

## **Crookwell 2 and 3 Windfarm Community Consultative Committee**

### **Minutes of the meeting of the CCC**

**Time 4.00PM Wednesday 24 March 2021**

### **Venue CWA Hall Spring Street Crookwell**

**Attendance:** Peter Gordon (Independent Chair), Steve Ward and Councillor Paul Culhane from Upper Lachlan Shire, Gideon Roux, Grant Stepien, Supragya Sharma and Graham Young representing Global Power Generation and Crookwell Development Pty Ltd.

Katrina Nixon

**Apologies:** John Carter. Guillermo Alonso.

Peter Gordon welcomed all to the meeting of the committee and in particular welcomed Katrina Nixon. The Chair also welcomed the new GPG team to the meeting noting that past GPG representatives and especially Nigel Hicks until recently had been extremely helpful to the committee.

No new pecuniary or other interests were declared.

**Minutes of previous meeting:** The minutes of meeting were accepted as an accurate record of that meeting out of session.

Members noted that the minutes and other CCC records are to be now easily accessed through the company website

[www.globalpower-generation.com.au/projects/NSW/Crookwell 3](http://www.globalpower-generation.com.au/projects/NSW/Crookwell3)

**Business arising** from previous minutes — response to issues raised or provision of additional information requested

**Correspondence** – nil

**Technical issues.** Covered under the company report below.

### **Company reports and overview of activities:**

Gideon took the opportunity to brief the committee on the circumstances around the approval to proceed with Crookwell 3.

The decision to proceed was taken at arbitration under a S.45 ruling. The ruling is final and also binds the proponent to the specifics approved, which included deleting the south cluster of the proposed wind farm, the specific locations of the 16 turbines and biodiversity offsets. Permit can be viewed on DPIE website;

<https://majorprojects.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/prweb/PRRestService/mp/01/getContent?AttachRef=SSD-6695%2120201016T062944.496%20GMT>

GPG was waiting for the power to be generated to be linked to a specific customer before moving to full construction. Preliminary siteworks and preparations are underway. It was a condition of the approval that the construction access be mainly on Graywood Siding Road.

Members raised a number of points regarding transport and roadway issues. It is generally expected that GPG needs to take all steps necessary to minimise disturbance to traffic movements especially in peak times. Katrina Nixon was particularly interested in the recent rains impact on Woodhouselee Road. Katrina shared pictures of substantially degraded verges. Gideon mentioned the company will continue to work with the community on such matters and noted that the company had commissioned a stormwater management plan which included measures to slow the flow of water.

Grant briefed the committee on aspects of the screening plans. Members encouraged Grant to spend time with committee member John Carter who has a wealth of knowledge as to which plant types are best suited for the purposes. Grant noted that Greening Australia was working with GPG on such matters.

Gideon noted that the company expected to lodge pre-construction documentation by June and the earliest possible start was October, but in all likelihood after that date. GPG continues to engage with the impacted residents.

Grant also reported on a recent bird strike report. There has been some evidence of impact on birds and particularly little eagles and black falcons. The full bird report will be available in April.

The chair reminded the GPG representatives that the CCC is to be briefed regularly on matters to do with environmental performance and other relevant material at each meeting.

#### **Issues identified by the community or local government representatives**

Katrina asked that the contractors not use UHF radio channels which the local RFS relies on. GPG agreed to include this in contracts and Katrina will supply the channel information.

#### **Community complaints and response to complaints**

GPG will table a complaints register at future meetings as is required under the CCC guidelines. The company currently has a free call number (1800 457 181) for all community enquiries, this number will be used for the community complaints process once the next phase of construction in early 2021 has commenced. The company website also has an enquiry form that will be used for the community complaints process.

**Next meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for 23 June at 4PM at Crookwell.

The venue is the CWA Hall in Crookwell unless otherwise agreed and the meetings will commence at 4.00pm. The meeting schedule, venue and time may be changed subject to availability, and will be notified in advance of the scheduled event.

**Peter Gordon****Independent Chair****Crookwell 2 and 3 Wind Farm Community Consultative Committee****March 2021**

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