



Delburn Wind Farm Community Consultative Committee Minutes Meeting #3

Thursday 14 March, 2024
MCDI Board Room, Mirboo North
6:00 - 7.30pm

Attendees:

- Barry Rogers (Chair)
- Anne Forbes (Secretariat/OSMI)
- Sam Maynard
- Trevor Hoare
- Kristine Good
- Chris Milne
- Wendy Farmer (online)
- Lorraine Bull
- Marty Sinemma
- Alex Godina - Cubico (online)
- Heather Butler

Apologies: Elizabeth Radcliffe (OSMI), Tony Wolfe, Matt Curtain, Michelle Slater, Taylah Ling

Minutes

1. Procedural Matters

Chair: Acknowledgement of Country

Anne: Apologies and online attendees

Actions arising from previous meeting:

- I. Committee members to advise of any memberships or groups they are part of for the interests and conflicts register. Action: Ongoing
- II. Project team to address questions raised by the CCC and place answers on the website and in e-News updates. Action: Ongoing

A community member asked how complaints would be managed during construction. Information about making a complaint or asking a question is available on the website at delburnwindfarm.au The Traffic Management Plan and Complaint Investigation and Response Plan covers complaint management in detail. This plan must be endorsed prior to construction starting. We will remind the community about avenues for making complaints in our e-News, website and social media channels prior to the start of construction.

A community member asked about wind turbine blade recycling. Currently, the average Vestas wind turbine is 85 percent recyclable. The challenge is in recycling the wind turbine rotors as the components contain composites of mainly epoxy resin and glass fiber. In February 2023, Vestas announced a new solution that renders epoxy-based turbine blades as circular. Combining newly discovered technology, the solution can be applied to blades currently in operation. This will eliminate the need for landfill disposal of epoxy-based

blades when they are decommissioned. Once this new technology is implemented at scale, blade material currently sitting in landfill, as well as blade material in active windfarms, can be disassembled and re-used.

Conflicts and perceived Conflicts of Interest

Nil.

2. Community Feedback and Questions

CCC members shared feedback and questions they received from residents:

- A resident on Ten Mile Creek Road asked if a bus stop and bike rack could be placed outside the Operations Centre near the corner of Smiths Road and Strzelecki Hwy? A public transport bus currently travels from Morwell to Mirboo North but there aren't any stops in between. People in Creamery Rd and Yinnar could use this bus stop.
- Positive response to news of the Delburn Wind Farm construction scheduled to commence in the third quarter of this year.
- A resident asked about 'Turbine Foot'. This apparently occurred in Texas when a young horse's tendons were affected by the spinning turbines. Evidence was presented during the 12-day Delburn Wind Farm Planning Panel Hearing that there would not be any damage to horses or cattle from the wind turbines.
- A resident asked if bike paths would be incorporated into the plantation when the wind farm is constructed?
- A question was asked what the wind farm will do about bats and eagles? An Avi-fauna Management Plan will be presented to the authorities for endorsement. The plan outlines how it will address bird and bat life protection before the wind farm construction can start.
- A question was asked about a mechanism that provides an audible warning sound to eagles if they get too close to the wind turbines. Does the Delburn Wind Farm intend to use it? Can the wind turbine blades be slowed down if eagles are near-by?

ACTION: Project team to investigate questions raised by the CCC and advise at the next CCC meeting. Answers to queries to be placed on the website and in e-News updates.

3. Terminal Station Panel Hearing

The Terminal Station Panel Hearing was held today. This was an opportunity for the planning panel members to hear any objections to the application for amendments to the terminal station planning permit.

DWF applied for an amendment to the wording of some conditions to improve the language and interpretation and to provide certainty around the bushfire conditions. Members of the Planning Panel and objectors attended the terminal station site on 6 March, 2024.



The purpose of the Panning Panel was to focus on the planning amendment for the terminal station. The permit for the wind energy facility has already been granted by the Planning Minister.

The majority of the objectors' concerns were about bushfire protection at the terminal station. The CFA provided a letter dated 22 February 2024, stating they have no objections to the proposed terminal station amendments.

The Planning Panel will make a recommendation to the Minister, who will then make her decision. We will advise the community of the outcome.

4. Community Development Grants and Storm Impacts

The storm on 13 February, 2024 severely impacted the town of Mirboo North and surrounding areas. A discussion was held about the Delburn Wind Farm Community Development Grants and how they may be re-directed to assist with community projects for storm clean up and recovery. It was noted, the funds cannot be in place of government or insurance agency funding or go to individuals.

Themes suggested by the CCC members included:

- Restoration of important community facilities that will assist with health and wellbeing including walking tracks, local sporting and recreational facilities
- Supporting people's mental health and delivering ongoing counselling services to help impacted residents
- Providing connectivity and power for isolated communities during extreme weather events
- Renewing the natural environment with plantings at parks and reserves and supporting local Landcare groups

5. Meeting Closure: 7:10PM

The next meeting is scheduled for 18 April 2024 from 6:00-7.30pm at MCDI Co Space, 96 Ridgway, Mirboo North. Members are requested to RSVP to Anne Forbes.

Actions arising

- Redevelopment of Terms of Reference (ToR). The updated ToR will be emailed to members. Feedback to be provided to Anne by CCC members by 24 March, 2024.
- Project team to investigate questions raised by the CCC and advise at the next CCC meeting. Answers to queries to be placed on the website and in e-News updates.

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Procedural matters

- Acknowledgment of Traditional Owners
- Apologies & online attendees
- Actions arising from previous meeting
- Conflicts and perceived conflict of interest

Community Feedback & Questions

- Questions, concerns
- Observations



Terminal Station Panel Hearing

- Application to amend the Delburn Wind Farm Terminal Station Planning Permit
- Amendment requested to the wording of some conditions to improve the language and interpretation and to provide certainty around the bushfire conditions.
- Panel Hearing today to listen to objections
- Planning Panel makes recommendation to Minister, who then makes her decision.
- We will advise the community of the outcome



Proposed 220kV terminal station

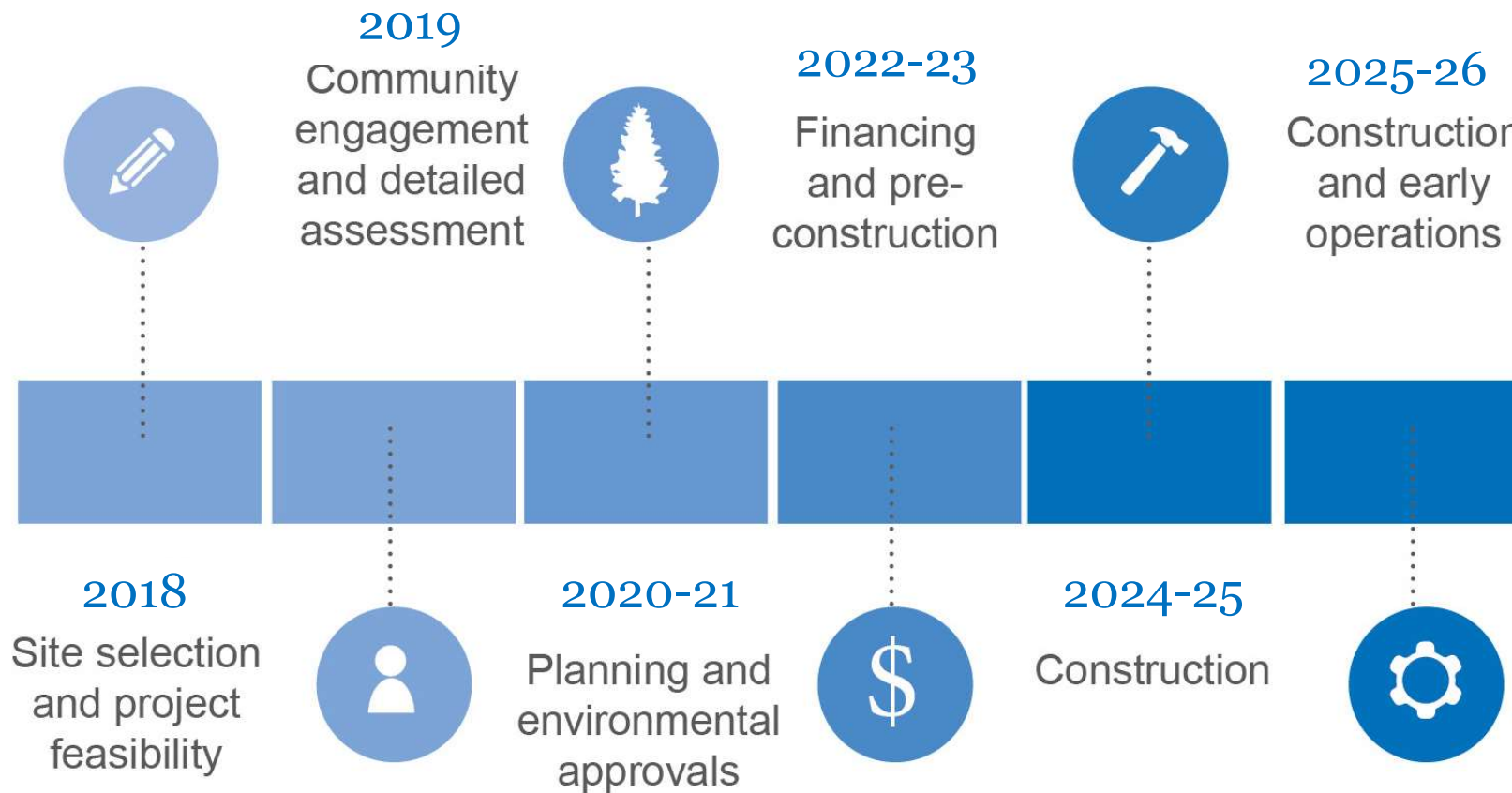
Community Development Grants & storm



- Impact of severe storm on 13 February 2024
- Community Development Fund:
 - Sustainability, community health & wellbeing
- Options for next round of community grants:
 - Regeneration of damaged environment
 - Injured wildlife
 - Landcare assistance
 - Local plant suppliers
 - Others?



Project Timeline



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