



COOPERS GAP WIND FARM Community Consultative Committee

Project	Coopers Gap Wind Farm at Cooranga North
Meeting No	22
Date	Thursday, 9 February 2017
Venue and Time	Cooranga North Memorial Hall, Cooranga North
Documents	Meeting minutes and actions
Chair	Kath Elliott (KE), Acting Independent Chair
Minutes	Liz Todd, Independent Consultant
AGL representatives	Clare Mildren (CM), Senior Manager Government and Community Relations Tim Knill (TK), Power Development Stuart Galway (SG), Land & Approvals Manager
Committee Members	Neil French Russell Glode Cyril Stewart Mick Cosgrove Bill Sparkes Tom Hoare Amanda Pugh – WDRC Economic Development Manager
Apologies	Jim and Kate Scutt Andrew O'Connor Evan Carless, AGL Project manager
Community observers in attendance	Approximately 17



Meeting Minutes

1. Welcome

Kath Elliot, Independent Chair

- Meeting opened at 1:29pm. Apologies for delayed start due to late arrival of Tim and Stuart, AGL.
- CCC members, guests and observers were welcomed.
- Apologies were noted.
- Overview provided of the meeting agenda.

Minutes of previous meeting

- Edits – Bill Sparkes was not an apology and was in attendance.

The minutes from the 24 November 2016 meeting were accepted.

Action Items

- Minutes now being posted to Jim Scutt and Russell Glode. Completed.

Action: Update distribution list to include Mr & Mrs Bice and any others as requested.

2. Project status update

Tim Knill, AGL Power Development

EIS update

- 19 December 2016 Coordinator General accepted Draft EIS as the Final EIS.
- Anticipate a decision by Coordinator General early – mid March 2017.
- Individuals who made submissions to the EIS with concerns were responded to directly.
- Evaluation stage has commenced by the Coordinator General. This process includes assessments against the wind farm state code for a whole of government approach, coordinated by the Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning (DILGP), via the State Assessment and Referral Agency (SARA), as the assessment manager for wind farm proposals in Queensland.
- It is expected that the submission recommending the project to be approved, with conditions. Conditions are the requirements to abide by for construction of the project. These will be available.

Connection to Grid

- Working with Powerlink on a detailed design and scope of works for connecting wind farm to Transmission network. Powerlink own and operate the infrastructure in the area, and works can't be done by other parties, which makes works on the infrastructure non-contestable works.
- Negotiating connection agreement with Powerlink.

Tender Update

- Evan Carless is undergoing tender negotiations with potential suppliers/constructors of the wind farm. There are no major points of difference, and AGL is happy with the value of the tenders received. A cost benefit analysis is being done considering each tenderer on a range of aspects including price, specifications, community engagement and local participation.
- Project commitment target is the second half 2017.
- The contractors are EPC or Engineering, Procurement, Construction which means they are responsible for all construction aspects and will have their own sub-contractors who will also engage smaller contractors for local work.
- Construction targeted to commence 3-6 months post commitment. This factors in finalising design and construction details for roads, infrastructure and turbines.
- Construction period of approximately two years. AGL only takes over the turbines when they are operating well.
- AGL approves the major contractors, but don't put an imposition for local contractors. They are required to provide a local participation plan that effectively means that AGL makes sure that everyone gets notified of tenders and contract opportunities.



Comments: There are varying interpretations of what local is. Some big companies, in the gas industry for example, are locally based and employ locals; others however perceive that Australia is 'local'. It would be good if companies who are known to employ local people are used over companies who bring in workers.

Response: (TK) There will be open days, presentations at forums and information packages available to local businesses to register interest and submit capability statements.

(CM) We encourage locals to register their interest to work on projects. It is cheaper to engage local workers so contractors should let AGL know if they are keen. The capability list of local opportunities informs the contractors and sub-contractors.

There is time from when the preferred contractor is selected to when the agreements are signed. This is an opportunity to let the community know, bring the contractor out to the region and have conversations about these issues.

Q1: How close is AGL to making a decision on the EPC contractor?

A1: (TK) Evan Carless is working solidly on the assessments, but can't put an exact time on it. A few weeks, not months. At least two tenderers will be taken through to the final process and one is signed up. Terms and conditions are worked out and signing will be held off until the notice to proceed is announced which is when finances are in place.

Before finance is announced, a lot of the approvals will already be in place. This will help shore up or remove barriers to proceeding. This includes a grid generation authority, registration of the wind farm on the market and secondary approvals.

3. Silverton Wind Farm Update

Tim Knill, AGL Power Development

- AGL announced on the 19 January 2017 the 200 MW Silverton wind farm in western New South Wales is set to proceed to construction having achieved financial close on the sale of the project to the Powering Australian Renewables Fund (PARF).
- Approximately \$450 million project funds which will provide significant economic investment to the local region.
- Up to 150 jobs will be created during the peak of construction.
- Silverton is PARF's first greenfield renewable development further strengthening AGL's credentials as Australia's largest investor, developer and operator of renewables.
- The PARF is a partnership between AGL, QIC and Future Fund, which is targeting the development of approximately 1,000 MW of large-scale renewable energy projects.
- AGL anticipates that Coopers Gap wind farm will be the next project presented to PARF.
- Targeting second half of 2017 for presenting Coopers Gap wind farm to PARF for a final investment decision.

Q2: How are the PARF arrangements managed for Coopers Gap wind farm?

Action: (CM) to respond to the next CCC meeting with PARF and Future Fund details.

4. Solar for wind farm neighbours

- Proposal is that AGL will offer to wind farm neighbours within approximately 2 km's of the wind farm boundary 5 kW of Solar Panels. For those already with solar, other equivalent benefits such as batteries will be offered.
- Offer is dependent upon the wind farm being committed to construction.
- If committed to construction, AGL will commence discussions with eligible neighbours.

5. Other business

Project Name

- Whilst the name can't be retrospectively changed for official documents, there is opportunity to put up signage for "Coopers Gap at Cooranga North". AGL will seek feedback from the community regarding the signs which might include a map and pictures of the wind turbines and local highlights. It will be an important communication tool for passers-by and visitors on how the region is contributing to renewable energy.

Project Branding

- ALG have been thinking about a standout logo or landmark photo for the project. This could involve a competition in the community for the designs. In Silverton, a competition was held for a viewing platform.

Mobile coverage

- AGL has been negotiating with politicians to secure mobile coverage for the area, with the support of local mayors and members to get momentum. Telstra has been 'varied' in its response to the request and will continue to be pursued.

Notice of Approval

Action: AGL to inform the local contacts as soon as a notice of approval has been given.

Action: AGL will organise a meeting with the approved contractor to provide information to the wider community.

6. Next meeting

- Thursday 11 May, 1-3pm, Cooranga North.
- Tim Knill will present on wind turbine technology at the next meeting.

Meeting closed 2:16pm.

Action Item	CCC meeting	Status	Who
Ensure minutes are distributed to everyone who has provided contacts, and post where required. Add: M&R Bice, T&M O'Brien, A Pugh, N Tarry, W Tarry, B Nayler	7 February	Ongoing	CM
Update minutes 24 Nov 2016 - Bill Sparkes attending	7 February	Open	LT/CM
PARF and Future Fund arrangements for Coopers Gap wind farm, report next meeting.	9 February	Open	CM
AGL to inform the local contacts as soon as a notice of approval has been given.	9 February	Open	CM
AGL will organise a meeting with the approved contractor to provide information to the wider community.	9 February	Open	CM
Pay CWA invoice	9 February	Open	CM

