

Project Name	Mid North Wind Farm	Meeting Date	4 July 2013
Meeting / Subject	Community Liaison Group	Recorded By	AP
	Meeting 10	Total Pages	8

Facilitator:	Georgina House (GH)	Aurecon
Members:	Abby Walker-Schwartz (AWS)	Waterloo Resident
	Andrew Allchurch (AA)	Gilbert Group CFS and Waterloo Landowner
	Chris Mosey (CM)	Waterloo Landowner
	Colin Endean (CE)	ACF Climate Project, Transition Action Group
	David Clarke (DC)	Crystal Brook
	David Busch (DB)	Waterloo Landowner (attended in Lisa's place)
	Des Menz (DM)	Burra
	Garry Fieldhouse (GF)	Gally's
	Kelly-Anne Saffin (KAS)	Regional Development Australia Yorke and Mid North
	Lis Jones Ingham (LJI)	Burra
	Peter Edson (PE)	Burra Regional Tourism and Business Association
	Pip Edson (PE1)	Burra Regional Art Gallery
	Sally Fieldhouse (SF)	Gally's
Guests and	Cr Sue Wurst (SW)	Councillor, Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council
Observers	Dr Nina Hall (NH)	Social Scientist and Team Leader, Science into Society Group, Division of Earth Science and Resource Engineering, CSIRO
	Rebekka Wolf (RW)	Visitor
	Steve Symons (SSy)	Pallisade and Northleaf Representative
	Trevor White (TW)	Wind Farm Liaison Officer
EnergyAustralia	Clint Purkiss (CP)	Project Development Manager
	Mike Clee (MC)	SA Operations Manager
	Mike de Vink (MV)	Senior Project Manager
	Sarah Stent (SS)	Corporate Affairs Manager
Apologies	Glenn Christie (GC)	Seed collector and revegetation
	Hon Dan van Holst Pellekaan	Honourable Member for Stuart
	Hon Geoff Brock	Honourable Member for Frome
	Heidi Hodge (HH)	Black Springs Resident
	Lisa Busch (LB)	Waterloo Landowner
	Yvonne Cloke (YC)	Barossa Lower North Futures Inc
	Vincent Branson (VB)	Ngadjuri Walpa Juri Lands and Heritage Association Inc
Minute Taker	Adam Pfitzner (AP)	Aurecon



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1.	Welcome and Apologies – Georgina House	
1.1.	<ul> <li>Welcome</li> <li>GH welcomed members and guests to the tenth Mid North Wind Farm Community Liaison Group (CLG) Meeting.</li> <li>GH gave a special welcome to first time attendees and guests of this evening's meeting, including David Busch, Des Menz, Rebekka Wolf and Steve Symons.</li> <li>David Busch is attending on behalf of wife Lisa Busch.</li> <li>Rebekka Wolf is currently visiting Burra.</li> <li>Des Menz is a local Consulting Engineer in Environmental Management.</li> <li>Steve Symons is General Manager for the new Palisade and Northleaf Joint Venture with EnergyAustralia</li> </ul>	
1.2.	Apologies  Apologies were noted.	
1.3.	<ul> <li>Agenda and Housekeeping</li> <li>GH outlined today's agenda, which includes: <ul> <li>EnergyAustralia Update.</li> <li>Research Update by Dr Nina Hall, CSIRO.</li> <li>Overview of EnergyAustralia Mid North Wind Farm Projects.</li> <li>Discussion around Register of Suggestions and Initiatives including Burra Gorge environmental initiative.</li> <li>EPA Noise Study of the Waterloo Wind Farm.</li> </ul> </li> <li>GH advised that the next CLG meeting will be held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2013.</li> </ul>	
2.	Review Minutes of Previous Meeting – Georgina House  No issues were raised with previous minutes.	
3.	<ul> <li>EnergyAustralia Update – Mike Clee and Steve Symons</li> <li>GH introduced Mike Clee (MC), new key contact person regarding Waterloo Wind Farm, and also Steve Symons (SS) a representative of Palisade and Northleaf who have entered a joint venture with EA in relation to Waterloo Wind Farm.</li> <li>SS provided an overview of Palisade and Northleaf and the joint venture</li> <li>Joint Venture partners to own 75% of Waterloo wind farm.</li> <li>Palisade and Northleaf– infrastructure specialists with experience in wind energy.</li> <li>EnergyAustralia to retain 25% ownership and will remain the face of operations.</li> <li>Community engagement is a key commitment and will continue.</li> <li>Total proceeds of AUD \$228 million for EnergyAustralia – 'invest in new projects'.</li> <li>Deal also includes option for investors to sign on for new projects i.e. Waterloo 2 and Stony Gap.</li> <li>MC provided an update on EnergyAustralia's recent restructure and confirmed he is the key contact for Waterloo Wind Farm matters.</li> <li>MC informed the CLG that a letter had gone out to stakeholders in the community informing of the change in contact details.</li> <li>Several members mentioned they had not received the letter.</li> <li>MC confirmed that land owners did receive the letter.</li> <li>AA verified that he received the letter.</li> <li>MC to review the stakeholder database and widen the distribution area to include turbine host landowners, neighbouring landowners, nearby communities, key stakeholder groups, Councils, ElectraNet, Government agencies, and the like.</li> <li>CP remains the key contact for proposed projects including Waterloo 2 and Stony Gap wind farms.</li> </ul>	MC to review stakeholder database associated with the letter informing contact details and widen to include additional stakeholders and community  MC to review and update the distribution list for future correspondence



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Item	<ul> <li>Waterloo Wind Farm Contact Details: Contact details for Mike Clee and Waterloo Wind Farm are as follows. Mike Clee 0403 222 879 and for the Waterloo wind farm 0408 547 869.</li> <li>Members raised some disappointment that the key contact person for Waterloo Wind Farm had changed as it takes time to get to know and trust and now that Michael Head is not in that position, it is a loss for the community. This was acknowledged and MC is committed to continuing to work with and build a strong relationship with CLG members and the community generally.</li> <li>A query was raised as to whether Palisade was a global company.</li> <li>MC/SS confirmed that Palisade was Australian based with offices positioned globally.</li> <li>MC advised they were happy with the joint venture – adding that it is causing no hindrance.</li> <li>GH seeks a comment from EnergyAustralia regarding Michael Head's departure from the company.</li> <li>MC indicated that EnergyAustralia are not willing to discuss personal circumstances relating to Michael Head in a public forum given this may not be what Michael would want.</li> </ul>	Action By
	<ul> <li>o MC explained that EnergyAustralia is experiencing challenging economic conditions and as a result is currently restructuring company-wide (having currently affected 71 roles across the business).</li> <li>o Like other business units, Waterloo has also been reviewed and as a result, one position has had to be made redundant.</li> <li>o Query raised as to whether the Joint Venture will impact the relationship between the CLG Group and EnergyAustralia.</li> <li>o MC indicated that the Joint Venture will not affect the relationship.</li> <li>o AWS stated she was disappointed in the loss of another EnergyAustralia employee (this is the fourth company restructure). Everyone knew MH to be the best in the business. There were trust issues in the past but the group was about to get past that. MH seemed to be making the most headway with the community.</li> <li>o GH stated that she wishes EA all the best with the restructure.</li> </ul>	
4.	Overview of EnergyAustralia Mid North Wind Farm Projects – Mike Clee / Clint Purkiss	
4.1.	<ul> <li>Waterloo Wind Farm Update</li> <li>Energy Production Figures January-May 2013.</li> <li>On 5 Sept (2012), 55% of the electricity used by SA was generated by the state's wind farms</li> <li>On the same day, wind energy peaked at 80% with excess energy exported to Victoria.</li> <li>As a result of wind, emissions in SA have dropped 27.4% over last 5 years.         <ul> <li>CM queried as to why this figure is stated.</li> <li>MC confirmed that he would remove/revoke the statement.</li> </ul> </li> <li>MC provided an update on Waterloo Wind Farm operations.</li> <li>Weed control program and scheduled works have been reviewed with Centre State. Pest &amp; Weed Control being awarded the contract.</li> <li>Civil works have been completed with 3 minor faults detected which will be addressed when the Gearbox works are completed and weather conditions permit.</li> <li>Tree planting program has been completed with ongoing scheduled maintenance to be carried by Local Contractor EnvironFX – John Young.</li> </ul>	



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	<ul> <li>Wind Farm visits from Geoff Brock (Member for Frome) and SA Parliament Member Mark Parnell (Mark camped and sleep out overnight).</li> <li>EnergyAustralia employs two apprentices at our Hallett Power Station through a local company – Statewide Group Training.         <ul> <li>MC advised Statewide Group Training has moved its office from Blyth to Clare, the two apprentices were employed from the local Mid North Area.</li> <li>A retro fit program to replace the Gearbox in ten (10) Turbines commenced 31st May. Currently seven (7) Gearboxes have been replaced with three (3) remaining. Weather has been the major factor with these works due to Rain, Fog and Gusting winds.</li> </ul> </li> <li>The Waterloo Township Information Signage proposal had been issued for notification on the 8th May by the Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council with one negative reply. This has now progressed with Council advising they will review the structure plans and possibly supply a response by the 5th July.</li> <li>Signage to be erected outside Waterloo Hall. Est. cost approximately \$20k.</li> <li>AWS provided further background about the Waterloo signage, stating that Council had also recently agreed to provide public toilets at the hall as well.</li> <li>Shed was designed by Architect based in Clare and is to be built by a builder from Eudunda.</li> </ul>	
4.2.	Proposed Waterloo 2 Wind Farm Update  CP provided an update on Waterloo Stage 2.  Background:  Part of the original Development Application in 2004/2005 which approved a permit to build 39 WTGs at Waterloo (37 built).  Feasibility and technical assessments and analysis undertaken in 2011/12.  DA lodged in July 2012 for the six turbine extension.  Negotiation of Section.221 Authorisation and Infrastructure Agreement with Council.  Development Assessment Panel on 14th June 2013 in Clare.  Process of Assessment:  DA lodged in July 2012 to Clare & Gilbert Valley Council.  Public notification acceptance and response to submissions November 2012.  Government referrals, peer review of noise assessment and additional information requests finalised in February 2013.  Negotiation of Section.221 Authorisation and Infrastructure Agreement with Council finalised in April/May 2013.  Development Assessment Panel on 14th June 2013 in Clare.  Mix of independent and elected members.  Meetings fully open to public.  Platform for verbal representations from eligible parties and for questions from the panel.  DAP retire to discuss and vote and then convene to provide decision.  Reconvened and a positive decision with a majority decision was passed by the Presiding Member.  Decision retained 3 Reserve Matters and 18 conditions with numerous sub conditions.  Next Steps  Geotechnical Investigations on site.  Go to equipment manufacturers to update pricing information and supply terms and conditions.	



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	<ul> <li>turbine choice).</li> <li>Establish all additional management plans and final construction design for the Building Works Consent process.</li> <li>DC asked if the new turbines would be the same model as the existing turbines at Waterloo.</li> <li>PC responded that that was yet to be determined as the same model is no longer on the market. PC added that the Mk 9 model has slight technological differences and indicated that EA are looking to achieve more from each turbine and that there are pro's and con's in regard to the new models.</li> </ul>	
4.3.	Proposed Stony Gap Wind Farm Update	
	<ul> <li>CP provided an update on Stony Gap Wind Farm.</li> <li>CP indicated that the next ERD Court appearance will be on 17 July.</li> <li>EPBC Referral Decision <ul> <li>Notification of referral decision and designated proponent – controlled action decision on assessment approach.</li> <li>Since 2000, another 17 populations of Pygmy Bluetongues have been discovered including one area with c.3000 individuals.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Act on Facts – International Campaign. <ul> <li>Aim is to prevent the anti-wind myths from confusing the wind energy debate and ultimately obstructing wind energy projects that contribute to combatting climate change. The campaign seeks to motivate the public to engage in the many pro-wind and pro-renewable initiatives already underway by associations, NGOs and developers.</li> <li>Website: <a href="http://www.actonfacts.org/map">http://www.actonfacts.org/map</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>CE asked about the likely timeframe for court determination.</li> <li>CP answered difficult to gauge, should be sometime between July and December this year.</li> </ul>	
5.	CSIRO Research: Social Licence to Operate Wind Farms: Evaluating and improving an Australian working model – an Overview – Dr Nina Hall	
	<ul> <li>GH introduced Dr Nina Hall, Social Scientist and Team Leader, Science into Society Group, Division of Earth Science and Resource Engineering, CSIRO.</li> <li>Dr Nina Hall is undertaking a 3 year research project about wind farms and the specific factors that influence stakeholder acceptance ("Social Licence to Operate").</li> <li>EnergyAustralia a partner of this research and one of a number of case studies nationally.</li> <li>Dr Nina Hall joined the meeting via teleconference and presented a series of slides about the research project and in particular the work she is doing gaining perspectives from stakeholders of the proposed Stony Gap Wind Farm.</li> <li>The PowerPoint Presentation is provided with the minutes.</li> <li>The research project is in year one of a three year project.</li> <li>NH indicated that the research is based on 14 participants responses (7 from EnergyAustralia and 7 from the local community).</li> <li>AWS queried how many (of the 7 community participants) were to financially gain from the Wind Farm?</li> <li>NH responded by indicating that one (1) participant was a landowner (host to a turbine) whom had a direct financial gain, one (1) was a local business owner whom would have flow-on financial gain from the Wind Farm, and the remaining five (5) participants were local residents in the community (with no direct involvement with the Wind Farm).</li> <li>Emerging themes to date include:</li> </ul>	
	o Community view of the benefits of wind farms include community funding,	



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	renewable energy, economic-benefits, financial gain.  Wind developer views of the benefits of wind farms include local business, community-funding, financial-input, economic benefits.  Community views of the concerns about wind farms include health, community-divisions, financial-equity, noise.  PE questioned as to why the media analysis was negative?  NH replied that the report in January 2012 included a media analysis. This found that more stories were published that featured negative impacts and complaints, or about opposition and contest rather than more positive reports.  RW stated that developers need to consider how to mitigate the visual impact of the Wind Farms (turbines) with the possibility of the involvement with children. RW added that the turbines remind us of mobile phone towers (in terms of visual impact).  Next steps include Dr Nina Hall conducting a stakeholder workshop with invited participants. The workshop is likely to be in late August 2013 (date to be confirmed).  A show of hands by CLG members confirmed that many would welcome being invited to the workshop.  CE sought further information regarding the proposed workshops.  NH confirmed that the workshop will provide the opportunity to present the findings (from the research) to a larger group. NH further indicated that the workshop will begin with the community base only and then the EnergyAustralia representatives will be brought into the group later. NH also confirmed that the workshop will be in person (rather than via teleconference).	
	Members to inform Georgina House on <a href="mailto:Georgina.house@aurecongroup.com">Georgina.house@aurecongroup.com</a> or Dr Nina Hall directly on 07 3327 4589 or <a href="mailto:nina.hall@csiro.au">nina.hall@csiro.au</a> if they are interested in attending the stakeholder workshop.	
	SUPPER BREAK	
	Register of Suggestions and Initiatives - Georgina House and All  GH reminded members of the handout provided at the previous meeting and explained that the table was a register of suggestions and initiatives. The register is grouped into four themes:  Community Environment Economy Communications  The register includes suggestions provided by CLG members and EnergyAustralia's work in this theme, having regard to member suggestions.  Members have indicated a willingness to participate in a community project.  GH then floated a potential initiative members might be interested in. Opportunity to apply for a grant called the "Significant Environmental Benefit Grant" (SEB) which supports funding for on ground conservation works.  The money available comes from the Native Vegetation Fund and EA have contributed significantly to this fund as part of the Waterloo Wind Farm approval.  Next funding round opens on 1 February 2014. Funding is available for biodiversity projects that will assist in the landscape scale conservation, restoration and management of native vegetation across NRM Regions.  GH considered the area stretching from Burra in the north to Waterloo in the south has potential, perhaps including the Burra Gorge which links into Burra and also provides a connection to Burra, which may see other tourism or economic spin-offs as well.	



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	<ul> <li>The work Travis How, EBS has undertaken is a useful starting point that demonstrates the benefits that biodiversity conservation can have for rare and endangered flora and fauna such as the Pygmy Blue Tongue.</li> <li>KAS added that this NRM Region has not received much funding in recent times through this funding means so this could be a good opportunity in that respect.</li> <li>Members saw opportunity to consider related aspects relating to trails (Heysen and Mawson), heritage, signage, heritage building use (e.g. Burra Railway Station for Pygmy Blue Tongue information).</li> <li>GH added that there may be other grant opportunities to hook into for linked projects.</li> <li>SS asked who in the group had a background writing grant applications?</li> <li>KAS has significant experience in this area and is prepared to provide further information to members at the next meeting.</li> <li>Members agreed they would like to have a working session as part of the agenda for the September meeting to hear more about the grant opportunities and then brainstorm ideas and strategies forward.</li> <li>SW agreed it would be ideal if both Councils could also perhaps consider the opportunities.</li> <li>The input of other members not in attendance was also raised as important, including Glenn Christie and Heidi Hodge.</li> </ul>	KAS to present further information on the SEB Grant at the September Meeting.  GH to inform both Councils of the working session and invite key staff to attend.  GH to facilitate brainstorm working session within the September Meeting where all members can participate.
7.	EPA Noise Study of Waterloo Wind Farm – Mike Clee	participate.
	<ul> <li>MC informed members of the current EPA Noise Investigation underway .</li> <li>EPA monitoring of noise including infrasound in the vicinity of Waterloo wind farm commenced 8th April and concluded on the 17th June.</li> <li>EnergyAustralia as requested by the EPA agreed to and cooperated with the program by shutting down the wind farm as determined by the EPA (which cost EA money).</li> <li>All recorded statistics and production data has been passed onto the EPA for analysis and correlation with their shutdown program.</li> <li>Results expected August.</li> <li>Earlier report into noise study by EPA available at www.epa.sa.gov.au.</li> <li>Report likely to be available around September 2013.</li> <li>MC will keep members informed at upcoming meetings but advised all to contact the Wind Farm is further information is required.</li> </ul>	MC to update members on EPA Report and Findings when available
8.	<ul> <li>Other Business – All</li> <li>DC suggested that the CLG consider providing a reference to Michael Head given his significant efforts presenting and working with the CLG in recent years.</li> <li>DC read out a draft version for members to consider, and members agreed to provide the reference.</li> <li>GH to provide the reference to Michael Head on behalf of the CLG.</li> <li>GH handed out various reports, summaries of reports and newspaper articles (also attached to the minutes).</li> <li>SS asked members if they had seen the recent newspaper articles (e.g. "Planting the seeds for tomorrow" featuring Glenn Christie. Several members said they had seen the articles.</li> <li>SS queries as to whether CLG members have viewed any of the local advertisements (appearing in the Northern Argus, Flinders News and Burra Broadcaster)?</li> <li>Some CLG members recall viewing the advertisements.</li> <li>PE indicated that the Burra Broadcaster no longer exists.</li> <li>SS invited ideas for future newspaper article topics. One suggestion was to emphasise EA's spend in the local community (e.g. the Waterloo signage project, the Clare Races, the local swimming event).</li> </ul>	GH to provide reference to Michael Head, on behalf of the CLG



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	<ul> <li>Query raised as to whether a decision would be made on Stony Gap by the next meeting.</li> <li>CP advised that it hopefully would be.</li> </ul>	
9.	Topics for Future Meetings - All	
	<ul> <li>DC – suggested a speaker at a future meeting (Professor Con Doolan – who is doing a noise study with the University of Adelaide).</li> <li>Query raised as to whether we could look at the relationship between health and noise.</li> <li>SS advised that General Practitioners have been invited to attend the CLG and said no but please continue to chase as a group.</li> <li>GH suggested the environmental initiative / SEB Grant (as discussed in Item 6 above) could be considered further at the next meeting.</li> <li>Members agrees to discuss the environmental initiative at the September Meeting and potentially to discuss noise at the following meeting, subject to perhaps also having the EPA present their noise report and key findings as well.</li> </ul>	
10.	<ul> <li>Next Meeting and Close –Georgina House</li> <li>GH thanked all for their attendance.</li> <li>Minutes of this meeting will be distributed to all for review.</li> <li>2 weeks will be provided for members to review draft minutes and provide any feedback to Georgina House.</li> <li>Once finalised, the minutes will be placed on the EnergyAustralia Website and circulated to other key stakeholders.</li> <li>Next CLG Meeting – Thursday 5 September 2013 – 4.30pm to 6.30pm at Gally's.</li> </ul>	
	Meeting Closed.	

#### Attachments include:

- Agenda for CLG Meeting #11 (Thursday 5 September 2013)
- Meeting Calendar 2013
- Dr Nina Hall's Presentation Slides
- Summary from the EPA Study conducted into infrasound levels near wind farms and in other environments, Feb 2013
- · CEC Benefits of Wind Farms
- CEC Clean Energy Update No. 2
- EnergyAustralia Planting the Seeds for Tomorrow
- EnergyAustralia Supporting Bush Fire Awareness

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