



**Meeting**                    **Coopers Gap Wind Farm Community Consultative Committee No. 31**

**Venue**                     Cooranga North Memorial Hall, Cooranga North

**Time**                      1:00 pm

**Date**                      12 June 2019

**Chair**                     Rob Hart

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

Rob Hart (Independent Chair), Sharyn Garrett (AGL), Peter Gibson (GE), Carl Allcorn (GE CatCon), Michael Yeo (AECOM), Celeste Nelson (Jandowae B&C Group), Gordon Glode, Beth Glode, John Marker, Dafyd Martindale (SBO), Martin Mansell (AGL), Glenn Strandquist (Jandowae Business Group), Kate Djumas (AECOM), Martin Scerri (AECOM), Matthew Service (AECOM), Grant Cormack-Thompson (AECOM), Jim Cuskelly, Mitchell Anderson (TSBE), Ron Baldwin (Baldwin Energy Pty Ltd), Fred Drake, Michelle Davis, Lidewij Koene (WDRC), Alice Sharp, Michelle Davis, Finlay Sharp, Tony Ralph (USQ), Walter Gooderham, Delta Sparkes, Cheryl Cosgrove, Gwen McLaughlin, Val Stewart, Bruce Gooderham, Renee Mulholland

**Apologies**                Brian McEvoy  
                                  Neville Tarry  
                                  Karen Tarry  
                                  Clare Wilkes

**Item**

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**01**

**Welcome**

Rob Hart opened the meeting at 1.00pm.  
The minutes of the previous meeting on 13 March 2019 were distributed prior to the meeting.  
Confirmed that all members received copies of previous minutes.

***Neil French moved that the minutes be accepted. Seconded Bill Sparks. All agreed. Carried.***



Rob Hart requested update on last meetings action items

<p><b>Item 1 – Cable pit lids</b></p> <p>Outcome: Peter Gibson advised this is now complete</p>
<p><b>Item 2 - Phone SBRC for update on roads</b></p> <p>Outcome: No SBRC representative in attendance to provide update.</p> <p>Glenn Strandquist reiterated the concerns that some of the roads have sharp bends and had questioned if there were plans to straighten or re-align.</p> <p>Peter advised the council had realigned where possible. SBRC understood requirements with regards to turning circles etc and have taken this into account.</p> <p>Rob Hart – believes this issue has been addressed and resolved but will leave on action items for SBRC to communicate in next meeting. Stresses that a representative be in attendance each meeting.</p> <p>Note: Ros Heit did arrive during the meeting after this discussion.</p>
<p><b>Item 3 - Organise tour for interested landholders</b></p> <p>Outcome: Sharyn Garrett located prior EOI and a number of these landholders have already had tours.</p> <p>Sharyn circulated dates for further tours, given the development progress since the initial tours. All encouraged to register their attendance.</p>
<p><b>Item 4 - Reset TV reception for Finlay Sharpe</b></p> <p>Outcome: Finlay confirmed this has been actioned</p>
<p><b>Item 5 - Confirmation of WDRC funding hall re-stumping</b></p> <p>Outcome: Complete</p>

Rob requested an update on funding for the shed required by the Cooranga North Rural Fire Brigade. It was raised at the last meeting that this was promised by AGL at the beginning of the project. Sharyn advised she was unable to locate where this had been originally tabled, and AGL has suggested this is not something they could fund in its entirety but is certainly happy to assist.

Sharyn to provide update at next meeting.

## 02

### **Project Update**

Michael Yeo advised the project timeline has stabilised and is on track for practical completion early 2020.

Michael also advised that AGL will be conducting an emergency services training exercise for internal response protocol for both AGL and Emergency Services. Rob raised concerns that locals may not be aware that this is just a drill. Michael assures this is unlikely. Sharyn reiterated that AGL and Emergency Services staff on the phones are aware of the particulars should landholders call with concerns.

## 03

### **Construction Update**

Peter introduced Carl Allcorn, Consortium Manager for GE-CATCON.

Carl took the opportunity to clarify the GE-CATCON structure, being a joint venture between GE and Catcon for a single project. Catcon contributed civil works while GE provides the infrastructure and assembly.

33 turbines have been installed, 8 turbines are mechanically complete and ready for commission. Area 1 (15 Turbines) have been pre-commissioned and will be operational in July 2019.

Pete advised complications with deliveries have been resolved and deliveries are now happening far more consistently creating a stabilised construction schedule. There have been complaints with regards to the traffic delays caused by these deliveries. There are now schedules available for anyone who wants them.

The Bunya Highway/ Niagara Rd intersection upgrade is now complete. This was necessary to accommodate deliveries but will additionally provide the benefit of an all-weather road. Initial trials identified issues with low hanging power lines causing delays. This has now been rectified and new trials are much better.

## 04

### **Community Update**

Sharyn provided an update on the mobile phone tower. A great deal of behind the scenes work has been put into this project which puts us in a strong position to secure the required funding, although it will take time.

Glenn asked for funding particulars. Funding is being sought from various government programs and budgets.

16 applications were received for Round 4 of the CGWF Community Fund. These were assessed by the panel to determine the best way to distribute and the result was 7 fully funded and 5 partially funded projects. Copies of results were provided at meeting and are available on the AGL website.

Glenn queried progress on increasing the Community Fund. Sharyn confirmed that no further progress beyond the \$30,000 previously committed for next year. Mick Cosgrove raised concerns that the ongoing commitment by AGL is simply not enough and moves that the committee write to Brett Redman for a much larger commitment, for a response by next meeting. Neil French seconds the proposal and it is decided that the secretary prepare a letter on behalf of the committee.

Coopers Gap Wind Farm was included in the regional tours offered as part of the 2019 Big Skies festival. This tour was very well supported with a lot of genuine interest being shown.



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The PARF board recently made an onsite visit to Coopers Gap, speaking with both staff and contractors. The board gained a good insight to the issues and processes at a ground level.

While Clare Wilkes was unable to attend today's meeting, she continues to lobby for community and project outcomes and was today meeting with Energy Minister Angus Taylor.

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## 05

### **General Business and Q&A**

Rob threw this open to both the committee and public.

Jim Scutt raised concerns regarding accuracy and transparency of the sound map. Having only just received a copy of the sound map, he believes it be too generic and requests one specific to his residence. Jim was concerned the specific topography of his property lent itself to noise carry over long distance. He would also like an independent company to review once operational.

Han to action residence specific sound map for Jim. Han advised that once in operation there will be an independent consultant undertaking ongoing noise monitoring on all properties.

Jim tendered his resignation from the committee citing a lack of resolution on concerns including potential noise from turbines on his property, to which the Chair accepted and thanked Jim for his input.

Neil French questioned the local content of the project. Michael Yeo advised this will be included in the next Social Impact Management Report which is due before the next committee meeting. Rob requested this be split between AGL and Catcon. Michael assured this will be released as a public document.

Peter advised that not all positions vacant have yet been filled. Given the long-term contract of the turbines, there is a lot of incentive to support the training of a local workforce.

Rob queried who would be the contact for interested applications – Peter and Carl to come back with the details.

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## 06

### **Next Meeting and Close**

Meeting closed 2.45pm.

Next meeting:  
Wednesday, 11 September 2019  
Cooranga North Hall  
1.00pm to 2.30pm



**ACTION ITEMS CARRIED OVER**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Who</b>
1	SBRC to advise on road updates & try to have Council engineers attend the next meeting	11 September 2019	Ros Heit SBRC
2	Council update on viewing platforms	11 September 2019	Ros Heit SBRC
3	Report at next meeting regarding local content as a percentage of spend, employee numbers, contractors and broken down for each company	11 September 2019	Michael Yeo/ Sharyn Garrett
4	Details of how to put forward interest in upcoming operations roles	11 September 2019	Carl Allcorn/Peter Gibson
5	Progress of rural fire brigade shed	11 September 2019	Sharyn Garrett
6	Letter addressed to AGL CEO Brett Redman regarding increasing AGL contribution to the Community Fund	31 July 2019	Renee Mulholland
7	Review sound map of Jim Scutt's property and revert directly to Jim with feedback	31 July 2019	Han Tay