



COMMUNITY REFERENCE GROUP Minutes

Date: 26/10/21

Time: Start 7.03pm and 8.00pm finish

Place: Zoom

Attendance: Tracey Ward (Community Engagement Manager, Lal Lal Wind Farms), Damian Ryan (Chair), Mick Frawley, Shane Murphy, Donna Bartlett, Sue Witherspoon,

Guests: Kevin Garthwaite (RES), Heather McMahon (Lal Lal EPA)

Apologies: Peter Britt, Kate Banner

Minutes: Tracey Ward

Meeting Agenda

Item	Description	Action	Who By	Due
1	DR asked if the minutes had been read and correct DR asked for any business arising from the previous minutes No business arising.	Accepted Seconded	SW SM	
2	Update from Community Engagement Manager, report for August to October 2021 Landscape program The landscaping program closed in July 2021 for new applications. There were 438 applications for payments and 4 applications for actual landscaping. The payment in lieu of landscaping for Lal Lal Falls has now been paid to Moorabool Shire Council. TV reception complaints			

	There have been a few new TV reception complaints. These complaints are being dealt with as soon as possible and also considering Covid restrictions and wet weather (too slippery for the TV reception contractor to get on the roof to make changes to the antenna). • Aviation lights Aviation lights, have been switched off since the 16 October 2020 and will remain off for the foreseeable future. There has been a NOTAM (Notice to Airmen issued by CASA) that is current until the end of January 2022. • Complaints and feedback Noise complaints, complaints have been received from 6 families, 2 at the Yendon end and 4 from Elaine. LLWF is working with these families to resolve these complaints. • Elaine Mount Mercer Road noise complaints Correspondence is continuing with the residents that have raised noise complaints on Elaine Mount Mercer Road.			
3	Post construction noise testing update (Kevin Garthwaite RES):- • A round of post construction noise testing has been completed at both Yendon and Elaine • Noise testing had to be repeated at Yendon due to the low number of operating turbines when noise testing was undertaken due to on going works on site, this is currently being done. • The Elaine post construction noise testing report has been completed and EPA auditor reviewed and should be available on the website at the end of 2021. • The Yendon report is also being reviewed by the EPA auditor at the moment and will be available early in 2022 on the website • Noise testing is being carried out in compliance with the endorsed Noise Compliance Test Plan and this does not include properties along Elaine Mount Mercer Road as these were not considered by the acoustic consultant and the EPA auditor at the time as being the best locations for undertaking representative noise monitoring • Indicative noise testing was conducted along Elaine Mount Mercer Road in 2020 in response to the complaints during a period when the wind farm was not full operating and hence before formal testing could commence. This was indicative only and formal representative noise compliance testing is that done in accordance with the Noise Compliance Test Plan • DR proposed that noise testing be conducted at the specific locations of complainants along Elaine Mount Mercer Road. This could be done now with the turbines turned off and again when the turbines are fully functioning. KG, however, stated that this would have no benefit over existing testing.			

	Question from the CRG about post construction noise testing be conducted in a different season to the previous testing. We will ask the question to see if this can done.			
4	Any further items, next meeting The CRG discussed the recent passing of CRG member Ron Read. Next meeting (Christmas get together, Wallace Hotel):- Thursday 11 November, 7pm			