

Boco Rock Wind Farm Community Consultative Committee

CCC / Project Name:	Boco Rock Wind Farm CCC	Reporting Period:	March 2018 to June 2019
Independent Chairperson:	Lisa Andrews	Proponent Contact:	Adam West/Jessica Petersen

1. Executive Summary

The Boco Rock Wind Farm is situated on ridgelines 10km south west of Nimmitabel and 30km north of Bombala in NSW. The development was approved in August 2010 for up to 122 turbines, with Stage 1, comprising of 67 being constructed, which commenced operation in 2015. EGCO invested in the project in 2012 and now own the wind farm, however, the site is still managed by CWP Renewables.

The proponent, CWP Renewables Pty Ltd, consulted with the community from the commencement of its preparation for their development application in 2013. Originally meeting approximately once per year, the CCC now meets on a quarterly basis, in Nimmitabel.

The Community Consultative Committee (CCC) operates in accordance with the Department of Planning & Environment's Community Consultative Committee Guidelines for State Significant Development (January 2019). The committee's membership consists of:

- Three local community representatives
- One Snowy Monaro Regional Council delegate
- One stakeholder group representative (Nimmitabel Advancement Group)
- One stakeholder group representative (Country Women's Association – Nimmitabel Branch)
- Three company representatives
- One host landholder; and
- One Independent Chairperson.

2. CCC activities over last 12 months

Over the past 12 months, the CCC has received briefings from CWP Renewables regarding Stage 2 of the development with its lodgement of Modification 1 to the Department of Planning for assessment. MOD 1 seeks to amend the layout of the Yandra Cluster, with two designs proposed.

Prior to the preparation of the MOD, the CCC met on a bi-annual basis whilst Stage 1 was in the operational phase, however, has moved to quarterly meetings to ensure comprehensive consultation occurs with the community throughout the assessment process.

The CCC met in March 2018, August 2018, November 2018, March 2019 and June 2019. Members have received presentations and updates from the proponent's representatives on:

- Modification 1 – Proposed Yandra Project changes; exhibition period, submissions received, response to submissions, key issues and themes.
- Traffic and transport
- Community Enhancement Fund
- Operational Update
- Environmental issues
- Maintenance of turbines
- Wind generation/outputs; and
- Weed Management

The CCC is an effective communication forum between the community, the Council and the company. It fulfils its objectives under the Department's guidelines and attendance has been consistent.

A site inspection of the project was undertaken in March 2018 by CCC members, who toured the wind farm, viewed the turbines and the sub-station/infrastructure.

There were no joint CCC's held in the region.

3. Key issues

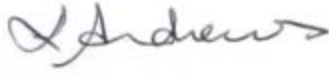
Issue	Actions Taken	Next Steps
Disbursement of monies from the Community Enhancement Fund (CEF)	Following concerns raised by the CCC and broader community. Correspondence has been sent to Snowy Monaro Regional Council regarding the Charter for the CEF and whether it meets the intent of the condition of project approval.	Continue representations to relevant authorities during Stage 2 to ensure community funding for impacted residents.
Updates on progress of MOD 1	Regular updates are provided at the quarterly CCC meetings and via emails. Newsletters have been prepared and distributed into the broader community.	Ongoing updates to be provided.
Local employment opportunities	Where possible, local contractors were engaged for Stage 1 and it is proposed to continue this policy, should Stage 2 of the project proceed to construction.	Expressions of Interests to be registered online.
Visual Impacts	As is often the case with wind farms, visual impacts have been raised for the proposed Yandra Cluster.	Under assessment by Department of Planning.
Road maintenance	Some gravel and sealed roads around the project require ongoing maintenance, especially during the construction phase.	Road dilapidation reports and quality control to be improved.

4. Focus for next 12 months

- Continued updates on Modification 1 for the proposed changes to the Yandra Cluster (Stage 2).
- Continued updates on the environmental monitoring, land management and maintenance for the existing operational wind farm.
- Continue to negotiate a satisfactory outcome for the community on the CEF disbursing funds to the areas impacted by the construction and operation of the overall development.

To the best of my knowledge, there are no outstanding or emerging issues that have not been addressed.

CCC minutes and presentations are available on the website.

Signature of Chair:	
Date:	28 June 2019