



Meeting	Coopers Gap Wind Farm at Cooranga North – Community Consultative Committee
Meeting no	28
Venue	Cooranga North Memorial Hall, Cooranga North
Time	1:00pm
Date	30 August 2018
Chair	Rob Hart
Attendees	<u>Committee Members</u> : Mick Cosgrove, Cyril Stewart, Bill Sparkes, Tom Hoare, James Scutt, Russell Glodes Rob Hart (Independent Chair), Amanda Maurice (minutes), Will Tarry, Judy Pickering, Val Stewart, David Martingale, Gayle Carroll, Phil & Carmen Trebbin, Alice Sharp, Bruce Gooderham, G&B Glode, Barry Glode, Lauren Glode, Michelle Davis, Val Stewart, Delta Sparkes, Julie Entwistle, Celeste Nelson, Glenn Strandquist, Rob Fitzherbert (TAFE QLD), Ros Heit (SBRC), Jodie Taylor (WDRC), Mitchell Anderson (TSBE), Lance MacManus (TSBE), <u>AGL</u> : Tim Knill (Construction Manager AGL), Han Tay, Sue Hogan, Ray King <u>GE-CATCON</u> : Andrew O’Conner, (Onsite Manager) <u>AECOM</u> : Michael Yeo
Apologies	Clare Wilkes-Mildren (Government and Community),

Meeting Minutes

1 Welcome

Rob Hart, Independent Chair

- Rob opened the meeting at 1pm and welcomed Committee members, guests and community to the meeting.
- Apologies were noted.
- No conflicts of interest were raised.



Minutes of previous meeting

Actions;

Tourism - carry action over

Tim Knill suggested an area be identified on the side of a nearby public road with a good vantage point and informative signage. This would be on Council land. First need to establish a good location and wait until the roads are established and the major construction activities are finished on the roads. Currently there are a lot of community awareness activities underway in the form of hosted group which is the most suitable format until construction activity reduces.

Action: Ros Heit to take it back to South Burnett Council to come up with suitable locations for a site viewing area.

Site Visit - carry action over

Bus trip is planned for next meeting or other date at the end of the year

Communication - complete

This is a Telstra/ NBN issue rather than AGL issue and Telstra are looking at various options.

Construction update - complete

AGL & CATCON supplied South Burnett with all the contractors.

Community update - complete

Collin Boyce will attend the next meeting.

Community fund update - complete

Tim will put Funding criteria on website.

General Business and Q&A

Pre and post reviews of a sample of homes.

Action – if landowners want their home visited specifically, for their TV reception to be tested, register by end of September with Ray King.

Russel Glodes moved: That the minutes from the meeting 31st May 2018 were a true and correct record. Mick Cosgrove seconded.

Carried



2 Project Update

Tim Knill, AGL Coopers Gap Construction Manager

The project timeline was shown. It can be viewed at: agl.com.au/coopersgap

The first wind turbine blade delivery to site was due in June, however it will happen in the next few weeks.

Deliveries of various wind turbine components has begun eg. tower sections, base rings, hubs and nacelles. First blades will be delivered within two weeks. The blades will be the largest (over 67 metres long) component and the longest ever blades transported in Australia. The planning involves a lot of stakeholder consultation.

Connection works are due to complete in late October and this is on track.

A progress update video was shown which can be viewed at: agl.com.au/coopersgap

An independent Economic Impact Assessment has been completed which outlines the investment and employment generated in the region from this project.

Q. Mick asked if the Community Fund commitment has changed? He thought it should be \$60K per year.

A. Tim responded that it should be \$60K in construction years then \$30K per year afterwards.

Q. How is the solar program progressing.

A. Ray responded that it is going well. There are just two or three systems to be installed.

Q. Wal asked who is responsible for the road during construction? The gravel section of Niagara Road is in terrible condition, the increased traffic movement has created terrible corrugations. Why isn't it being kept up to standard?

A. GE-CATCON is responsible for maintenance until construction has concluded. Until the Infrastructure Agreement is executed they can't progress any road maintenance. GE-CATCON have been watering the road and will look to grade it to improve the condition until road works start on 17 September.

Q. Jim Scutt added that there are safety concerns for the school bus due to the corrugations.

A. Ros Heit explained that the bitumen will be pulled up and the road will be widened and graveled during construction. After construction it will be sealed to the Jarail Road turnoff

Ray King added that it will be a better road than it was before.

Action: Ros Heit to share the design for Niagara Road once it's finalised.



Jodie Taylor was asked to share information on the infrastructure agreement between WDRC and GE-CATCON, the response from Jodie is as follows:

The following information has been provided to me by Council's Infrastructure Services General Manager, Graham Cook;

- WDRC are still in discussion with AGL and CATCON regarding an Infrastructure Agreement to cover the project. They will have the latest draft of the agreement early next week for their review.
- The vast majority of traffic will access the project via Niagara Road which is mostly in SBRC. SBRC have indicated that they will require Niagara Road to be upgraded to bitumen standard.
- The only road identified for upgrade to bitumen in the agreement with WDRC will be the remaining short section of Niagara Road. This is approximately 600m in length from a grid on the Council boundary through to Jarail Road.
- The agreement will cover off on any damage and increased maintenance on all roads in WDRC impacted by project traffic.

3 Construction Update

Andrew O'Conner, GE-CATCON Site Manager

Overall the project is progressing well.

The Landowners have been great to deal with despite how disruptive it is for them.

Concrete foundations are nearly halfway completed.

Safety continues to be a big focus for both AGL and GE-CATCON. Guest speakers are being engaged to keep staff focused on safety and continually reinforce the safety message.

Tim added that the safety record is great so far, there has been no lost time due to safety. There has been just one medical treatment injury requiring a few stitches in a finger.

Q. Lance (TSBE) asked if the big cranes have come in yet?

A. There will be two big cranes to be used from late September through to around Christmas time.

Q. Are any Landholders showing concern around land rehabilitation.

A. Timing plays a big factor in rehab, having the right conditions conducive to growing grass. Top soil will be stockpiled to be returned for rehabilitation.

Q. Bill asked if the soil returned for rehab will be seeded?



A. The plan is to move quickly through the good country and take advantage of Sept / Oct rain. The road shoulders and disturbed areas will be re-seeded.
The agreement is to rehab to the standard that was there before.

Q. Lessons learned from CSG etc. is that the general public thinks the rehabbed areas look terrible.

A. Ray King responded that there are individual agreements with all Landowners which detail what the rehabilitation will look like.

4 **Community Update**

Michael Yeo

We are currently working with Landholders and showing them the progress on site.

There have also been a few presentations to community groups.

The site tour will be best once some towers are up and once the construction traffic has reduced.

Ray King added that the emergency services involvement from the nearby communities, for things like controlling speed on roads, has been fantastic.

Q. Lance – Are there any plans for 1800 numbers or community engagement numbers to be provided and displayed given there is so much heavy traffic for the project.

A. DTMR has a website with latest information. There is a link from AGL website to the DTMR website.

Andrew added that the perimeter of the site has all the traffic and contact details displayed.

Rob Hart added that Clare has communicated with David Littleproud regarding mobile phone black spots around the area and Clare received a letter in response from David Littleproud agreeing on the importance of mobile phone coverage in regional and remote areas. He said that he has discussed the issue with the Minister for Regional Communications, Senator the Hon Bridget McKenzie and is working to secure her visit to the region.

Thanks to Celeste and Rob Fitzherbert for sending letters to create additional pressure.

5 **Community Fund**

Tim Knill, AGL Coopers Gas Construction Manager

Next round begins 3 September, closing Fri 28th September



For details refer to the AGL website.

Q. Ros queried the criteria for the Community Fund. Was it to be awarded 50% WDRC and 50% South Burnett?

A. Mick responded that all applications are considered on merit without staying to 50/50 across the two Council areas.

A. Celeste added that the original idea was 50/50 WDRC and South Burnett, but it was voted at a previous meeting to be spread across Cooranga North, Kumbia, Bell and Jandowae.

Action: Tim to look at Community Fund applications and provide information to Ros on success rates for Community Fund applicants from Kumbia.

Rob Hart clarified that any unsuccessful groups should contact the committee for feedback on their application rather than discuss it in the CCC meetings.

Q. Ros asked if there are any representatives from South Burnett on the committee?

A. Ray King suggested that another person join the committee, one person from each area that be rotated through for each round.

Mick added that he believes \$30K per annum post construction is insufficient and needs review to cover all the worthy applications.

Action: AGL to consider funding legacy items for the immediate community including re-stumping the hall and church, and to review the post construction \$\$ commitment to the Community Fund.

6 General Business and Q & A

Q. Jim Scutt – is there a current up-to-date map of turbine locations?

Action: Tim to provide both map and noise modelling to Ray King who will provide them to Jim Scutt.

Q. Mick Cosgrove – AGL offered to give CWA \$7,500 emergency funds, can it be used given that there are drought conditions.

Action: Sue to check minutes for the agreement about donating \$7,500 emergency funds to CWA.



Q. Feedback from a landowner – concern over large earth banks beside roads.

A. Andrew: they are the topsoil for rehab, it also controls storm water and physical barrier to prevent rolling off the road. If anyone needs a space made in these for their usual farming activities please let GECATCON know.

7 Next Meeting and Close

Next meeting is the Christmas meeting and is proposed for late November, time and date to be advised. Dates for next year also to be proposed.

Action: Sue to send out the dates for the Christmas meeting and the proposed meeting dates for next year.

Close at 2.28pm



Item	Discussion	
1.	<p>Welcome / Minutes of Previous Meeting</p> <p><u>Action</u> (carried over) Sue Hogan to organise a bus trip for next meeting to inspect the site.</p>	Sue Hogan
2.	<p><u>Action</u> – if landowners want their home visited specifically, for their TV reception to be tested, register by end of September with Ray King.</p>	Ray King
3.	<p><u>Action:</u> Ros Heit to take it back to South Burnett Council to come up with suitable locations for a site viewing area.</p>	Ros Heit
4.	<p>Project Update</p> <p><u>Action:</u> Ros Heit to share the design for Niagara Road once it is finalised.</p>	Ros Heit
5.	<p>Community Fund</p> <p><u>Action:</u> Tim Knill to look at Community Fund applications and provide feedback to unsuccessful applicants.</p>	Tim Knill
6.	<p><u>Action:</u> AGL to consider funding legacy items for the immediate community including re-stumping the hall and church and to review the post construction \$\$ commitment to the Community Fund.</p>	Tim Knill
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