



Delburn Wind Farm Community Consultative Committee Minutes Meeting #8

Thursday 21 November 2024

6:00 - 7.30pm

Hybrid meeting - In person and online

Attendees:

- Barry Rogers (Chair)
- Heather Butler
- Lorraine Bull
- Sam Maynard
- Ivor Awty
- Chris Milne
- Matt Curtain
- Anne Forbes (Secretariat OSMI)
- Alex Godina (Cubico)

Apologies: Wendy Farmer, Tony Wolfe, Michelle Slater, Marty Sinemma, Elizabeth Radcliffe (OSMI)

Absent: Trevor Hoare, Graeme Wilson

Guest: Gerard O'Shae (Lawyer)

Minutes

1. Procedural Matters

- Barry Rogers (Chair): Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners
- Meeting minutes shared with members and confirmed as true and accurate

Actions arising from the previous meeting

- Project Team to provide more information at the next CCC about establishing a Trust, taxation and property value impacts. Outcome: Information to be provided in this meeting
- Project team to have a lawyer, accountant or specialist present to CCC about setting up a Trust or Individual Agreements. Outcome: To be covered at this meeting
- e-News to be shared with community to update them on CCC discussions. Outcome: Complete.

Conflicts and perceived Conflicts of Interest

Barry Rogers declared he is now a Board Member of the Gippsland Community Foundation.

2. Community Feedback and Questions

- The Delburn Wind Farm e-News update about the geotechnical works was well received in the community
- A few people were curious why Delburn Wind Farm, Marinus Link and other industry groups are working along the Strzelecki Highway all at the same time? Maybe due to the weather improving?
- A question was asked how the wind farm will impact the Strzelecki Alpine BioLink?
- A few community members asked when the wind farm construction will start. When will jobs become available for locals and contractors?



- A question was asked about the Neighbour Profit Share scheme and when it will commence?

3. Neighbourhood Profit Sharing Scheme

Anne provided an outline of the Neighbourhood Profit Sharing Scheme and explained it is a distribution of profit share payments to the 103 property owners located within 2kms of the wind farm. The Neighbourhood Profit Share is \$500,000 to be shared annually over the 30-year life of the wind farm.

Near neighbour property owners do not have to accept the Profit Share Payments if they choose not to. If property owners 'opt-out', the funds will go directly back into the Community Development Grants.

The profit share payments are separate from the Community Development Fund that allocates annual community grants to non-profit groups located around the wind farm site. The fund currently has \$10,000 to assist community groups and this will increase to \$150,000 annually when construction starts.

Guest attendee: Gerard O'Shae (Lawyer)

The Chair welcomed Gerard O'Shae to the meeting.

Gerard resides in Darlimurla and is a qualified lawyer with 20 years' experience. He has practiced as a barrister in Melbourne in criminal and administrative law. He is not a tax specialist and runs a consulting firm/legal practice. The information he shared with the CCC was general in nature and he recommended anyone requiring specific legal advice about their circumstances, should do so.

Gerard explained his attendance was on a good faith basis and OSMI and Delburn Wind Farm were not paying for his time or services. He was recently appointed a Director on the Mirboo North and District Community Foundation (MCDI) however this had no association with his attendance at this meeting.

The Chair explained the CCC had been discussing ways to distribute the profit share payments to near neighbours by establishing a Profit Share Trust or Individual Agreements.

Gerard held a Q&A session with the CCC members to discuss the pros and cons of a Trust and Individual Agreement payment distribution methods.

4. Next steps

A discussion was held with CCC members regarding their preferences on establishing a Trust or Individual Agreement. The group then voted that the Individual Agreements were simpler and a less complex way to distribute payments to the 103 near neighbours as it avoided them having to attend an AGM and having to become a Director or Trustee.

Anne explained that information would be shared with the 103 near neighbours and they would be asked for their feedback. Once this feedback has been provided, the Delburn Wind Farm project team would make the final decision on the Neighbour Profit Share distribution and update the community.



4. Meeting Close

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 20 February 2025 at 6pm at the Delburn Wind Farm office at 66 Ridgway, Mirboo North. This is a hybrid meeting, and attendees can attend online via Teams if they could not attend in person.

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Procedural matters

- Acknowledgment of Traditional Owners
- Apologies
- Governance
- Actions arising from previous meeting
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Community Feedback & Questions

- Questions
- Concerns
- Observations
- Suggestions



Guest – Gerard O’Shae, Lawyer

- Introduction
- Profit Share Trust
- Profit Share Individual Agreements
- Pros and cons



Next meeting

Thursday 20 Feb 2025 at 6pm

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