

# Uungula Wind Farm

## Annual Report 2021

### Community Consultative Committee Details

CCC / Project Name:	Uungula Wind Farm (UWF)	Reporting Period:	2021
Independent Chairperson:	Garry West	Proponent Contact:	Matthew Flower Senior Project Manager (CWP)

## 1. Executive Summary

The Uungula Wind Farm (UWF) CCC was originally established in 2013. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2018.

The Project received Development Consent in May 2021 from DPIE and CWP commenced preparation of the Project's Management Plans which require approval by DPIE. The maximum number of turbines was confirmed at 97 with a maximum permitted height of any wind turbine (measured from above ground level to the blade tip) being 250 metres. Construction is forecast to commence in April 2022 and be fully operational in 2023. Approval has also been received from the Commonwealth Department of Agriculture, Water and Environment in accordance with the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act (EPBC Act).

## 2. CCC activities over last 12 months

- Three meetings were held during the year, one by videoconference due to COVID-19 restrictions.
- The CCC continued to operate 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.
- The meetings were well attended, and members contributed constructively to the discussions.
- The company, having gained Project approval advised the CCC of the Management Plans required by the conditions of consent (COC), including the continuation of the CCC.
- The company provided an overview of the key conditions of consent.
- Community enhancement fund opportunities were addressed by members at most meetings and the company advised they had initiated a community sponsorship program and the application form and guidelines is on the project website.

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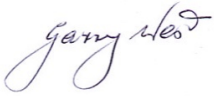
- CWP will involve the construction lead contact or project Manager on the CCC for future meetings.

### 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.
- The proposed Goolma Road / Twelve Road intersection was a constant issue of concern. The conditions of consent require all road upgrades to occur prior to commencement of construction.
- The potential of VPA allocations to non-Wellington projects is a concern of CCC members. CWP advised that the COC requires agreement on a VPA with Dubbo Regional Council and DRC's policy position is to not allow allocation of funds to a specific part of the Local Government Area.
- The COC require the development of a comprehensive Emergency Plan and detailed procedures and the provision of a copy to the local Fire Control Centre, prior to commencing construction.
- Communications are poor in the area and members were concerned about safety issues.

### 4. Focus for next 12 months

- Commencement of construction.

Signature of Chair:	
Date:	10 January 2022