



# Waterloo Wind Farm Community Liaison Group (CLG)

## Purpose

The owners and operators of Waterloo Wind Farm are keen to listen to what the community has to say.

In November 2011, we established the Waterloo Wind Farm Community Liaison Group (CLG), to encourage and support constructive dialogue between the local community and our wind farm employees.

## Role of the Group

Meeting once every three months, the CLG will:

- receive regular, timely updates on our operating wind farms
- participate in relevant decision making processes related to new wind farm developments
- agree on what are the key issues and topics of interest to the community
- hear scientific and technical expert presentations on these key issues and topics work through matters of social and/or environmental concern to both Waterloo Wind Farm and the local community
- agree on plans for sharing information about these issues and topics with the wider community
- share ideas and discuss opportunities for how Waterloo Wind Farm can support the local community
- provide Waterloo Wind Farm with a greater understanding of local views and opinions in a constructive way; and give community participants' a greater sense of ownership of and pride in regional wind farm assets.

## Background

Waterloo Wind Farm is owned by Palisade Investment Partners and Northleaf Capital, two infrastructure investment specialists. The wind farm is operated by EnergyAustralia.

All owners and operator parties understand the value of building strong relations with the wind farm's neighbours and stakeholders. Community consultation, including the CLG will play a key role in helping us gain a greater understanding of community opinions, priorities and expectations.

## Scope

The Waterloo Wind Farm CLG will focus on the operation and management of the Waterloo Wind Farm and proposed new wind farm developments being managed by the owners or operators that are within the Mid North region. Should this situation change, the CLG will be briefed accordingly.



## **Membership**

Membership of the Waterloo Wind Farm CLG is open to all members of the community who have a clear interest in or connection to the Waterloo wind energy facility.

The Waterloo Wind Farm CLG aims to represent a broad range of local community interests and views. Ideally members of the CLG will bring a range of backgrounds and interests in the environment, community, business, education, health, tourism, cultural heritage, transport and emergency services.

Community groups, organisations or stakeholder groups with more than one person interested in attending are encouraged to nominate a representative. Membership is voluntary and members are encouraged to attend all meetings.

## **CLG Terms of Reference**

### **Meeting format**

All meetings will be chaired by an independent facilitator, Georgina House. Additional support for the meetings will be provided by EnergyAustralia.

Meetings will be attended by members of the EnergyAustralia Renewable Development Operations and Construction Team. In addition, representatives of Palisade Investment Partners and Northleaf Capital may also attend.

As required, technical and scientific specialists and Waterloo Wind Farm contractors will be invited to attend CLGs to address the group and/or participate in discussions.

Meeting agendas, papers and notes will be distributed to members 10 days prior to or following each meeting.

All questions asked during or in between meetings are to be directed via the facilitator. Questions without notice received during meetings will be addressed if possible, otherwise added to the agenda for a later meeting.

### **Conduct**

All members and guests of the Waterloo Wind Farm CLG are expected to act with integrity, objectivity, openness and honesty. In addition, members are requested to:

- agree to work within the CLG's Terms of Reference
- arrive on time and stay for the duration of meetings
- commit to attend all meetings or provide advance notice of non attendance
- respect the rights of other members to express their views, even if they are different from their own
- respect the confidentiality of items of business which the group may determine are confidential in nature
- agree to have their details published in materials relating to the CLG
- abide by the CLG's media and public speaking protocol; and
- abide by Waterloo Wind Farm Occupational Health, Safety and Environment policies if attending the wind farm site.

The Meeting Facilitator may terminate the membership of members who do not respect the format, scope or conduct of the Waterloo Wind Farm CLG meetings or renounce their membership and nominate an alternative.



### **Media and public speaking**

All media enquiries received by members of the group in relation to Waterloo Wind Farm should be directed as a courtesy to a Waterloo Wind Farm representative.

Members of the Waterloo Wind Farm CLG approached to provide comment on the operations of the wind farm or the CLG must make clear their response is a personal view, rather than the collective view of the CLG.

### **More information**

More information on Waterloo Wind Farm is available from [waterloowindfarm.com.au](http://waterloowindfarm.com.au)