Uungula Wind Farm Annual Report 2022-2023

Community Consultative Committee Details

CCC / Project	Uungula Wind Farm (UWF)	Reporting	2022-2023
Name:		Period:	
Independent	Garry West	Proponent	Matthew Flower
Chairperson:		Contact:	Head of Development Services
			(Squadron Energy)

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 readvertised in August 2018, was re-established in October 2018 and held its first meeting on 2nd 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).

In February 2023 Squadron Energy and CWP Renewables officially joined forces. Squadron Energy is 100% Australian owned and operated, with more than 20 major renewable energy projects either operating, under construction or in development across New South Wales, Victoria and Queensland.

The preferred contractor / Joint Venture is GE Renewable Energy Australia Pty Ltd, Consolidated power project Australia & Nacap Pty Ltd known as GECNJV. The contractor commenced early works in August 2023 which included early design for civil and electrical packages.

2. CCC activities for 2022 and 2023

- The CCC met once in 2022 and once in 2023.
- An overview of the draft management plans was provided in 2022.
- The 2023 CCC meeting received advice the project was proceeding to commencement of construction and will move to the 'Delivery Phase' in 2024.

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3. Key issues

- CCC members clearly indicated traffic issues and road safety remain one of the most pressing an issue requiring a particular focus during the construction period.
- Local input into project funding arising from the Planning Agreement with Dubbo Regional Council.

4. Focus for next 12 months

• Construction activities.

Signature of Chair:	gang Nest
	2 January 2024
Date:	