

Meeting Record

Project Name	Mid North Wind Farm	Meeting Date	6 December 2012
Meeting / Subject	Community Liaison Group	Recorded By	AP
	Meeting 7	Total Pages	6

Facilitator:	Georgina House (GH)	Aurecon
Members:	Abby Walker-Schwartz (AWS)	Waterloo Resident
	Andrew Allchurch (AA)	Gilbert Group CFS and Waterloo Landowner
	Chris Mosey (CM)	Waterloo Landowner
	Cindy Nolan (CN)	EGEIA Corporate
	Colin Endean (CE)	ACF Climate Project, Transition Action Group
	David Clarke (DC)	Crystal Brook
	Garry Fieldhouse (GF)	Gally's
	Kelly-Anne Saffin (KAS)	Regional Development Australia Yorke and Mid North
	Lisa Busch (LB)	Local Landowner
	Peter Edson (PE)	Burra Regional Tourism and Business Association
	Pip Edson (PE1)	Burra Regional Art Gallery
	Sally Fieldhouse (SF)	Gally's
	Yvonne Cloke (YC)	Barossa Lower North Futures Inc
	Lis Jones Ingman (LJI)	Burra
	Heidi Hodge (HH)	Black Springs Resident
Guests	Nil	
Observers	Nil	
EnergyAustralia (formerly TRUenergy)	Michael Head (MH)	Project Development Manager, Business Development, OHS&E (Cathedral Rocks and Waterloo)
	Steve Brown (SB)	Head of Asset Services, Operations and Construction
	Sarah Neville (SN)	Communications Advisor
Apologies	Trevor White (TW)	Wind Farm Liaison Officer
	James Stewart-Rattray (JS-R)	Waterloo and District Concerned Citizens Group
Minute Taker	Adam Pfitzner (AP)	Aurecon


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1.	Welcome and Apologies – Georgina House	
1.1.	Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GH welcomed members and guests to the seventh Mid North Wind Farm Community Liaison Group (CLG) Meeting. • GH gave a special welcome to new members Kelly-Anne Saffin and Lisa Busch. • LB is a local landholder who is interested in staying in touch with wind farm operations. • KAS is Chief Executive Officer of Regional Development Australia Yorke and Mid North Region. KAS stated that she is interested in the discussions the CLG have and looks forward to being involved. • GH stated that the CLG ensures that good information is discussed at the meetings (mentioned the myths and facts that were discussed at last meeting) and that the meetings allow members to drill down in some detail into a range of social, environmental and economic topics of interest. • GH stated that previous meeting minutes can be organised and distributed upon request. 	
1.2.	Apologies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trevor White and James Stewart-Rattray were noted as apologies. 	
1.3.	Agenda and Housekeeping <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GH outlined today's agenda and advised that due to TW's absence, there will be a slight change to today's agenda. TW was intending to provide an overview of Wind Farm Planning Policy in SA, however due to his apology at today's meeting; this item is recommended to be deferred to the following meeting. Members agreed with this recommendation. • GH asked members if they had any other business. CE requested to hear about DC's 'wind farm holiday' around Victoria. 	
2.	Review Minutes of Previous Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GH ran through the actions from the previous minutes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda Item 2.3 (page 2) – GH asked if anybody could recommend a person or organisation who may be interested in joining the CLG? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ AWS suggested a representative from the Marrabel area ○ AA added that the Marrabel community group has not met in 2 years. ○ DC suggested that a representative of the Clare Lions Club could be invited to join the CLG. ○ GH will follow up these leads. • Agenda Item 4.7 (page 5) – site induction of Waterloo Wind Farm for CFS prior <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MH and AA indicated that discussions were in progress and they will provide a status report at the next meeting. • Agenda Item 4.7 (page 6) – DC queried the statement of '4 lightning hits' being recorded at Waterloo Wind Farm. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MH informed the CLG that between 12/8/2010 to the 10/11/2012 there had been 20 lightning strikes. EA does not allow people on the ridge during a lightning storm. • Agenda Item 5.1 (page 6) – potential retail offer for discounted electricity to the local community. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MH – EA still working on the potential retail offer; EA need to ensure the offer is competitive. ○ MH will provide an update at the next meeting. • Agenda Item 5.2 (page 6) - TW will provide overview of planning policy at the next meeting. • Members accepted the 11 October 2012 Minutes as a true representation of the meeting. 	GH MH/AA MH TW

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3.	<p>Mid-North Wind Farm Update – Michael Head</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MH thanked everyone for attending and provided an update on Waterloo, Waterloo Stage 2 and Stony Gap Wind Farm projects. <p>3.1 Waterloo Wind Farm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MH advised that the energy production targets for Waterloo Wind Farm were not met during October – November 2012. ● Received one official noise complaint. Monitoring to begin 10th December 2012 to address complaint. ● Noise Summary Reports have been provided to residents who requested additional noise monitoring – no feedback was received. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ AWS – are other people able to obtain these reports? ○ MH – No, the reports relate to the individual property and are not public documents. ○ AA stated that he has previously had a noise recorder on his property and found that it records ‘everything’; this is one of the reasons why the information is private rather than public. ○ MH - some recording devices have a 1min (in every 10 minutes) audio recording of the surroundings. ○ MH – EA has a legal agreement with landowners that the recording does not leave the noise analyst’s office (confidential information). ● No OHS&E Incidents to report. ● Visits from Advantage SA and Clare Primary School. <p>3.2 Proposed Waterloo Stage 2 Wind Farm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Nine submissions received in response to notification of the DA. ● EA has submitted a Response Document to Clare and Gilbert Valley Council (CGVC). ● CGVC seeking peer review of noise information provided in DA. ● Possible DAP Meeting, February 2013. <p>3.3 Proposed Stony Gap Wind Farm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MH stated that EA are committed to the project and are working with Goyder Council. <p>3.4 Other News</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Engagement of Undergraduate Vacation Employment Position: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MH – On 17 December 2012 Waterloo’s first undergraduate Vacation Employment Position will commence. ○ MH added that whilst EA is not be in a position to take on numerous undergraduates at Waterloo at any one time, there may be further opportunities later in 2013. ○ SB added that the undergraduate position is a paid position and it is acceptable to have 1 or 2 undergraduates working at the same time. ○ MH added that the undergraduate will be an employee of EA and will comply with all OHS&W practices. ● Port Lincoln Bush Fires – Craig Nielsen – EA Cathedral Rocks Wind Farm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MH – EA have a control centre which provides ‘up to the minute’ updates on wind speed and direction which is very useful for fire hazard situations. The centre recently provided information to fire authorities in relation to the Port Lincoln Bush Fires. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tower Rescue Training – Waterloo Wind Farm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MH – Learning to be proficient in lowering people from the top of a tower is mandatory for personnel who maintain wind farm towers. ○ LIJ – Can you access the top of the towers? ○ MH – Yes, there is a ladder within the tower. ○ LIJ - Can a group of people go up one of the towers? ○ MH – No, need to have training to go up the tower – without training, it would be breaching OHS&W practices. ○ MH referred to a tourist attraction in Vancouver, Canada (see photos below) where the world’s only elevator accessible turbine is outfitted with a 360 degree view POD (<i>Google</i> ‘Grouse Mountain Eye of the World’) 	
4.	<p>Overview of Wind Farm Planning Policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Deferred to March 2013 Meeting 	
5.	<p>Evaluation of CLG Member Feedback and Planning for 2013</p> <p>Summary of Member Feedback</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● GH provided a summary of member feedback received in recent weeks and acknowledged that feedback enables continuous improvement and assists with planning future meetings of the CLG in 2013. ● GH indicated that the summary of member feedback will be provided to members as a reference document as we head into 2013 (refer handout attached to minutes). <p>Key Findings of Feedback</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Continue regular project updates by Michael and Clint ● Continue to arrange presentations and discussions around key interest areas including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Building community pride and a sense of ownership in regional wind farm assets ○ Providing EA with a greater understanding of local views and opinions in a constructive way ○ Sharing ideas and discussing opportunities for how EA can support the local community ○ Achieving real benefits locally ○ Developing Community Partnerships (such as those raised previously by YC) ○ Discussing the possibility of partial community ownership of wind farms ○ Developing a deal on energy for people living within 10-15kms of a wind 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● LIJ CLG queried whether any of the personnel will be changing for next year's CLG meetings? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MH – No, no changes will be occurring. There may be less of Clint (due to commitments interstate), but we are seeking to provide consistency for these meetings. ● DC discussed his venture/holiday around Victoria (on which he viewed seven (7) different Wind Farms. ● GH advised the group of the outstanding website that DC has created (Google: 'Wind in the Bush'). ● AWS – asked DC if there are any Wind Farms that are similar to Waterloo topographically? ● DC – none that he is aware of on rocky land. ● AWS stated that she experiences vibration in her house when an easterly breeze or strong wind and wondered if the rocky topography had a bearing. ● CLG member asked how far Abby's house is from the Wind Farm. ● AWS – approximately 5 kilometres. ● GH suggested that if any relevant technical information about geotechnical conditions and vibration exists then this may be of interest to discuss in the CLG. ● YC discussed briefly the Clare Trade Shed that is currently progressing. Stating that a Federal Minister will be coming to look at the Trade Shed. A survey is being implemented next week or so, and will run until Easter. The survey is in regard to homelessness within the area. The survey was written by a Professor of Social Science from Adelaide University. Two surveys will be implemented (1 focusing on School Years 8-9, and the other focusing on School Years 10-12). We will be looking at programs to help the youth of the area. ● PE raised a concern in regard to the Stony Gap Goyder Council meeting minutes. There was a Conflict of Interest from 3 Councillors. PE also stated that the benefits to the local community need to be highlighted more. <p>Topics for the Next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Overview of Wind Farm Planning Policy by Trevor White ● Moving from talking to taking action facilitated by Georgina House 	
7.	<p>Next Meeting and Close</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● GH thanked all for their attendance ● Minutes of this meeting will be distributed to all to review (allow 2 weeks to receive members comments) and once finalised minutes will be placed on the EnergyAustralia Website ● Next CLG Meeting – Thursday 7 March, 2013 – 4.30pm to 6.30pm at Gally's. ● Meeting Closed 	
	CHRISTMAS SUPPER	

Attachments include:

- Agenda for CLG Meeting #8 (Thursday 7 March 2013).
- CLG Summary and Analysis of Member Feedback PowerPoint Presentation.

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