



<b>Project:</b>	<b>Silverton Wind Farm</b>
<b>Meeting No:</b>	Sixth Community Consultative Committee meeting
<b>Date:</b>	Wednesday 27 March 2013
<b>Venue and Time:</b>	Silverton Youth Hall 6pm – 8pm
<b>Document:</b>	Meeting notes and actions
<b>Chair/Facilitator:</b>	Kath Elliott (KE)
<b>Minutes:</b>	Rosa Han (RH), AGL
<b>AGL representatives:</b>	Neil Cooke (NC) Manager, Power Development and Amanda Shaw (AS), Manager Community Engagement
<b>Committee Members:</b>	Cynthia Langford, Purnamoota Station
	Kevin White, Historic Daydream Mine
	Phillip Blore, Belmont Station
	Dennis Roach, Chamber of Commerce
	Rod Grenfell, Local resident
	Steve Radford, Consolidated Mining and Civil
	Cameron Koch, Silver City Minerals
	Peter Price, Silverton Committee/ Silverton Hotel
<b>Apologies</b>	Naomi Schmidt, Eldee Station
	Marion Browne, Councillor Broken Hill City Council
	Tiff Brown, Department of Primary Industries, Catchments & Lands
	Albert Woodroffe, Silverton Committee, Horizon Galleries
	Dave Gallagher, Councillor Broken Hill City Council
	Maureen O'Donnell, Traditional Owner
	Joanne O'Donnell, Broken Hill Land Council
	John Taplin, Secretary Silverton Village Committee
	Helen Murray, Local resident
<b>Community observers in attendance:</b>	Approximately 10

## Meeting Minutes

Item	Action
<p><b>1. Welcome</b></p> <p>Kath Elliott (KE) opened the meeting at 6:00pm and welcomed members of the Silverton Community Consultative Committee (SCCC) and observers in attendance.</p> <p>KE noted the following apologies from the CCC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Albert Woodroffe</li> <li>- Tiff Brown</li> <li>- Naomi Schmidt</li> <li>- Maureen O'Donnell</li> <li>- Joanne O'Donnell</li> <li>- Helen Murray</li> <li>- John Taplin</li> </ul> <p>KE provided an overview of the agenda and the minutes from the February 2013 meeting were discussed and adopted with no changes required.</p>	
<p><b>2. Project update, Neil Cooke</b></p> <p>NC provided a project update to the committee. He noted the following key dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 26 April 2013 – tender returns from the 5 tenderers</li> <li>• June/July 2013 – negotiation period for the final 2 shortlisted entities</li> <li>• Mid August 2013 – Final entity selected</li> <li>• Q4 2013 – Go to AGL Board for funding approval</li> <li>• March 2014 – construction planned to commence (subject to AGL Board funding decision)</li> <li>• Approximately 24-27 months period of construction. Of this civil works will last approximately 1 year</li> </ul> <p>Q1. Will the committee be informed who the two final shortlisted entities are?</p> <p>A1. NC noted that during the negotiation period he will share as much information as possible. However, the committee will need to be mindful that some aspects of the negotiation will be confidential.</p> <p>NC noted that environmental consultants, along with AGL representatives, will be at Silverton for a site visit from W/C 1 April.</p>	

NC provided an update on sand and rock.

AGL is in the process of exploring the possibility of extracting sand from the two creeks and testing has confirmed the sand from both locations is considered suitable by the environmental consultants. However, there are a number of steps AGL is required to go through to seek the relevant planning approvals.

Steve Radford (SR) explained the process of extracting sand from creeks to the committee. He also explained how the Silverton Village community had come to receive royalties from sand extraction. SR made a rough estimate of the amount of sand multiplied by the price per tonne which could go to the committee. It was a significant amount and members agreed that if it could be arranged, it would provide considerable community benefit to Silverton. This could be discussed at the next Silverton town committee meeting. SR also mentioned that he may be able to provide assistance in the sand extraction from the Umberumberka Creek.

Peter Price (PP) noted that the Silverton Village Committee has received the floodplain study from their consultants and will receive a brief from the consultants before their next CCC meeting. The Village Committee will then make a decision on their preferred sand extraction option and report back to the CCC.

NC explained that sourcing the sand from the Umberumberka creek will mean there is an increase in traffic movements around that area. He also noted that the option of sourcing materials on site was preferred as it meant a reduction in traffic movements coming into Broken Hill/ Silverton.

Q2. Will AGL advise contractors to source sand from Silverton so the royalties are received by the community?

A2. This will be considered.

*Post meeting point of clarification: Subject to feedback being received by the Silverton Village Committee, AGL can recommend the sand is sourced from a particular location. However, the ultimate decision for where the sand will be sourced will be made by the construction contractor (subject to the relevant approvals being granted) as they will ultimately be responsible for ensuring all materials meet specifications.*

Kevin White (KW) asked how AGL would be able to decide which area to extract the sand from when the turbine locations have not been determined yet. KW also expressed his concern about the impact the increased traffic movements will have on the Daydream Mine Rd. Kevin asked what the upgrade works will be to the Daydream Mine Rd.

Neil advised he will look at the upgrade specifications for the Daydream Mine Rd and provide information at the next CCC meeting.

Silverton Village Committee to report back to the CCC their preferred option for the sand extraction.

NC to advise committee the upgrade specifications required for Daydream Mine Rd

<p>Q3. If the sand is taken from the Mundi Mundi Creek, does that mean the Silverton Community does not receive any royalties?</p> <p>A3. Yes.</p>	
<p><b>3. Update on sand, Silverton Village Committee</b></p> <p>The Silverton Village Committee meeting was postponed and this topic will be discussed at the next meeting.</p>	
<p><b>4. Benefits to community and local businesses and how AGL can best engage with local business, Neil Cooke</b></p> <p>Please see presentation slides 5-10</p> <p>AS explained the purpose of this presentation was to share with the committee the types of opportunities that are available for local businesses and individuals at other AGL wind farms during the construction and operations phases, as well as what portion of the capital expenditure was spent locally on these projects.</p> <p>External consultants completed an economic impact assessment of the following AGL wind farms</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Hallett Wind Farms, SA</li> <li>2. Oaklands Hill Wind Farm, VIC</li> <li>3. Macarthur Wind Farm, VIC</li> </ol> <p>The findings of these assessments were presented in two separate reports; a South Australia report and a Victoria report.</p> <p>AS also noted the South Australia report was prepared in June 2010 when a portion of the wind farms were still in the construction stage. Similarly the Victoria report was prepared when the Macarthur Wind Farm was in the construction stage and the Oaklands Hill Wind Farm had been operational for 6 months. As such, some values in these reports were forecasted based on predictions and expenditure to date.</p> <p>NC explained that the scale of the Silverton Wind Farm will be approximately half the size of the Macarthur Wind Farm. He also noted that due to the broad skill set available in the Silverton/Broken Hill region, this could mean more locally sourced contracts which would positively influence the figures.</p> <p>He noted during the peak construction stage there are expected to be approximately 150 workers required. In addition, there would be approximately 10-12 full time operators required on an ongoing basis.</p>	



Dennis Roach (DR) noted that he had been contacted by Leightons and Acciona in regards to employment opportunities in the local area. However he noted the other tenderers weren't as forthcoming with information as the aforementioned tenderers.

DR to pass capability documents onto AGL.

DR noted that the Chamber of Commerce was in the process of putting together further capability documents.

NC stated that it was in the contractor's interest to employ local people as this would reduce the cost of accommodation and travel.

AS explained that AGL has attempted to assist contractors with engaging local businesses and employees by including capability documentation in the tender documents and passing on any relevant information.

NC noted that he had attended the Industry Capability Network breakfast where he presented on the project. He will also be attending the Broken Hill Council's community open day on 11 April.

*Questions from CCC members and observers:*

Q1. Can we receive a copy of these reports?

RH to upload the economic impact assessment studies on the microsite

A1. Yes, these will be made available on the microsite.

Q2. At the Macarthur Wind Farm, were there lots of employment opportunities for locals?

A2. Yes and they were engaged by the primary contractor, Leightons. Jeff Trompf (AGL Construction Manager) to provide more information at the May meeting.

Q3. Do you think Broken Hill's local businesses and infrastructure will be capable of dealing with the extra impact of jobs during the construction stage?

NC to review social impact assessment study

A3. NC noted he will need to review the social impact assessment study that was prepared and will answer this in detail at the next meeting.

DR included that the Chamber of Commerce was working with TAFE and colleges to identify areas where students can gain skills and traineeships. He said he will provide more information on this at the next meeting.

Q4. During the construction stage, are the specialist positions normally recruited from other areas?

A4. NC noted that due to the nature of the job, some roles require a specialised skill set which may not be available in the local area. He noted that the construction manager, Jeff Trompf, will be invited to attend the next meeting to discuss this in more detail.

There was a question raised from an observer in relation to a health and safety issue when sourcing rocks from Lakes Knob. He noted that uranium has been found at some locations. NC confirmed the appropriate investigations will be carried out prior to any rock extraction.



**5. Next meeting and close**

KE reminded CCC members and observers that the next meeting will be held on 23 May 2013 and at this meeting the topic of turbine locations will be discussed in detail.

Meeting closed at 7.30pm