

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting title	Rye Park Wind Farm Community Consultative Committee (CCC) Meeting #37		
Attendees			
David Johnson (Independent Chair) (DJ)		Andrew Field (Community Member) (AF)	
Federica Frew - Community & Stakeholder Engagement Advisor, Tilt Renewables (FF)		Mike Gilmour (Community member) (MG)	
Owen Boushel, - Manager Stakeholder Engagement, Tilt Renewables (OB)		Chris Hawkins (Community member) (CH)	
Samantha Mar – Asset Manager, Tilt Renewables (SM)		Jayne Apps (Community member) (JA)	
(Observer) Nick Daly – Senior Community and Stakeholder Engagement Advisor, Tilt Renewables (ND)		Cr Al Charry (Yass Valley Council) (AC)	
Apologies			
Claude Morson (Community Member) (CM)		Hilltops Council representative	
Cr Paul Culhane (Upper Lachlan Council) (PC)			
Location	Clubhouse Hotel, Comur Street, Yass	Date & start time	1 April 2025 at 7.08 pm

Topic	Discussion
1. Acknowledgement of Country and Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chair acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land within the project area and on which we meet, being the Ngunnawal and Wiradjuri people, paying respects to their Elders past, present and emerging. The Chair (DJ) welcomed everyone to the meeting and announced that he was recording the meeting; there were no objections.
2. Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chair noted the apologies received. OB introduced Sam Mar of Tilt Renewables, who is the Tilt Renewables asset manager for Rye Park Wind Farm, and Nick Daly, observer and Senior Stakeholder Engagement Advisor from Tilt Renewables. DJ noted that Hilltops Council are yet to nominate their new representative for the CCC.
3. Declarations of Interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No additional declarations.
4. Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DJ referred to external email correspondence with the three councils, regarding nominations for new CCC reps, including their replies; he also noted an email exchange with the Independent Auditor on the project in Jan 2025.
5. Minutes of the Previous Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes of the last meeting of the Rye Park CCC (#35) on 29 October 2024, were taken as approved as a draft had been circulated to all members for comment.

6. Business Arising from Minutes

Action Items:

DJ noted that Action Items 4 and 6 from the last minutes are closed. All action Items, both new items and those carried forward are now contained in one list at the end of these minutes. From last minutes:

- **Prev. Item 1 - Noise monitoring:**

Discussion followed – AF complained that he was not notified in advance when Sonus were doing the noise monitoring. CH supported this claim. The monitoring was conducted over a period from early December 2024 to mid/late January 2025. The CCC and AF were notified, however Tilt to investigate if within timeframe. JA confirmed that many residents had advised her that noise impacts were very significant. Both AF and CH noted that night-time noise impacts from the turbines were causing significant disturbance inside their dwellings.

Action to remain OPEN (Items 1 & 2). OB and FF to investigate timeline of notification to CCC and AF; to confirm dates of communications sent and dates of monitoring conducted.

- **Prev. Item 2 - Aviation lighting:**

Discussion followed – Tilt contacted CASA, suggested Tilt investigate partial shading of the lights. Tilt investigated with Vestas, however Vestas have not implemented this technology previously. It does not appear that CASA will retract from their recommendation that the lights remain.

Tilt Renewables have exhausted the options available to the project other than further investigation of possible shading options, which they are continuing to do. Several members noted that Bialla WF was able to turn off the lights after significant community pressure.

DJ noted that after he sought support from the three Councils, he received only one response (Yass Valley Council, providing support to turn the lights off). DJ to send an email to the Mayor and CEO of YV Council seeking support (new **Action Item 5**). AC to provide DJ with Council contact details.

Action to remain OPEN (Item 4) - Tilt to continue investigating shading options

- **Prev. Item 3 - Working hours:**

FF noted that Vestas' business as usual work hours are 7am to 5 pm Monday through Thursday; and breakdown and rectification works only 7am to 5pm on Friday through Sunday.

AF noted that there are five to six Vestas vehicles using the public road in front of his house most days including weekends, from 5am. He questions whether the works outside normal hours are actually for breakdowns, rectifications etc as it appears that the traffic and works are on-going on all days of the week. OB said Tilt will follow up with Vestas to confirm what extra hours are being worked, and whether they are normal or breakdown/rectification works, what hours are they occurring, and if the Department are aware of these works. (**ACTION Item 7**)

- **Prev. Item 5 - Dilapidation surveys:**

Tilt reported that the Independent Auditor recently confirmed with the three Councils

	<p>that the dilapidation surveys have been completed. Community members expressed interest in the results of the dilapidation surveys and who is responsible for any needed rectification works. Several members mentioned areas where road repairs are still required (eg Blakney Ck Rd, roadside swale in Rye Park and roads in Boorowa).</p> <p>Action to remain OPEN; Tilt to respond by confirming the survey results for the Yass Street culvert and confirm which party is responsible for rectification. . (Action Item 8).</p>
7. Proponent's Report	<p>See also <u>Presentation Notes</u> provided.</p> <p>OB & FF introduced the presentation and project updates from Tilt Renewables.</p> <p>A series of slides were presented (see attachment) and supporting information was also provided by SM.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 573 GWh of power generated over the last 6 months. • Key contacts are FF and SM (Asset Management). • Contact details remain the same ryeparkwindfarm@tiltrenewables.com and phone 1800 938 458. • Annual service for first year completed. <p>ENVIRONMENT & COMPLIANCE – slide 5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BIODIVERSITY – on-site rehabilitation completed but monitoring continues until criteria are met; • All biodiversity offset credits now retired; • Bird & bat monitoring continues; using cadaver dogs and scavenging surveys; several members reported reductions in bird populations in vicinity of turbines; • Independent audit of compliance conditions and operational plans now completed; three minor non-conformances noted; • Complaints management procedures and Complaints Management Plan available on the project webpage. <p>MODIFICATION APPLICATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tilt is still considering a modification for an alternative more central operations and management compound and access (as per last CCC minutes). This is still being assessed internally by Tilt, prior to lodgement with DPHI. <p>STAKEHOLDER & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (see slides 8 - 10)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rye Park Showground upgrades; • Official Wind Farm opening event – May; by invitation. • Last Newsletter Dec 2024; next one Dec 2025 (now annual); • Complaints & enquiries: complaints@tiltrenewables.com Phone: 1800 WE TILT (938 458) <p>COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT FUNDS (slide 7)</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> VPA funding for the 2024-25 financial year has been paid to councils, via the Community Enhancement Funds, as follows: Hilltops \$162,500; Upper Lachlan \$40,000; Yass Valley \$27,500 Tilt is represented on the council committees, which also have community reps, for recommending allocations of funds. Councils are responsible for advertising for interest as community members on those committees.
8. General Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TURBINE LIGHTING: JA & CH noted that some turbines in the Rye Park area appear to have very bright lighting at the base of the turbines, which causes impacts to some residents. Tilt to follow up with Vestas to determine why this is the case and what can be done to remove or reduce the impacts. (ACTION ITEM 6) JA noted that at Bialla Wind Farm, the proponent offered to provide solar panels. OB noted that for Rye Park Wind Farm, it was decided to focus on educational funding, well-being programmes, scholarships and revegetation works as benefit sharing. JA asked if there was any damage to the turbines following the hailstorm on 10 Feb. SM said no impacts observed. JA asked when did the life of the Wind Farm get extended to 30 years? OB noted that the consent allows for the project to be open-ended and based on the design life of the components. AF asked how much oil is used in the gearboxes and how often is it changed? Tilt to respond. (ACTION ITEM 9) <p>CH (and others) whether all the signage regarding wind farm access etc is still necessary, or could some of it now be removed. Tilt to respond (ACTION ITEM 10).</p>
9. Other Agenda Items	<p>None</p> <p>Meeting closed: 9.20 pm</p>
Next Meeting	<p>Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 29 July 2025, at 7pm, in <u>Yass</u> (location TBC). Committee agreed that this is an appropriate interval for the next meeting.</p>

ACTIONS REQUIRED:

Note: This is a consolidated list including both previous actions still **open**, and new actions. Responses to some of these action items (1, 2, 7 & 9) have been provided to the committee by Tilt Renewables subsequent to the meeting.

	Action Item	Responsible	Due By
1	Tilt to notify AF re noise monitoring; AF has reported significant sleep disturbance to himself and some of his family. Tilt and Sonus to confirm in advance when noise monitoring will occur, and advise AF. Tilt to investigate (see 2. Below). (CCC meeting 4/6/24)	Tilt	Remains open . Subsequently completed, see email circulated 11/04
2	Tilt to notify the committee when noise monitoring is to occur (in advance). Tilt to investigate whether or not this was done & dates of all communications etc.(CCC 4/6/24)	Tilt	Remains open . Subsequently completed, see email circulated 11/04
3	Tilt to provide contact details in next Newsletter re telecom surveys and problem rectification for anyone having issues (CCC 29/10/24)	Tilt	COMPLETE (Closed)
4	Tilt to report back on outcomes of shading investigation for the aviation lights.	Tilt	Open , Tilt to continue investigating shading options.
5	DJ to email Yass Valley Council (Mayor & CEO) to seek further support for turning off aviation lights	DJ	Prior to next meeting (ASAP)
6	Tilt to liaise with Vestas to investigate lighting at base of some turbines and associated impacts to residents at night	Tilt	Prior to next meeting (ASAP)
7	Tilt to confirm working hours & need for weekend/rectification works. Why is work currently continuing 7 days per week, as per AF claims? (CCC 29/10/24)	Tilt	Remains open . Subsequently completed, see email circulated 11/04
8	<u>Dilapidation Surveys</u> – Tilt to confirm details of the Yass Street Survey, including results & who is responsible for any rectification. (CCC 29/10/24)	Tilt	Remain open Prior to next meeting (ASAP)
9	Tilt to advise how much oil is contained in the turbine gearboxes, and how often it is changed. (CCC meeting 29/10/24)	Tilt	Open . Subsequently completed, see email circulated 11/04
10	How much of the existing wind farm signage on local roads is necessary, and can some of it be removed?	Tilt	Prior to next meeting (ASAP)

