

Uungula Wind Farm

Annual Report 2020

Community Consultative Committee Details

CCC / Project Name:	Uungula Wind Farm (UWF)	Reporting Period:	2020
Independent Chairperson:	Garry West	Proponent Contact:	Matthew Flower Development Manager (CWP)

1. Executive Summary

The Uungula Wind Farm (UWF) Community Consultative Committee (CCC) has continued to operate within the Department of Planning, Industry & Environment (DPIE) Community Consultative Committee Guidelines. CCC members continue to abide by the code of conduct agreement and have updated their declaration of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests with the Independent Chair as necessary. All changes have been drawn to the attention of the CCC membership and all members continue as active members of the CCC.

The CCC adopted procedure of draft minutes being circulated for comment within 7 days of the meeting and the final minutes and the company presentation being circulated and uploaded to the company website to permit CCC members to use them for their stakeholder consultation activities has been maintained.

CWP Renewables, on behalf of the Proponent (Uungula Wind Farm Pty Ltd), Project Developer has predominately focused its activities during 2020 on preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

The Twelve Mile Road impacts and upgrade were subject to considerable consultation with residents and Dubbo Regional Council. Neighbour, stakeholder and Council consultation and engagement was maintained by various medium in spite of the impact of the coronavirus. The CCC was kept fully briefed throughout this process.

The layout was altered during the EIS process, with a reduction of turbines from 109 to 97 (up to 250m in height and 170m in diameter). This reduction was in the south eastern end of the project. Early May 2020, the EIS was submitted to DPIE for a pre-exhibition check.

The Development Application and the EIS was publicly exhibited for six weeks from 27 May 2020 until 8 July 2020. Due to the NSW Government Public Health Orders, the EIS and the exhibition were only available online. The exhibition period was advertised in the local and regional media. Three printed versions of the EIS were provided to three members of the CCC to view and distribute within the wider community.

The Department received 32 submissions on the project, including 25 from the general public and 7 from special interest groups. 19 Government agencies submitted comments.

Further studies and additional information were provided as appendices to the Response to Submissions Report covering biodiversity, heritage, intersection designs, bushfire and hydrology.

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Transport for NSW and Dubbo Regional Council did not support the proposed upgrade of the existing Goolma Road / Twelve Mile Road intersection, both authorities citing road safety concerns and requested the intersection be repositioned at an alternative location approximately 400m north, to a location on the top of Goolma Road. The revised intersection design provides for turning and deceleration lanes with better road safety outcomes. The intersection upgrade will be completed at the commencement of construction of the project.

A draft Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) has been submitted to Dubbo Regional Council for consultation and exhibition for comment.

2. CCC activities over last 12 months

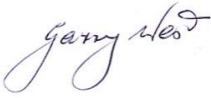
- Four meetings were held during the year, 2 face to face and 2 by teleconference.
- The meetings were well attended, and members contributed constructively to the discussions.
- The company provided members with a detailed update on the project and outlined proposed timeline. Each meeting's presentation was uploaded to the Proponent's website together with the minutes,

3. Key issues

- Traffic issues and road safety were one of the most pressing issues. The re-design of the Goolma Road / Twelve Mile Road intersection remains a point of contention with some residents.

4. Focus for next 12 months

- Following exhibition of the EIS the project now awaits approval, with conditions of consent.
- Four CCC meetings are planned during 2021 as construction is expected to commence in accordance with the anticipated Conditions of Consent.

Signature of Chair:	
Date:	4 January 2020