

Wednesday 19 February 2020
Nimmitabel Community Centre, Nimmitabel

Attendees

Lisa Andrews (LA) Independent Chairperson
 Cr Peter Beer (PB) Mayor, Snowy Monaro Regional Council
 Howard Charles (HC) Community Representative
 Adam West (AW) Facility Manager, BRWF
 Jessica Petersen (JP) Development Officer, CWP Renewables

Apologies

Peter Bascomb (GM, SMRC)
 Fiona Taylor – Community Representative
 Vickie Pollard – Nimmitabel Advancement Group representative
 Maryanne Renfrey – Country Women’s Association Representative
 (Nimmitabel Branch)
 John Harrington – Community Representative

Absent

Bill Garnock (host landholder)

Item	Action															
<p>1.0 Welcome and Introductions <i>Meeting opened at 9.13am.</i> Lisa Andrews welcomed the attendees and advised that there had been a number of late apologies received.</p>	<p>All present were requested to complete the Attendance Sheet.</p>															
<p>2.0 Apologies – As above.</p>																
<p>3.0 Declarations of Interest LA declared that she was an Independent Chair, approved by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) and engaged by CWP to chair the CCC meeting.</p>	<p>No changes to members’ previous declarations.</p>															
<p>4.0 Business arising The minutes of 11th November 2019 meeting were finalised and sent to CCC members on 4/2/20. Action items from the previous minutes were:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Item</th> <th>Issue</th> <th>Action By</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>Keep CCC informed of CEF outcomes</td> <td>AW – Ongoing</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>Advise CCC when modification referred to IPC. Held over – not yet referred to IPC from DPIE.</td> <td>JP</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3</td> <td>Forward previous presentations through to the Mayor & previous CEF correspondence. Complete.</td> <td>LA</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4</td> <td>Write to SMRC again raising concerns regarding the assessment and distribution of CEF grants in accordance with the condition of project consent. Complete – Peter Bascomb’s PA responded saying he would be happy to speak to the CCC, however, was unavailable today.</td> <td>LA</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Item	Issue	Action By	1	Keep CCC informed of CEF outcomes	AW – Ongoing	2	Advise CCC when modification referred to IPC. Held over – not yet referred to IPC from DPIE.	JP	3	Forward previous presentations through to the Mayor & previous CEF correspondence. Complete.	LA	4	Write to SMRC again raising concerns regarding the assessment and distribution of CEF grants in accordance with the condition of project consent. Complete – Peter Bascomb’s PA responded saying he would be happy to speak to the CCC, however, was unavailable today.	LA	
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<p>5.0 Correspondence Report (emailed 4/2/20) with 2 additional items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24/11/19 – Email to CCC members with the draft minutes for review. • 4/12/19 – Email to CCC members with the finalised minutes. • 4/2/20 – Letter/Email to SMRC regarding CEF grant funding. • 4/2/20 – Email to CCC members with the Meeting Notice, Agenda & Correspondence Report for this meeting • 14/2/20 – Email from SMRC, advising that Peter Bascomb would be happy to address the issues raised, however, not available for this meeting 17/2/20. • 17/2/20 – Email to members with a reminder for this meeting. 	<p>Accepted.</p>
<p>6.0 Reports/Updates Stage 2 Presentation</p> <p>JP provided attendees with an update on BRWF Stage Two:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Modification Response to Submissions (RTS) and Amended Modification Report have been submitted to DPIE for its assessment. ▪ The RTS has been prepared to document how the issues raised in the submissions have been considered and, where relevant, what actions have been taken. ▪ The Amendment Modification Report has been prepared to describe changes made to the project since public exhibition of the Modification in 2018. ▪ Both of these documents are available via the NSW Major Projects Planning Portal Website: https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/project/13696 <p>Response to Submissions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The issues raised during the exhibition period have been identified and categorised into common themes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Socio-economics: including employment, community enhancement fund, tourism/recreation and renewable energy. 2. Impact Assessment: including the anticipated impacts as well as methods and outcomes of the impact assessment. 3. Existing Wind Farm Approval: including matters which have already been assessed and approved under the Project Approval issued in 2010. 4. Process: including community consultation and engagement, duration of the public exhibition period and the use of Neighbour Agreements. <p>Amendment Modification Report</p> <p>Amendments to the Modification are proposed following assessment of the submission, feedback from the local community and further environmental assessment. The changes includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A commitment to contribute to the Community Enhancement Fund based on a 32 WTG layout (\$80,000 pa - CPI indexed) ▪ A further reduction in the number of approved WTG locations for the Yandra Cluster from 32 to 25. ▪ Locating the temporary construction compound slightly to the south of the location proposed in the Modification (in consultation with the landowner). ▪ Increasing the height of the monitoring masts to WTG hub height. 	<p>See attached presentation for further details.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Subdivision of the land over the Project site to allow for the registration of long-term leases over the WTG locations. <p>Next Steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The next steps will be for DPIE to finish its assessment of the modification application and make a recommendation to the Independent Planning Commission (IPC). The IPC will then undertake its own assessment and make a determination. 	<p>JP committed to advising the CCC once the modification is referred to IPC from DPIE.</p>
<p>BRWF Stage 1 AW advised that it is business as usual with the current operations.</p> <p>Community Enhancement Fund</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AW advised that he has spoken with Council as the Governance Manager, Nola Brady has left and he is concerned that the Community Enhancement Fund (CEF) will no longer function effectively (as had previously occurred when the funds were held by Council for two years without being distributed). • AW advised that the committee should be dissolved in September this year with new committee members re-elected. • AW stated that this would be the perfect opportunity to review the Charter. HC commented that he would be happy to apply for membership on the CEF. • PB asked what membership would remain on the committee with AW responding; 5 Council members and 4 community members. • Following discussions raising concern with the disbursement of funds in accordance with the intent of the condition of approval, HC posed a motion: <p style="text-align: center;"><i>That the existing Charter for the Boco Rock Wind Farm Community Enhancement Fund be reviewed by the Boco Rock Wind Farm Community Consultative Committee, who will provide comments to Snowy Mountains Regional Council based on concerns received from the community.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PB commented that it was wrong for groups to receive funding when they are not impacted by the project. 	<p>Agreed.</p> <p>Action: LA to write to SMRC requesting input into the review of the Charter.</p>
<p>7.0 Community Concerns – No questions provided prior to the meeting.</p>	
<p>8.0 General Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ HC met with John Barilaro MP to request funding to address the “love grass” burden on farmers and the community in the region. Seeking to introduce a program over the next 10 years. ▪ HC advised that the Nimmitabel Show was cancelled due to bushfire risks. ▪ HC recommended a parade be held to thank all the firefighters, however, the captain stated that everyone just wanted to get back to their normal lives after a long and horrific season. 	
<p>9.0 Next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday 20th May, 2020 at the Nimmitabel Community Centre, commencing at 9am. 	<p>VP to book into Community Centre Calendar.</p>

Meeting closed 10.09am with LA thanking all for their attendance.

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