representative
John Murphy, Community Representative
James Taylor - Development Manager, Enerfin
Katelyn Nash – Planner, KLM Spatial (via telephone)
Vicki Askew-Thornton, Senior Energy Projects Liaison Officer, Moyne Shire (non-member)

3. Apologies

Simon Poynton, Community Representative

4. Declarations of interest

Nil.

5. Minutes of previous meeting

Moved by Terri Barnes, seconded by Cr Gleeson that the minutes of the CEC meeting held on 30 September 2022 be accepted. **CARRIED**

6. Business arising from previous Minutes

- 6.1 **Completed (Attachment 1):** Updated map showing the five noise monitoring locations.
- 6.2 Will there be flashing red lights on the turbines and will this create flicker/spill?
Response: E/ICA is currently working with its aviation consultant regarding this. The preference is for there to be no lights but if they are required, methods such as baffling and electronic activation will be considered.

Further discussion:

E/ICA will follow up on:

- How close agricultural aviation contractors could fly to the turbines and anemometers (masts).
- What role the existing mast played in the background noise testing and predictions.
- Where any future masts will be located and whether they will create new points of reference for post construction noise monitoring. If so, will a new round of background noise measurements be required once any new masts are erected, before the wind farm is constructed?

E/ICA noted that the top 2/3 of all masts will need to be painted red and white, and marker buoys placed on the guidewires.

6.3 E/ICA took on notice a question about infrasound and vibration from turbines.
Response: Infrasound and vibration is not referenced in the permit. There is literature available on this topic.

6.4 Council took on notice John's question of whether Council would adhere to its new position regarding this amendment application.
Response: The Council report and its submission can be found in the agenda of the Council meeting held on 8 November at:
<https://www.moyne.vic.gov.au/Minutes-Agendas>
 A discussion was held about Council's submission in relation to its position on new wind farms in Moyne.

7. Correspondence Incoming

Date received	Item	Attachment Number
29 Nov	Updated site map with background noise monitoring locations	1

E/ICA noted that discussions are ongoing outside of the CEC process regarding potential community benefit initiatives such as energy bill subsidies.

8. Correspondence Outgoing

Nil.

9. Reports

9.1 Project Update (Enerfin/ICA):

Amendment Application – Panel Hearing process:

All submitters should have received a letter from Planning Panels Victoria (PPV) regarding the upcoming panel process. **(Refer to extract - Attachment 2)**

Key dates:

- 8 December 2022, 10am: Directions Hearing
The Directions Hearing will set out the dates and procedure for the Panel Hearing.
- 6 February 2023: Proposed date for the start of the Panel Hearing. The Hearing will be either in-person, online or a hybrid.

If people need more information about the Panel process they should contact Chris Brennan at Planning Panels Victoria on (03) 8624 5715. E/ICA's technical consultants will present information at the Panel Hearing, and the two appointed panel members may ask them questions. After the hearing, the panel will have 40 business days to submit its report to the Minister for Planning. The Minister will then make his/her decision on the amendment application.

9.2 Community Representatives

- John noted that neighbour agreements are still not finalised. John doesn't think the information sessions held by E/ICA to date have been effective.
- Glenn asked that private one-to-one discussions between E/ICA and near-neighbours continue.
- Terri noted that there has been improvement in communication from the company, and implementation of the pre-construction community fund has been positive.
- John asked how long it would take to get action on a noise complaint.

9.3 Council

- Cr Gleeson asked at what point the project would become unviable under the existing permit.
E/ICA responded that the turbine model the current approval is based on is no longer available, so the company would need to reassess the viability of the wind farm.

10. General business

The Chair wished all members a happy Christmas.

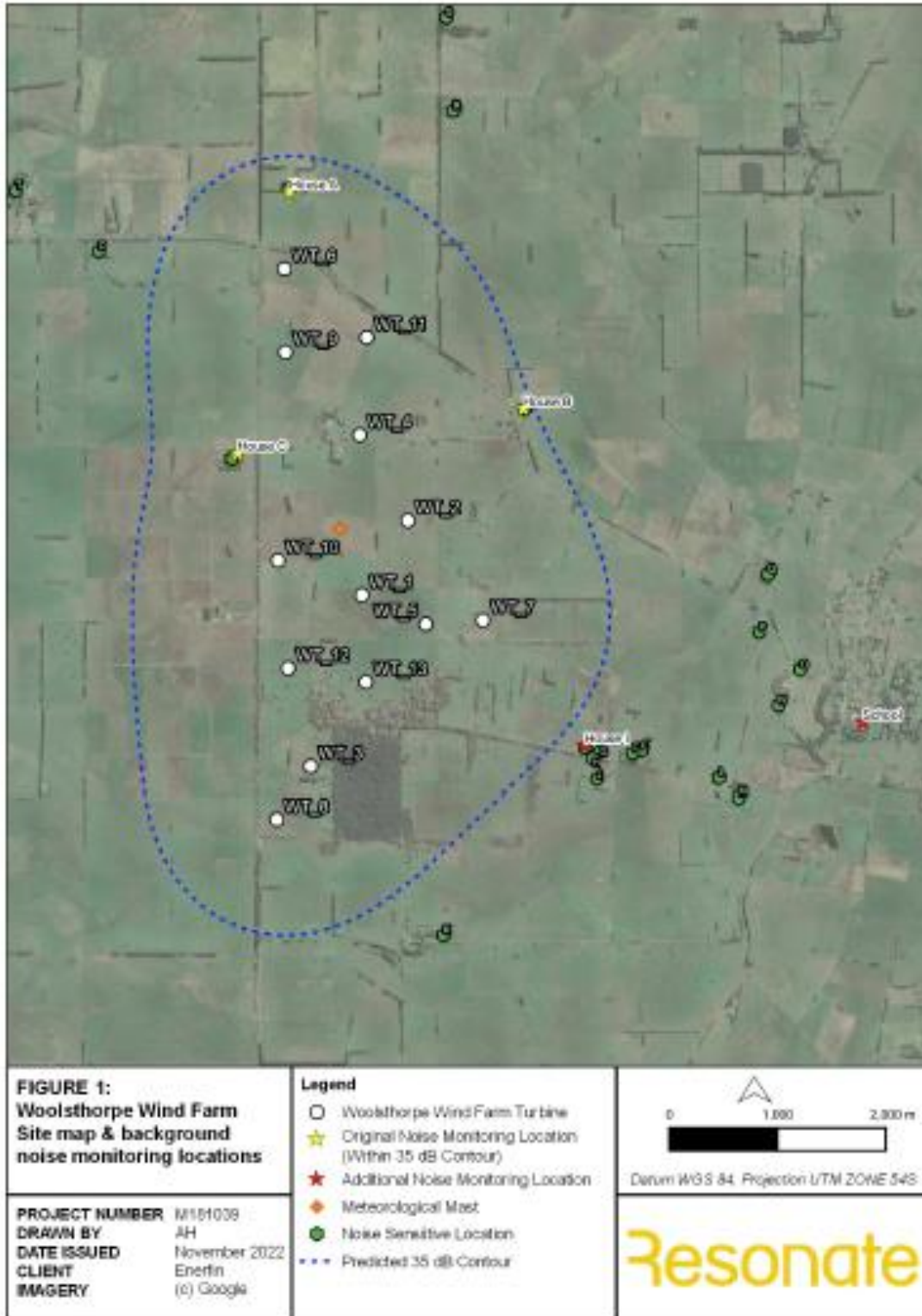
11. Date of next CEC meeting: **Early-mid March 2023 (date TBC), 10am at the Woolsthorpe Hotel**

Confirmed this / /

Chair

Minutes are to be registered in Moyne Shire's electronic document management system by the committee reporting officer immediately following the Minutes' confirmation and signing

Attachment 1: Updated map including the 5 background noise testing locations



Attachment 2: Extract of letter from Planning Panels Victoria

The Panel process includes a Directions Hearing and the Hearing.

Directions Hearing

At the Directions Hearing, the Panel will:

- give directions about exchanging information before the Hearing and the conduct of the Hearing
- consider Hearing times and venue and site inspections
- answer questions people have about the Panel process including the Hearing.

The Directions Hearing will be held:

10am, Thursday, 8 December 2022

by video conference using Microsoft Teams

Video link: [Click here to join the meeting](#)

Or dial in (audio only): Call (03) 7019 2540 and enter phone conference ID 351 981 367#

You should attend the Directions Hearing if you:

- are new to the Panel process or wish to participate in the Hearing
- have questions about the Panel process or wish to raise procedural issues.

The Panel proposes to issue directions after considering all requests to be heard and any additional matters raised at the Directions Hearing or in writing before the Directions Hearing.

Hearing

The purpose of the Hearing is for people to speak to their written submission and to hear from the Proponent. The Hearing is expected to start on Monday 6 February 2023. The length of the Hearing will depend on how many requests to be heard the Panel receives. The Hearing is open for anyone to observe. The Panel will confirm after the Directions Hearing whether the Hearing will proceed in person, by video or in a hybrid format.

The Panel will consider all referred written submissions when preparing its report, including those from submitters who do not attend the Hearing.

Proposed key dates

The Key Information attached to this letter includes a list of proposed key dates for the circulation of information in the lead up to the Hearing. If you wish to comment on the proposed key dates but are unable to attend the Directions Hearing, you can provide comments in writing to planning.panels@delwp.vic.gov.au by Monday, 5 December 2022.

If you wish to be involved in the Hearing

Please complete the [online request to be heard form](#) by 12 noon on Monday 5 December 2022 if:

- you wish to be involved in the Hearing
- you do not wish to speak but would like a copy of the timetable and directions.

Notes on completing the online request to be heard form are attached.

Further Information

The attached *Privacy Collection Notice* explains how your submission will be used by the Panel.

Further information including the *What is a Panel?* guide, *Guide to the Public Hearing* and *Frequently Asked Questions* are available at:

<https://www.planning.vic.gov.au/panels-and-committees/planning-panel-guides>