

BANGO WIND FARM PROJECT COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE - ANNUAL REPORT 2019

Bango Wind Farm Community Consultative Committee Details

CCC / Project Name:	Bango Wind Farm CCC	Reporting Period:	March 2018 to March 2019
Independent Chairperson:	Lisa Andrews	Proponent Contact:	Kristin Old

1. Executive Summary

The Bango Wind Farm is located to the east of Lachlan Valley Way between the regional centres of Yass and Boorowa in the Southern Tablelands of NSW.

The site is located in the Hilltops and Yass Valley local government areas and forms part of a larger rural area used primarily for grazing.

Originally the project proposed the construction of up to 75 turbines, however, following submissions during the assessment process, mainly regarding biodiversity and visual concerns, was reduced and approved by the Independent Planning Commission for 71 turbines. Following an appeal to the Land and Environment Court, consent was granted for 46 turbines (to be positioned within 49 locations). The project also involves the development of associated ancillary infrastructure.

The proponent, CWP Renewables Pty Ltd, consulted with the community from the commencement of its preparation for their development application in 2013. First meeting approximately once per year, the CCC now meets on a quarterly basis, alternatively between Yass and Boorowa venues.

The Community Consultative Committee (CCC) operates in accordance with the Department of Planning & Environment's Community Consultative Committee Guidelines for State Significant Development (January 2019). The committee's membership consists of:

- Two local community representatives
- One Yass Valley Council delegate
- One Hilltops Regional Council delegate
- One stakeholder group representative (Boorowa District Landscape Guardians)
- One host landholder; and
- One Independent Chairperson.

2. CCC activities over last 12 months

Over the past 12 months, the CCC met in May 2018, September 2018, January 2019 and April 2019 and members have received presentations and updates from the proponent's representatives on:

- Environmental studies
- Management Plans
- Local contractor and employment opportunities
- Independent Planning Commission proceedings
- Land and Environment Court appeal
- Management of the superb parrot population
- Micrositing of the turbine locations
- Tendering for construction (civil) contractor
- Consideration of turbine supplier and type of turbine proposed
- Voluntary Planning Agreements with both Councils.

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The CCC is an effective communication forum between the community, the Council and the company. It fulfils its objectives under the Department's guidelines, however, attendance at the meetings has been inconsistent. The Independent Chairperson is currently advertising for additional community representatives and stakeholder group delegates to enhance representation for the broader community.

There were no joint CCC's held in the region.

3. Key issues

Issue	Actions Taken	Next Steps
Impacts to community from construction & transportation activities	Presentation provided to CCC in January 2019 on how a wind farm is constructed.	Successful construction (civil) contractor to attend a future CCC to present to members on proposed measures for mitigating of impacts.
Management of the Superb Parrot	Condition 13 of the project approval requires CWP to contribute \$100,000 over 5 years to prepare and implement a Superb Parrot Conservation Research Plan. This will be incorporated with two other wind farm approvals in the region.	Ongoing updates to be provided to CCC.
Local employment opportunities	An ICN Gateway will be set up following the appointment of the successful construction contractor to enable registration for local employment opportunities.	A report will be provided to each CCC providing statistics on local jobs.

4. Focus for next 12 months

The focus for the next 12 months will be the proponent preparing its Management Plans and necessary approvals for the construction of the project, including the appointment of a successful civil contractor to undertake the works.

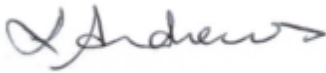
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The planned activities for 2019 will be guided by the contributions of the CCC members. These activities are likely to include:

- Preparation of pre-approval requirements for construction of the project.
- Preparation of Management Plans.
- Preparation of Dilapidation Reports for pre-construction activities.
- Continued updates on environmental monitoring of the site.
- Implementation of the National Superb Parrot Conservation Plan.
- Implementation of the project's Community Enhancement Fund.

To the best of my knowledge, there are no outstanding or emerging issues that have not been addressed.

CCC minutes and presentations are available on the website.

Signature of Chair:	
Date:	30 April 2019