

Meeting Record

Project Name	Mid North Wind Farm	Meeting Date	21 August 2014
Meeting / Subject	Community Liaison Group	Recorded By	AP
	Meeting 15	Total Pages	8

Facilitator:	Georgina House (GH)	Aurecon
Members:	Amanda Redden (AR)	Economic Development Officer, Regional Development Australia Yorke and Mid North
	Cindy Nolan (CN)	Clare
	David Clarke (DC)	Crystal Brook
	Garry Fieldhouse (GF)	Gally's
	Sally Fieldhouse (SF)	Gally's
	David Busch (DB)	Waterloo Landowner
	Trevor White (TW)	Planning Consultant and PhD Student
Guests and Observers	Cr Sue Wurst (SW)	Councillor, Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council
	Professor Michael Bull	Flinders University
EnergyAustralia	Mike Clee (MC)	SA Operations Manager, EA
	Claire Holster (CH)	Communications Advisor, EA
	Clint Purkiss (CP)	Project Development Manager, EA
Apologies	Hon Dan van Holst Pellekaan	Honourable Member for Stuart
	Hon Geoff Brock	Honourable Member for Frome
	Heidi Hodge (HH)	Black Springs Resident
	Vincent Branson (VB)	Ngadjuri Walpa Juri Lands and Heritage Association Inc
	Des Menz (DM)	Burra
	Abby Walker-Schwartz (AWS)	Waterloo Resident
	Andrew Allchurch (AA)	Gilbert Group CFS and Waterloo Landowner
	Kerry Ward (KW)	Member NRM Group
	Chris Mosey (CM)	Waterloo Landowner
	Colin Endean (CE)	ACF Climate Project, Transition Action Group
	Kelly-Anne Saffin (KAS)	Regional Development Australia Yorke and Mid North
	Peter Edson (PE)	Burra Regional Tourism and Business Association
	Pip Edson (PE1)	Burra Regional Art Gallery
	Glenn Christie (GC)	Seed collector and revegetation
	Paula Jones (PJ)	Burra Visitor Information Centre
Minute Taker	Adam Pfitzner (AP)	Aurecon

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1.	Welcome and Apologies – Georgina House	
1.1.	<p>Welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● GH welcomed members and guests to the 15th Mid North Wind Farm Community Liaison Group (CLG) Meeting. ● GH gave a special welcome to first time attendees and guests of this evening’s meeting, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Claire Holster, Communications Advisor, EnergyAustralia. 	
1.2.	<p>Apologies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Apologies received from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hon Geoff Brock ○ Hon Dan van Holst Pellekaan ○ Heidi Hodge ○ Abby Walker-Schwartz ○ Andrew Allchurch ○ Kerry Ward ○ Vincent Branson ○ Des Menz ○ Chris Mosey ○ Glenn Christie ○ Colin Endean ○ Pip Edson ○ Peter Edson ○ Kelly Ann Saffin ○ Paula Jones ● Apologies were noted. 	
1.3.	<p>Agenda and Housekeeping</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● GH outlined today’s agenda, which includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ EnergyAustralia Update ○ Initiatives Update ○ CLG Health Check ○ Guest Presentation on the Pygmy Bluetongue Lizard Research Project by Professor Michael Bull, Flinders University ○ Other Business 	
2.	<p>Review Minutes of Previous Meeting – Georgina House</p> <p>Actions arising from the minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Page 2 – Item 2 – Members and observers feedback on community opinion since last meeting in May 2014 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The members had noticed the article on the Waterloo Wind Farm Community Grants in the local newspaper. ○ SF & GH suggested that the next round (Round 2) of the EA grants could be promoted through the local media. ○ CP mentioned that wind energy reached a new first with 43% of energy consumed in SA coming from wind energy. ○ GH mentioned that the media in recent days has been focussed on the RET (Renewable Energy Target) and potential change in policy by the Federal Government and what this means for wind energy going forward. 	Members and observers to monitor community opinion and feedback at CLG meetings

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Page 6, Item 4 – SEB Grant Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ AR advised the CLG that the SEB Grant Application has been successful and will be granted \$290,000 in the first year. It is important to note that only the first year has been approved at this stage. ○ The grant will create opportunities to begin mapping of the focus area. ○ Once mapping is complete, a steering committee can be formed to study the mapping and decide on priority areas. ○ AR advised that involvement with landowners is important in the first year as it will help the project gain traction. ● GH asked if there were any comments or questions regarding the minutes? ● No comments were raised by the members. ● Members accepted the 8 May 2014 Minutes as a true representation of the meeting. 	
3.	Overview of EnergyAustralia Mid North Wind Farm Projects – Mike Clee and Clint Purkiss	
3.1	<p>Waterloo Wind Farm Update</p> <p>MC provided an update on Waterloo Wind Farm.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Energy Production Figures July 2013 through to June 2014: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Generation for the month of June resulted in +47.94% against the planned target. ○ Waterloo generation for the financial year 2013/2014 was 335.42 GWh against a Target of 308.69 GWh, resulting in +8.7% trend against the set Year to Date Target. ○ A CLG member raised a query as to whether 8.7% is a good increase? ○ EnergyAustralia responded by stating that the board are very happy with the results and added that it is a considerable amount of energy that has been produced. CP added that the targets are not set to be easily achieved. ● Energy Production Figures July 2014 / June 2015: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Favourable wind conditions during July 2014 resulted in a capacity factor of 53.56% (target 39.68%) and a new monthly record Net Generation of 43.58 GWh (target 32.52 GWh). ○ Financial Year to Date Net production is tracking at +34.2% against plan. ○ CH questioned what EnergyAustralia’s target is for this financial year. ○ CP stated that the target is for 330 GWh. ● Site Operations / Maintenance has been pretty much business as usual. ● MC stated that EnergyAustralia are currently undertaking the following reviews: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Revision of the Environmental policy. ○ Review of the Environmental aspects and impacts register. ○ Review of site Environmental training needs analysis. ● As part of the EnergyAustralia sponsorship of Port Adelaide Football Club, three players, including the captain, visited Waterloo Wind Farm on the 22 July 2014. There was a good turn out by the local community (including one of the landowner’s, who is a Port Adelaide fan). 	

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3.2	<p>Proposed Waterloo 2 Wind Farm Update</p> <p>CP provided an update on the Waterloo 2 Wind Farm Development.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CP advised that EnergyAustralia are currently waiting for a review to be completed. Whilst the progress is unsure at the moment, the Renewable Energy Target (RET) will be fundamental to the progress of the Waterloo 2 project. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A CLG member raised that the media has recently stated that wind & solar employ more people than the coal industry. ○ CP responded by stating that certain projects are quite labour intensive (such as the solar industry) where most jobs are within the construction / installation stages. ○ A CLG member raised the issue of whether the Waterloo 2 progress was held up politically given the Federal Government's debate on the RET. ○ CP stated that the RET is one of the factors that is affecting decision making. ○ A follow-on question was raised as to whether the Waterloo 2 project would have been completed if it was at this stage before the election? ○ CP stated that the market determines what is viable. 	
3.3	<p>Proposed Stony Gap Wind Farm Update</p> <p>CP provided an update on the Stony Gap Wind Farm Development Application.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CP advised that EnergyAustralia has not yet received a decision from the ERD Court. There is no mandated timeframe for the ERD Court to respond. CP added that the process is quite time consuming, in that the Court needs to read through the transcripts from the hearing, then prepare a narrative with the decision. This can take approximately 6-8 weeks for a simple case; however, as the Stony Gap hearing was complicated, it is expected to take more time. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A CLG member asked whether EnergyAustralia were pleased with the hearing. ○ CP stated that EA had put forward a professional case with strong arguments and strong expert witness statements. Overall EA were pleased with the hearing. The key grounds of opposition included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Noise ○ Health ○ Ecology ○ Planning ○ Bushfire ○ Visual Amenity ● As the Appellant, EnergyAustralia was required to demonstrate the planning merit of the revised project, notwithstanding the development process to date, and produce expert witness evidence to support its application. ● Key Points of opposition discussion clearly focused on the topics of noise and health. ● GH asked the CLG members if they would be interested in receiving a link to the ERD Court's determination, once handed down. CLG members said that would be of interest. ● GH asked members if they had heard much discussion in the broader community about the Stony Gap proposed development and appeal. ● The CLG had not heard any discussions within the community. It is likely that more discussion will be heard once a decision has been made. 	

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4	Initiatives Update	
4.1	<p>Waterloo Wind Farm Community Fund (Round 1 and 2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Waterloo Wind Farm Community Fund has been set up by EnergyAustralia to support grassroots initiatives that will provide lasting benefits to the local community. • The Fund is committed to supporting projects that aim to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Build community pride ○ Benefit the environment ○ Support the local economy • These themes were identified by the CLG as key priorities for the region. • The Fund is all about helping local people to implement local initiatives that best meet the needs of the community. • EnergyAustralia were delighted with the response to the Community Fund so far, with 24 applications received in Round 1. • Applications are now open for Round 2 of the Waterloo Wind Farm Community Fund, closing 12th September, with \$10,000 worth of grants available to support projects that will significantly benefit the region. • Applications will be reviewed by a volunteer panel comprised of CLG members and EA staff. • GH raised the question of who would like to be a part of the sub-committee and how the committee members would manage the sub-committee (i.e. meeting, email, telephone). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The CLG agreed that it is best to meet in person for approximately 1 hour (similar to Round 1 process). ○ The sub-committee meeting is likely to be held in mid-October 2014. ○ Members agreed that the sub-committee does not need to be too large and to aim for approximately 4 or 5 members. ○ CLG members suggested that AA would be keen to be involved in Round 2. ○ Sub-committee members for Round 2 will include Cr Sue Wurst, Cindy Nolan and Andrew Allchurch. ○ It was agreed that GH also approach Peter Edson and Abby Walker-Schwartz who formed part of the sub-committee in Round 1. • A CLG member questioned as to whether those that applied for Round 1 (but were not successful) could apply for Round 2? • EnergyAustralia encourages Round 1 applicants to re-apply for Round 2. • CH stated that EnergyAustralia had sent letters to unsuccessful applicants from Round 1. • CLG Members suggested that EA send a follow up reminder to unsuccessful Round 1 applicants. 	<p>GH to approach PE and AWS to join the sub-committee</p> <p>Sub-committee to meet in mid-October 2014</p> <p>CH to send a follow-up reminder to unsuccessful Round 1 applicants informing them of Round 2</p>
4.2	<p>Wind Farm Tourism Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EnergyAustralia has all internal safety practices in place to commence the tours, including: 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Site Induction for public bus company drivers ○ Drug and alcohol policy ○ Exclusion zones ○ Site hazards – high winds, livestock, snakes, power lines, road conditions etc. ○ Traffic management ● Bus company and Tourist offices to complete their internal requirements, Insurance coverage, certification and licence currency. 	AR to follow up David Wilson (Tourism company)
4.3	Waterloo Wind Farm Open Day Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● GH asked EnergyAustralia whether they had any updates on the proposed Open Day. ● CH advised the CLG that EnergyAustralia still plan to hold the event but were yet to confirm a date. CH stated that EnergyAustralia will keep the CLG posted in regard to the Open Day, which is expected to be held in 2015. ● Suggestions included hooking in to other tourism events or linking with the launch of the wind farm tours initiative or SEB Grant activities. 	
5	CLG Health Check - Group Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Due to time restrictions this agenda item was not discussed at this CLG meeting. This item will be held over to the final meeting for the year (6 November 2014). 	Item deferred to November Meeting
SUPPER BREAK		
6.	Special Interest Topic – Pygmy Bluetongue Lizard Research Project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Professor Michael Bull presented to the CLG a research project on the Pygmy Bluetongue Lizard, entitled 'Conservation in Action'. ● The Pygmy Bluetongue Lizard's scientific name is 'Tiliqua adelaidensis'. ● The 5th edition of 'Reptiles and Amphibians of Australia' by Harold G. Cogger, published in 1992, refers to the distribution of the lizards as "Not known. Most specimens from the general region of Adelaide, SA. Possibly extinct." ● A publication in 1990 found 20 specimens of the lizard, with only 11 being reliable records. These specimens where found in the following locations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Burra in the 1840's ○ Gawler in the 1860's ○ Sevenhill in the 1870's ○ Dry Creek in 1899 ○ Marion in 1959 ● Michael then explained that in 1992 a Pygmy Bluetongue Lizard was discovered ingested in a snake in the Burra area, and this essentially resulted in the rediscovery of the species. ● The original capture site was within iron grass (Lomandra), which is a native grass. ● The lizards are found to live within spider burrows, commonly the Lycosid (wolf) and Mygalomorph (trapdoor) spiders. ● Michael stated that the burrows are the lizards' primary residence and that they rarely 	

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	<p>leave them. The lizards' deposit scat piles to advertise burrow occupancy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The lizards occupy native grasslands which are located on hillsides that may be difficult to farm. • Surveys and studies since 1992 have established significant information about their burrows, predation, reproduction, behaviour, distribution, habitat and threats. • The lizards are prone to three main threats: fire, predation and development. • Research is now looking into ways to enhance, manage and monitor lizard populations, including translocation strategies. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A CLG member asked how long the lizards are. ○ Michael stated that they are approximately 10cm in length. ○ A CLG member asked what their life expectancy is. ○ Michael advised that it is approximately 20 years. ○ A CLG member asked how long they take to reach maturity. ○ Michael responded by suggesting it takes approximately 2 years. • Further information can be obtained through the Pygmy Bluetongue Conservation Association (PBTCA) which is dedicated to the conservation of the Pygmy Bluetongue Lizard. Established in 2013, the PBTCA is a not-for-profit organisation. The committee meets in Burra four times a year and is supported by a PBT Community Liaison Contractor. Volunteers are invited to participate at activities and events. • Contacts for Further Information on PBTCA can be found at website: http://visitburra.com/our-town-burra/pygmy-bluetongue-lizard 	
7.	<p>Other Business</p> <p>EA Recent Media Releases</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications for the Waterloo Wind Farm Community Grants Announced (6 June 2014). • Port Adelaide Football Club visits Waterloo Wind Farm (25 July 2014). • Waterloo Wind Farm Community Fund – Round 2 –applications now open (13 August 2014). <p>Next CLG Meeting – Thursday 6 November 2014 – 4.30pm to 6.30pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GH invited members to consider the preferred location for the final meeting for 2014. Members agreed they would prefer to meet at Gally's. • The November meeting will reflect on the role of the CLG and members and observers will be invited to make suggestions to shape the CLG during 2015. 	
8.	<p>Next Meeting and Close –Georgina House</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GH thanked all for their attendance. • Minutes of this meeting will be distributed to all for review. • One week will be provided for members to review draft minutes and provide any feedback to Georgina House. • Once finalised, the minutes will be placed on the EnergyAustralia Website and circulated to other key stakeholders. • Reminder - Next CLG Meeting – Thursday 6 November 2014 – 4.30pm to 6.30pm at Gally's. <p style="text-align: center;">Meeting Closed</p>	

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Attachments include:

- Agenda for CLG Meeting #16 (Thursday 6 November 2014).
- Conservation in Action – The Pygmy Bluetongue Lizard, Professor Michael Bull, Flinders University.

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