

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting title	RYE PARK Wind Farm Community Consultative Committee (CCC) Meeting #38		
Attendees			
David Johnson - Independent Chair (DJ)		Andrew Field - Community member (AF)	
Federica Frew - Community & Stakeholder Engagement Advisor, Tilt Renewables (FF)		Claude Morson - Community member (CM)	
Samantha Mar – Asset Manager, Tilt Renewables (SM)		Chris Hawkins - Community member (CH)	
Daved Owen - Environmental Compliance Manager, Tilt Renewables (DO)		Cr Paul Culhane – Mayor, Upper Lachlan Shire Council (PC)	
Lloyd Townsend – Environmental Compliance Advisor, Tilt Renewables (LT) (Observer)		Cr James Blackwell - Hilltops Council (JB)	
Ethan Lewis – Environmental Engineering Graduate, Tilt Renewables (EL) (Observer)		Cr Tony Flanery - Hilltops Council (TF) (Observer)	
Apologies			
Cr Al Charry - Yass Valley Council (AC)		Jayne Apps - Community member (JA)	
		Mike Gilmour - Community member (MG)	
Location	Yass Community Centre, Yass	Date & start time	29 July 2025 at 7.05 pm

Topic	Discussion
1. Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country	- 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	- The Chair noted the apologies received – AC, JA, and MG - DJ welcomed Councillors Blackwell & Flanery of Hilltops Council and Mayor Culhane of Upper Lachlan Council.
3. Declarations of Interest	No additional declarations.
4. Correspondence	- DJ referred to external email correspondence councils - Email regarding appointing council reps; - Email to Mayor and GM of Yass Valley Council regarding support for removing aviation lights
5. Minutes of the Previous Meeting	Minutes of the last meeting of the Rye Park CCC (#37) on 1 April 2025, were taken as approved, as a draft had been circulated to all members for comment.

6. Business Arising from Minutes	<u>Previous Action Items:</u> DJ noted that Action Items 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 & 9 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: Action Item 4 - Aviation lighting • FF reported that Vestas have not been able to provide any further information regarding the possible shading of aviation lights on the turbines, so that is no longer a possible option. • Discussion focussed on other ways in which it may be possible to get CASA & DPHI approval to switch the aviation lights off. • It was noted by CH and confirmed by PC & DJ that at the Biala WF it took a long campaign by the CCC, community and Council to get the lights turned off but was ultimately successful. • PC reported that at the Gunning and Crookwell 2 WFs, lights have also been turned off; it took a concerted campaign and the Army Special Forces in Wollongong were eventually able to lend support as they no longer use the area for training purposes. • It is apparent that continuous pressure and campaigning will be needed to advance the cause. • PC suggested that we should contact Peter Gordon is Chair of some of the CCCs involved and may have some good advice. • DJ and FF to discuss, contact Peter Gordon and other wind farm CCCs in the area to seek other possible avenues to continue the process. (new Action Item 11) Action Item 4 now closed. Action Item 6 – lights at base of turbines: • FF received photos from CH, encouraged others to send through details if they see any, as no staff are on site overnight. AF also noted some are visible from his house. Vestas are investigating location of turbines and will turn these off • FF asked AF to send photos through so the team could locate where they are. Action Item 6 to remain open. Action Item 8 - dilapidation surveys: • FF reported that all dilapidation surveys have been completed and provided to councils, reiterated these are not public documents • Yass Street culvert repaired twice by Tilt during construction phase • Further upgrades are needed by Hilltops Council to causeway approaches that is causing the drainage issues at Yass Street Culvert • JB will enquire with Council on current status • AF requested that Tilt advise what other road repair works are still to be completed by Tilt. FF to check and advise. Item 8 to remain open. Action Item 10 - Signage on local roads: • FF noted that this issue is being reviewed internally and with Vestas. • Signage needs to align with traffic management plans. Action Item 10 to remain open.
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7. Proponent's Report	See also <u>Presentation Notes</u> provided. FF introduced the presentation and project updates from Tilt Renewables. • RPWF officially opened by Minister Penny Sharpe on 2 May 2025. • Wind Farm powers 76,000 average homes. ACOUSTIC COMPLIANCE • Noise monitoring conducted in accordance with the Noise Management Plan • DO reported that RPWF is fully compliant with conditions and operating within approved limits • Report and data submitted to DPHI and available on RPWF website • AF reiterated his earlier complaints that he was not notified in advance so he was unable to undertake his own monitoring at the time and is still being impacted by noise impacts. See below under General Business. ENVIRONMENT & COMPLIANCE – slide 7 • BIODIVERSITY – on-site rehabilitation completed but monitoring continues until criteria are met); • Bird & bat monitoring continues; first yearly report expected late 2025; MODIFICATION APPLICATION – slide 7 • Tilt is progressing the modification application internally for an alternative more central operations and management compound and access (as per last CCC minutes) • This would include more permanent facilities and amenities at the existing temporary facility • A notice of intent expected to be submitted to DPHI in coming months • Engagement with councils and stakeholders now underway • Further info at next CCC meeting COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT FUNDS (slides 8 & 9) • For two out of the three councils Tilt have completed the first round of community enhancement funding. • Yass Valley Council still filling and accepting expressions of interest for committee positions, so funding will be combined with the second year's funding • PC noted that this funding is just for community purposes and applications, not for Council's own use and allocation as Council would like. CH would like to see Councils receive a benefit additional to the Community Enhancement Fund. • FF noted that proponents may also pay council rates for the land occupied by the turbines. In NSW, VPAs paid in lieu of rates - • PC pointed out that such rates are based on Commercial land use (i.e. at a higher rate) • UL & Hilltops Council allocations of Community Enhancement funding is summarised on slides 8 & 9.
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	STAKEHOLDER & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (see slide 10) • Newsletter expected in Dec 2025. • Next CCC meeting in Nov 2025.
8. General Business	• AF again reported on the continuing noise impacts affecting his home and family and that he was not given sufficient notice prior to the last period of monitoring, as was promised, so was unable to conduct his own monitoring at the time. • He has raised the issue on previous occasions at CCC meetings and is dissatisfied that there has been no action or resolution of the issue, yet the noise continues to cause significant disturbance to his family, despite his continued complaints. • DJ considers that this matter needs to be properly addressed by Tilt, by liaising with AF and conducting monitoring specifically at his residence so that a full assessment of the impacts can be made, leading to a resolution of the problem. • FF undertook to raise this with Owen Boushell at Tilt so that the matter can be properly addressed as part of the complaints resolution process - Action Item (no. 12) • CH noted that it is imperative that residents be advised in advance of proposed noise monitoring; agreed by DJ & others. • AF asked about maintenance schedules & program details. Oil is sampled from the turbines every year. It's only changed approximately every 10 years unless there is a reason. AF noted that he hears a low frequency whirring noise early in the morning which often wakes him and asked whether turbines are started with electricity in the mornings. FF noted that the turbines are only started by the wind, not from applied power. SM to investigate what could be causing that noise and report for next meeting. – Action item no. 13 • DJ noted that at the last CCC meeting (April) there were some strong words and language used around the table and took the opportunity to remind members that we have all signed up to the required CCC code of conduct, which those new members will also be sent. The code refers to required standards of behaviour and treatment of fellow members at meetings and requested everyone to adhere to the code.

9. Other Agenda Items	None																																				
Next Meeting	Meeting closed: 8.15 pm Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 11 November 2025, at 7pm, in <u>Yass</u> at the same location (Yass Community Centre). Committee agreed that this is an appropriate interval for the next meeting.																																				
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