

Minutes of Meeting

Granite Hills Wind Farm Community Consultative Committee

Monday 26 March 2018

Date circulated 23 April 2018

**Attendance – CCC Committee and Project Team**

Peter Gordon Independent Chair  
Vickie Pollard Community Representative  
Maria Linkenbagh Community Representative  
Will Jardine Community Representative  
David Williams Community Representative  
Mark Adams Cooma Monaro Regional Council  
Jean Ballandras Project Representative GHWF  
Shane Quinnell Project Representative GHWF  
Antony Shingler Project Representative GHWF

**In attendance**

Bobbie Sirks  
Jim Williams  
Rob Jessop, Principal Scientist SMEC

**Apologies**

Keith Tull Bega Valley Shire Council  
Tracey Lineham Community Representative  
Aidan Dalgliesh Community Representative  
John Cook Community Representative

**Introduction and welcome by the Chair**

The Chair welcomed the committee members and especially acknowledged the SMEC consultant Dr Rob Jessop who is attending the meeting at the request of the committee. Jean Ballandras CEO of Akuo Energy welcomed and introduced his colleague Shane Quinnell to his first meeting.

Jean also thanked Caitlin for her contribution and apologised for her continued absence as a result of illness.

The Chair again thanked Vickie for her outstanding catering.

### **Declaration of pecuniary or other interests**

No changes were recorded to previous declarations.

### **Minutes**

The minutes will include a schedule of agreed actions. The schedule is attached and will be updated after each meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were discussed and are agreed.

**Business arising from previous minutes** — response to issues raised or provision of additional information requested:

The company representatives noted that the Environmental Impact Statement is currently being prepared and scheduled to be lodged with the authorities by approximately middle of the year.

### **Correspondence**

Nil

### **Issues identified by the community or local government representatives**

Held over until after the SMEC presentation.

All issues important to the community representatives were covered in the SMEC presentation and discussion.

### **Company reports:**

Before introducing the SMEC consultant Jean again confirmed that landholder agreements were the company priority, and that effective community engagement was a high priority. In reference to community engagement Jean introduced Shane and noted that Shane was to increase the local engagement process on top of what Caitlin had started previously.

It was confirmed that 5 landholder agreements are concluded, 2 are owners of the project site, 3 associated, and 6 remaining outstanding. All outstanding are associated landowners. All owners of the land on which the project is being developed have signed.

SMEC Presentation:

Dr Rob Jessop Principal Scientist SMEC presented.

A copy of the SMEC presentation is on the GHWF website.

Dr Jessop noted:

SMEC has been on site and working on this project for between 500 and 1,000 hours, a considerable engagement.

SMEC has been involved since November 2015 providing independent environmental assessment and advice.

Major documents produced to date are:

Preliminary Ecological Assessment

Preliminary Environmental Assessment

In preparation, the draft Environmental Assessment

Without repeating the presentation in these minutes, it is confirmed that Rob Jessop went into considerable detail in specific areas reflecting the committee's expressed interest in fields including landscape and visual context, noise and vibration, biodiversity, heritage, geology, soils and water, traffic and transport, aviation, telecommunications, health, bushfire, waste and blade throw.

The meeting then opened for questions.

SMEC was asked as to its independent role. The committee was satisfied that SMEC was able to act independently even though it is under contract to the proponent.

Visual modelling: it was agreed that a representative of the consultant expert in visual impact modelling be invited to a subsequent meeting.

Much discussion was held as to the actual finalising of the precise location of the turbines.

Granite Hills confirmed the reasoning for the turbines shifting in iterations is due to changing environmental and planning requirements. The changes result from increases in resolution as the studies progress. A comprehensive layout will be provided in the EIS.

SMEC confirmed that any heritage reference covered both Aboriginal and European heritage.

Bushfire Risk: SMEC agreed to pass on data to those developing the fire plan, especially in relation to adjacent land holders.

Telecoms: in reiterating a previous commitment to reinstate any telecoms affected by the wind farm, GHWF confirmed that DNV has a contract to undertake the telecoms assessment.

Traffic management : to be described in the Construction and Environmental Management Plan

Location of the Substation: GHWF noted that this matter is unresolved at this time. This matter will be considered as part of the design process.

Jean summarised the discussion and thanked Rob Jessop for his insightful presentation and openness in answering all questions.

The community representatives were very appreciative of the presentation.

**Next meeting:**

The next meeting is

Tuesday 22 May at 4pm in Nimmitabel.

The next meeting will consider how the next site visit can be arranged, including looking at some specific turbine locations.

**Action Schedule**

<b>Action</b>	<b>Person Responsible</b>	<b>Timing and completion date</b>
Jim Williams to be sent new plans showing exact	GHWF/Antony	Large A1 size plans

turbine locations and distances		posted by Express Post, 5 <sup>th</sup> March
Stakeholder Engagement plan to be presented to CCC. Members are particularly interested in the process of stakeholder identification	GHWF	Urgent and outstanding
Material to be sent to Vickie and the two council reps for a public display of the wind farm plans.	GHWF/Antony	Several large A1 size layout plans left for Vickie - NAG. Several A1 plans sent by Express post to Snowy Monaro and Bega Valley Councils 19 March.
A work plan with critical dates and sequences of work to be presented	GHWF	Next meeting
Visual consultants –to be invited to present on visual impact study details and results  Consideration to get heritage consultants invited to a subsequent meeting	GHWF	Clouston consultants to attend a future meeting if available and appropriate
Department of Planning and Environment to be invited to a CCC meeting	Chair	2018