## Rye Park Wind Farm Annual Report 2018

## **The Project**

The Rye Park Wind Farm is located to the north of Yass and east of Boorowa, New South Wales, on the edge of the Southern Tablelands and the South West Slopes in the vicinity of the township of Rye Park. The Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Rye Park Wind Farm was lodged with the NSW Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) in March 2014.

Since acquiring the project in 2014, Tilt Renewables undertook extensive additional site investigations and community and stakeholder consultation. As a result, a number of refinements were made to the layout including a reduction in the number of turbines from 126 to 109 and the locations of turbines, access tracks, powerlines and associated infrastructure.

In May 2017 the Planning Assessment Commission (the Commission) granted consent to State significant development application (SSD 6693) from Rye Park Renewable Energy Propriety Limited for 92 turbines for the Rye Park Wind Farm Project, subject to conditions.

## The Community Consultative Committee (CCC)

The Committee is made up of the Independent Chairperson - Nicholas Carmody OAM and the following members who reside within the Yass Valley/Upper Lachlan Shire/Hilltops Councils:

- Cr John Walker (Hilltops);
- Cr James Wheelwright (Upper Lachlan);
- Cr Geoff Frost (Yass Valley);
- Greg Medway;
- Malcolm Day;
- Graham Privett;
- Andrew Field;
- Sara Brown
- Jayne Apps;
- Christine Hawkins.

Tilt Renewables have been represented by: - Chris Righetti (Development Manager);

- Amanda Jones (Stakeholder and Environment Manager)

Chris Righetti informed the CCC, at the October 2018 meeting, he had resigned from Tilt Renewables and Amanda Jones was taking over the project on behalf of the company. The Committee thanked Chris for his involvement.

## The Community Consultative Committee activities

A total of sixteen CCC meetings have been held since the committee was formed in June 2012 - with two meetings held during 2018 (May & October). Minutes of the meetings can be found at <a href="https://www.tiltrenewables.com/assets-and-projects/Rye-Park-Wind-Farm/ccc-meeting-minutes/">https://www.tiltrenewables.com/assets-and-projects/Rye-Park-Wind-Farm/ccc-meeting-minutes/</a>

Tilt Renewables have been open and transparent with the CCC. The past 12 months has seen very little change in the project due to staffing changes and the current uncertainty in the renewable energy sector. The two CCC meetings held during 2018 were well attended by members, with several interested observers attending meetings. The National Wind Farm Commissioner (Andrew Dyer) addressed the committee at the May 2018 meeting. The Committee have communicated well with the local community and given the project sits across three local government areas, the CCC has done well in disseminating information.

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Nicholas Carmody OAM – Independent Chairperson