

Coopers Gap Wind Farm Meeting Minutes

Meeting title	Coopers Gap Community Consultative Committee (CCC) - Meeting #46		
Attendees			
Alice Sharp		Michelle Davis	
Craig Knight		Neil French	
Bruce Gooderham		Carolyn Stone	
Myolene Kearney		Ken Stone	
Walter Gooderham		Federica Frew, Tilt Renewables	
Cheryl Cosgrove		Gwen McLanghlin, CWA	
Mick Cosgrove		Cr Ros Heit, SBRC	
Carol Weekes, (Minute Secretary)			
Keith Campbell, (Independent Chair)			
Observers			
Ava Korpetutuncu, Tilt Renewables			
Apologies			
Lidewij Keone-Sloss WDRC		Nathan Brown, GE Vernova	
Owen Boushel, Manager Stakeholder Engagement, Tilt Renewables		Elizabeth Beavis, Tilt Renewables	
Daniel Fletcher, General Manager Community & Liveability, WDRC			
Location	Cooranga North Memorial Hall, Cooranga North	Date & start time	8 May 2025 4.05pm

Topic	Discussion
1. Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keith Campbell, Chair, welcomed all attendees Federica introduced observer Ava Korpetutuncu, Communications and Engagement Officer, Tilt Renewables.
2. Previous Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes from the Community Consultative Meeting No 45 (CCC #45) held on 21st November 2024 were distributed prior to this meeting. Amendment required in attendee names: Ken and Carolyn Stone (not Slone as recorded). As there was no further discussion regarding the Minutes, the Chair sought endorsement as a true and correct record of the meeting with the inclusion of the above amendment. <p>Moved: Neil French Seconded: Carolyn Stone <i>Minutes were unanimously accepted as a true and correct record.</i></p>

<p>3. Business Arising from minutes</p>	<p>Federica provided updates on the business arising from the previous minutes, as per the topics below:</p> <p>a. Noise Monitoring and wind farm performance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current testing began 1st April and will continue until the end of May • Report expected 8 to 12 weeks following the completion of testing • Requires correlation with wind data to ensure accuracy of reporting • Tilt Renewables to provide the outcomes to CCC members when available, via email (ACTION ITEM #1) • Discussion can then occur at the November CCC Meeting • Improved wind farm performance, 116 to 118 turbines <i>have been consistently available for generation</i> • If repairs are required, then the turbine requiring maintenance or groups of turbines may need to be turned off for safety reasons, <i>various components of the turbine may need maintenance, including brakes</i> • Lightning is a high-risk factor and <i>can damage blades, which then require repair</i> • Underground cable repairs have been completed. • Negative pricing can reduce number of turbines operating, as <i>the generation is not required by the market</i> • Break down rates/ Performance against other GE wind farms is conducted – outcomes not available for this meeting. <i>Coopers Gap WF is performing well and is consistent with other GE wind farms in Australia.</i> <p>b. Communications-Newsletter Distribution:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 2024 Newsletter distributed • Annual production and next edition due November or December 2025 • Available on the Tilt Renewables Website • To increase presence in community and boost local engagement, Tilt Renewables staff are attending local agricultural shows, including Bell, Dalby and Roma Shows. • Members suggested that the Back to Kumbia event 6th September 2025 may also provide an opportunity for Tilt Renewables to connect with community. (ACTION ITEM #2) <p>c. Community Enhancement Fund - Wambo Wind Farm collaborations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Around \$100,000 (Tilt Renewables to confirm amount) is available for this year's community funding round and applications will be invited, following separate discussion with the Community Enhancement Fund Committee to confirm the funding round dates. (ACTION ITEM #3)
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carolyn Stone advised that the Wambo Wind Farm had received 12 applications to the value of \$351,000 for \$100,000 of grant funds. Carolyn suggested collaboration and work with community organisations may result in better outcomes and create longer term legacy outcomes • Matter was deferred to the Community Enhancement Fund Committee for discussion at a meeting following this CCC meeting. (ACTION ITEM #4) <p>d. Telstra Tower - update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landholder and Telstra are in Commercial in Confidence discussions. • Tilt Renewables acknowledged that this is a legacy issue (12 years duration) and understand the community's disappointment that the issue is not yet resolved. • Tilt Renewables remains committed to addressing the issue and plans to hold a community event when the tower comes online. • Upcoming Connectivity (Telco) Tour 12-14th May facilitated by BIDEO tabled for the information of local members who may wish to speak directly with providers. <p>e. Niagara Road viewing area - update provided by Cr Ros Heit, SBRC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Background provided to the safety and design issues considered such as impact on neighbours, littering, camping, trespass etc. • Bilboa Road, Boyneside Road Widening Plan tabled - Attachment 2, detailing the works to be undertaken by the SBRC to provide a Viewing and turn around area. • Additional features will be signage and perhaps seating (but not picnic tables). This proposed development provides a great photo opportunity for tourists. • Tilt Renewables advised that they will provide the Wind Farm information signage and engage with SBRC regarding the location of the signage. • The tabled Plan was gratefully accepted by CCC members following a lengthy wait for this issue to be resolved. <p>Motion: <i>CCC to write to SBRC expressing appreciation for their assistance with the Viewing Area development and anticipate that it will be completed as soon as possible. (ACTION ITEM #6)</i></p> <p>Moved: Mick Cosgrove Sec: Neil French Carried</p>
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	<p>f. Jarrail Road -investigation into past commitments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tilt Renewables advised that an investigation of Previous Minutes had been conducted, and no evidence could be found that AGL had committed to sealing Jarrail Road. SBRC and Tilt reviewed the Infrastructure Agreement signed by AGL and SBRC at that time and no evidence of sealing Jarrail Road could be found and all infrastructure works agreed to at that time were completed. CCC members discussed and agreed that Jarrail Road is a SBRC/ WDRC boundary road that urgently needs to be sealed and upgraded. (ACTION ITEM #5) <p>g. Complaints and Enquiries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email complaints@tiltrenewables.com Call 1800 WE TILT (938 458) View our Complaints Management Procedure on the Website https://www.tiltrenewables.com/publications/governance-documents/ Three open complaints – to be closed out following noise monitoring report.
4. Correspondence	<p>Inward Correspondence: Nil</p> <p>Outward Correspondence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes, Newsletter and Meeting Notice
5. Project Update	<p>Federica provided a brief project update, as per the topics below in addition to the updates provided in section 3 above:</p> <p>a. Onsite Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Niagara Road Culverts: the culvert restricts access by heavy loads. Temporary props have been installed and are inspected regularly. Tilt Renewables are currently negotiating a permanent upgrade with SBRC. Noise Monitoring - as per Item 3: Business Arising from Minutes. <p>b. Performance of Wind Farm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wind Farm performance covered off as per Item 3: Business Arising from Minutes - refer to presentation attached.

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6. Other Business	<p>Future Agenda Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keith advised that prior to the Agenda being developed for future meetings, an email will be circulated asking members for any Agenda items they may wish to have included for discussion at the upcoming meeting. <p>Upcoming community events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Big Blade in Bell – vintage car show is coming up, 35 Vintage Cars will line up under the blade – Tilt Renewables requested photographs. <p>Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be held in Cooranga North Hall 10am Thursday 15th May 2025 <p>Ironpot Hall Winter Solistice Event:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12th July 2025 commencing at 5pm
7. Close and Next Meeting	<p>Keith thanked members for their attendance and contribution.</p> <p>Keith closed the meeting at 4.58pm.</p> <p>Next Meeting: 4pm, 20 November 2025</p> <p>Followed by Christmas celebration</p>
8. Action items	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Tilt Renewables to provide the noise monitoring report to CCC members when available, via email, preferably before the next CCC meeting in November. (Item 3 a.) Tilt Renewables to investigate sponsorship and attendance at Back to Kumbia event on 6th September 2025. (Item 3 b.) Tilt Renewables to confirm the Community Enhancement Fund amount and dates for 2025 with the Community Enhancement Fund Committee and email CCC with decision. (Item 3 c.) Community Enhancement Fund to discuss possible longer-term partnerships and official collaboration with Wambo Wind Farm Community Fund (Item 3 c.) Cr Ros Heit to advise SBRC Infrastructure Team that this Road needs urgent upgrading. (Item 3 f.) CCC to write to SBRC expressing appreciation for their assistance with the Niagara Road Viewing Area development. (Item 3 e.)

Attachments:

- Presentation provided by Federica Frew, Tilt Renewables
- Bilboa Road, Boyneside Road Widening Plan, SBRC