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Meeting Minutes

Name of meeting: Stockyard Hill Wind Farm Community Reference Group
Location of meeting Trafford Room, Beaufort Resource Centre, 72 Neill Street, Beaufort
Date: Monday June 3, 2019
Time: 2.00pm

Committee Members:

Douglas Ball	Chair	DJB
Ian Courtney	Community Engagement Manager, SHWF	IC
Trish Collins	Community Relations Officer, SHWF	TC
Chris Amerto	Senior Project Manager – Ausnet Services	CA
Stephen Evans	Construction Manager	SE
John Kavanagh	Community Rep	JKa
James Kirkpatrick	Community Rep	JK
Douglas Smith	Community Rep	DS
David Jackson	Community Rep	DJ
David Bain	Community Rep	DB
Apologies:		
Jim Mahony	Community Rep	DB

Item	Agenda / Comment / Discussion	Action
1.	Apologies: Jim Mahony	
2	Conflict of Interest: Nil.	
3	Chairman's Feedback: DJB welcomed Stephen Evans from Goldwind Australia and Chris Amerto from Ausnet to the meeting. He acknowledged the passing of Michael Murphy and thanked those who attended the wake on behalf of the CRG. He also accepted the sudden resignation of Emma Wallish and thanked her for her input, passion and efforts throughout her time on the CRG. IC and DJB will be revisiting the CRG in view of the 2 years appointed term finishing up in November/December this year. GWA are happy for CRG to continue how it is for now with looking at reshaping a new Reference Group with the intent of being more representation of the community in the future. If members have any thoughts on what new CRG may look like, please contact DJB.	

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	<p>DJB noted that good attendance and good percentage at CRG meetings should be acknowledged.</p> <p>DJB thanked IC for his role in nurturing CRG and for his patience and support to members and the Chair. Presentations are very worthwhile. Goldwind showcasing blade in Beaufort last month was well done and good PR. DS noted there were lot of favourable comments from Skipton area.</p>		
4	<p>Confirmation of previous meeting Minutes of April 8, 2019. Noted Minutes are received.</p>		
5.	<p>Business arising:</p> <p>JK queried if anything had transpired from CRG member using financial background to assist with community investment applications and putting clubs off from applying for grants as bigger amount going towards Mt Emu Creek.</p> <p>DJB advised no.</p> <p>JK and DB noted they attended with IC this morning to go through Stockyard Hill Church. There is no value to it and it is not restorable. Some bricks could be saved and the memorial stone at the front can be used, but nothing else. Previous 2 owners didn't keep up with maintenance. Not Goldwind's fault it has deteriorated.</p> <p>IC noted that Army barracks have also been removed over past week.</p> <p>DB referred to previous meetings where it was noted that if church is demolished funds could go towards Lake Goldsmith Hall. Is that in writing?</p> <p>No, but discussions with JK and IC.</p>		
6	<p>Project update:</p> <p>IC presented project update noting as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 93km access tracks complete 95 foundations poured 10 turbines installed 30+% cabling complete <p>When access tracks complete 1000HV movements less per week. Quarry movements will also reduce. West batching plant will still be used.</p> <p>Community Investment</p> <p>\$292,249 given out to date including \$65,970 in April 2019. Once project in operation that figure will rise to \$300K per year.</p> <p>DB noted slow progression with installation</p> <p>SE advised there are 2 new cranes which had issues with ropes twisting etc. Lost 2 months with that. Now looking at potential night</p>		

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	<p>shift and additional cranes and then finding enough experienced workers to operate them.</p> <p>JK - when will South generate power? SE advised more likely to be West first and hoping by the end of the year.</p> <p>JKa reported that there are not as many workers in Skipton now. Chris noted they have completed all the foundations work and there are now 30 less workers.</p>	
7.	<p>Presentation – Ausnet Services</p> <p>Chris is Senior Project Manager and is in charge of construction of transmission line and terminal station.</p> <p>He showed a video of 3 months construction in 3 minutes and a PowerPoint noting as follows:</p> <p>Transmission line –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - all foundations completed - 279 pole 217 been installed. - 26 km of 74km line installed. <p>DB why are the poles so shiny? Chris advised the galvanising will dull over 6 months back to grey. Will finish transmission line in Quarter 3.</p> <p>Terminal station - Construction of 132kV switchyard is ongoing Terminal station control building fit out and wiring underway Foundation works and external drainage works have been completed Assembly of 500kV towers and rack structures ongoing</p> <p>DJ - could you piggy-back some of the old power poles? Chris advised that electricity generated is totally different and generates dirty power so cannot mix.</p> <p>DJ noted permit states amalgamating 2 different lines. IC noted 2 companies owning different assets and with SHWF.</p> <p>DJ – Underground cabling provides 3 x more power than overhead lines. Why not use underground cabling? Chris hasn't heard that, but can look into it. He also advised it depends on the cross section and how it is constructed.</p>	

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	<p>IC reported to Chris that Zinfra being located in Skipton has been very beneficial to the shops and the shop owners have been very thankful. Please pass on feedback to Ausnet and Zinfra</p> <p>DB – Zinfra boys hit a high-pressure water pipe on his property when unloading. Wondering who to send invoice too? Send to IC to forward to Chris.</p> <p>JKa - Powerline has stopped near Geelong Road going onto Rokewood/Skipton Road near Shady's and has big concrete slab. Is there any reason why it stopped? Chris advised that it is a Zinfra issue. Not sure why, but he guarantees they will come back to it. They might be working elsewhere, but concrete slabs won't remain.</p> <p>DB – starts lambing on Dunnet's Lane during July so does not want a lot of disturbance, if possible. SE noted they will start in 3 weeks or so. Chris noted.</p> <p>If CRG or community have any issues they should go through IC to Chris. Chris then left the meeting.</p>		
8	<p>Community feedback: David Jackson Agenda items: (a) Condition of roads within the wind farm project have deteriorated – There appears to be negligible repairs and maintenance being done on these roads. Concern that this will only get worse with wet weather. Drainage on the Stockyard Hill road is non-existent in many sections, and after a few mm of rain – like Sunday 26th May – large pools of water have formed part way across the road in a number of areas. IC advised that the road conditions, especially with rain, are becoming more of an issue. Weekly inspections are being undertaken to see if urgent repairs need to be done ASAP. There is a plan in place to get contractors on board to clean up. Drainage works are in that plan. Roads should be maintained better after July with 1000 less HV movement. This will be about half HV vehicles now.</p> <p>DB- Stockyard Hill Road needs a couple of culverts in it. SE spoke to contractors and they have 2 maintenance crews starting later in week, so hopefully they will be able to assist.</p>		

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	<p>Stockyard Hill Road from Dunnet’s to Streatham Road also has a lot of traffic on it. There have been some near misses with cars going too fast. SE will look at it.</p> <p>JK suggested slashing from Dunnedts to Streatham and get Shire to look into it. Toppers Lane near Grants also needs attention. IC noted can speak with Shire.</p> <p>(b) Gravel trucks still operating without tarps on public roads. SE advised they do reinforce this regularly. Did an exercise a few weeks ago. Yes, trucks don’t have tarps on, but out of 27 vehicles stopped, 2 tarps were on and 20 without but no material in them. It is getting a lot better.</p> <p>(c) Why are occupied homes being acquired by GWA/SHWF? IC advised that conversations have occurred with different landowners looking to sell. Goldwind are looking at opportunities to buy for operational staff. The 2 houses were potentially on the market</p> <p>(d) Are all towers located 100m off public roads as per planning permit? Yes all. Closest is 106m to pubic road.</p> <p>(e) Do any blades have serrations on them prior to be installed? If noise is considered an issue once operational will serrations be applied to blades? All blades will have serrations on them. They are put on before installation to mitigate potential noise issues</p> <p>(f) Are there recycling facilities for general rubbish at compound sites? No recycle facilities onsite as contractor takes it back to site and recycling is done from there.</p> <p>(g) What screening is available to landowners close to the project area. As the first few turbines have been erected there have been a few comments about how big they are and how visible they are from their houses. The visual and landscaping Plan is with the Minister for Planning to approve – hopefully with in next few weeks. Screening will be available to residents within 4 km and a letter will be sent out shortly inviting them into the process.</p>	
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	<p>(h) Will double glazing of windows be offered to nearby landowners – as is the case at the Mt Mercer Wind farm, and others? Double glazing is not anticipated. IC believes Goldwind are meeting conditions of plan as described. If Landowners believe there is an issue, Goldwind can look into it further with that individual Landowner.</p> <p>(i) Anticipated complete date for power line installation? Proposed to be operational by end of year.</p> <p>(j) Anticipated complete date for project? Mid-2020.</p> <p>(k) When will rehabilitation works begin on the sides of the Stockyard Hill Road? Apologies that rehabilitation works have been delayed. With keenness of contractors to complete access tracks it has been held off. There is a review in the planning and waiting to see what natural grasses come through over winter in order to do a late planning in mid to late spring</p>	
9.	<p>General Business: DS – what will Goldwind be paying for rates in lieu? IC advised rates in lieu payments will be provided to Pyrenees Shire Council. DS suggests CRG should consider contacting Shire recommending that all revenue collected by GWA should be spent within project area. IC noted CRG can draft a letter to Mayor or IC can discuss it at next catch up meeting with Shire. CRG agreed to do both. DJB to sign on behalf of CRG and IC to pass comments onto Shire. DS moved that CRG make a recommendation to the Shire that as compensation being given in the project area, all monies should be sent back into it. DJ – Is quarry at Stockyard Hill closing soon? IC advised it will be reduced dramatically, but open for another 12 months during construction and then another 8 months or so after that. Will still be there for rehab for whatever else needs to do.</p>	Action DJB

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	<p>JK - Road inspections SE advised that Earth and Resources will do some roads and Pyrenees Shire will do Dunnet's, Thompson's and Toppers.</p> <p>DJ – Latest Construction Updates were disappointing as #33?4 seemed to be the same as #32. IC advised that we were rushed to meet time frames.</p> <p>JKa – thanked Goldwind for allowing community investment for CFA to be allocated to last round and thanked for the funding.</p>		
10.	Date of next meeting: 5 August 2019		
11	Meeting closed 3.32pm		