



Meeting **Coopers Gap Wind Farm Community Consultative Committee No. 32**

Venue Cooranga North Memorial Hall, Cooranga North

Time 4:00 pm

Date 12 December 2019

Chair Rob Hart

Attendees *Committee Members* - Mick Cosgrove, Neil French, Cyril Stewart, Bill Sparkes, Tom Hoare, Russell Glode.

Rob Hart (Independent Chair), Brian McEvoy (AGL), Sharyn Garrett (AGL), Peter Gibson (GE), Michael Yeo (AECOM), Celeste Nelson (Jandowae B&C Group), Gordon Globe, Beth Globe, John Marker, Dafyd Martindale (SBO), Troy Loeskow (AECOM), George Geranis (AECOM), Don Web (AECOM), Jim Cuskelly, Fred Drake, Michelle Davis, Alice Sharp, Finlay Sharp, W H Gooderham, Delta Sparkes, Cheryl Cosgrove, Val Stewart, Kevin Searle (SBRC), Ros Heit (SBRC), Robbie McGrath (AGL), Martin Mansell (AGL), Han Tay (AGL) Kai Zhao (AGL), Wendy Jones, Lewis Babe, Dale Wiessner, Kearton Scott (Jacobs), Vaughan Mitchell (AECOM), Carmel Trebbin, Phil Trebbin, Renee Mulholland

Apologies Clare Wilkes (AGL)

Item

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Welcome

Rob Hart opened the meeting at 4pm.

The minutes of the previous meeting on 24 October 2019 were distributed prior to the meeting.

Confirmed that all members received copies of previous minutes.

Minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously accepted.

Conflicts of interest

Rob Hart (Chair) called for any new conflicts of interest. None declared.

Rob requested update on last meetings action items

Item 1 - SBRC and WDRC to work jointly towards a scope on the viewing platforms for presentation to the committee

Cr Ros Heit of South Burnett Regional Council advised that the current site office has been identified as an appropriate location for the viewing platforms. The Council has spoken to the landholders who were non committal but receptive. Council hoping to hear in the near future.



Item 2 - Possibility of state \$1 for \$1 funding of rural fire brigade shed

Neil French advised a lot of progress has been made.

AGL has pledged \$20,000, Wagners and ACR have promised an additional \$5,000 each. Negotiations continue with other business for the contributions of both funds and civil works.

Funds will go to OFES who will build to government standards. OFES will fund any shortfall if funds insufficient to meet this standard.

02**Project Update**

Brian McEvoy – AGL Project Director advised deliveries are now complete. The project is on track to be completed by mid-year 2020.

Production has hit 146 megawatts which will progressively increase to an anticipated 450 megawatts.

03**Construction Update**

Peter Gibson (GE) reported 94 towers are now up, anticipating 100 before Christmas pending weather.

All towers expected to be installed by the end of February at which stage all cranes will be demobilised from site. June will start the commissioning and reliability phase.

Peter reiterated the movement of components to site was a massive exercise in logistics, despite this there was no Lost Time Injuries to employees or contractors.

04**Community Update**

Variety community engagement activities were undertaken on behalf of AGL, including sponsoring Kingaroy Senior Citizens tour of the windfarm (which in turn raised \$1,200 for Lifeline) and supporting Kumbia races with new digital TVs needed to broadcast the Melbourne Cup. A tour was also provided for the South Burnett Mayor and the Council's Economic Development team as well as the Kingaroy Ambulance Committee.

Michael also presented to the Dalby Probus meeting with facts and information surrounding the Windfarm.

Earlier in the year a fatal car crash in Kumbia affected several employees working on the project as they witnessed the crash scene. Donations were taken from those within the project and funds matched by AGL. Those funds were recently presented to the local ambulance committee as an acknowledgement of those first responders and totalled over \$13,000.

Update on mobile phone tower - AGL will commence discussion with the recently acquired company, Southern Phone, which is expected to be finalised late January. Minister David Littleproud is due to meet with AGL CEO in January to discuss mobile phone service in regional areas.



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General Business and Q&A

Tom Hoare inquired about the planting of grass along the shoulders of tracks which was mentioned earlier in the project.

Peter Gibson – assured that anywhere there was soil disruption will be rehabilitated. There has been a delay waiting for ideal season.

Sharyn Garrett asked the board and community if moving forward into operations phase how often they would prefer community meetings to take place. Brian McEvoy suggested the Operations team be invited to the next meeting and formally decide with their input. It was agreed with Brian to action.

Peter Gibson – Advised that there will be security operating night shift around the towers. This will increase to 24 hours over the Christmas break. Individual properties will be advised, but please advise hunters of security monitoring.

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Next Meeting and Close

Meeting closed 4:45 pm.

Next meeting:
Wednesday, 11 March 2020
Cooranga North Hall
1.00pm to 2.30pm

| Item | Action | Date | Who |
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| 1 | Invitation to Operations to the next community meeting for input going forward | 11 March 2020 | Brian McEvoy |