

Uungula Wind Farm

Annual Report 2019

Community Consultative Committee Details

CCC / Project Name:	Uungula Wind Farm (UWF)	Reporting Period:	2019
Independent Chairperson:	Garry West	Proponent Contact:	Matthew Flower Development Manager (CWP)

1. Executive Summary

The Uungula Wind Farm (UWF) CCC was originally established in 2013 and three meetings were held that year. The Project design went through detailed consultation and extensive revision during the intervening period following environmental investigations, market dynamics and technological advances changes. The refined Project at that time had seen 124 wind turbine generators (WTGs) removed, leaving 125 WTGs. The CCC was re-advertised in August 2018, was re-established in October 2018 and held its first meeting on 2nd November 2018.

The UWF CCC adopted the Department of Planning, Industry & Environment Community Consultative Committee Guidelines and operates within them. All CCC members signed a code of conduct agreement and lodged a declaration of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests with the Independent Chair.

The CCC adopted a procedure of draft minutes being circulated for comment within 7 days of the meeting and the final minutes and the company presentation being circulated and uploaded to the company website to permit CCC members to use them for their stakeholder consultation activities.

Key changes to the project design were outlined based on traffic/transport studies, community engagement, environmental & heritage assessment. The project will now comprise up to 109WTGs, up to 250m in height with 170m diameter rotors being considered. Turbine locations did not change substantially, although a few were removed in the east and the south.

A complete construction route study was undertaken to identify any required upgrades from the Port of Newcastle to the primary site entrance.

It is estimated the project construction period will be 2-2.5 years.

CWP Renewables, on behalf of the Proponent (Uungula Wind Farm Pty Ltd) Project Developer is currently preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), targeting to lodge with DPIE for pre-exhibition checking in early 2020 and subsequently going on exhibition thereafter.

CWP Renewables advised they are including the option of having energy storage (i.e. a battery system) as part of the project.

During the year, there was a change in Development Manager with Matthew Flower taking on the role in the last quarter.

2. CCC activities over last 12 months

- Three meetings were held during the year.

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- The meetings were well attended and members contributed constructively to the discussions.
- The company provided members with a detailed update on the project and outlined proposed timeline.
- Community enhancement fund opportunities were addressed by members at most meetings.
- During the year Dubbo Regional Council undertook a staffing restructure and have yet to nominate their representative.

3. Key issues

- CCC members clearly indicated traffic issues and road safety were one of the most pressing an issue requiring a particular focus during the construction period, particularly contractor vehicles travelling to and from the site.
- Biosecurity regarding farming enterprises was highlighted.
- Communications are poor in the area and members were concerned about safety issues. The company has advised they would typically use 2-way radio during construction.

4. Focus for next 12 months

- Four CCC meetings are planned during 2020.
- The EIS due for exhibition early in 2020 will be an item of discussion

Signature of Chair:	
Date:	6 January 2020