

Meeting minutes

External

13 October 2025

Subject	Waddi Wind Farm - CRG Meeting 1
Date / Time	13 October 2025
Time	5.00pm – 6.30pm AWST
Location	- In-person: Dandaragan Community Resource Centre, 3468 Dandaragan Road Dandaragan WA 6507 - Online: Microsoft Teams
Attendees	- Joel Levin (JL) – Facilitator, Aha! Consulting - Owen Boushel (OB) – Stakeholder Engagement, Tilt Renewables - Bridget Hickman (BH) – Stakeholder Engagement, GHD - Lilian Dean (LD) – Stakeholder Engagement, GHD - Mark Cubitt (MC) – CRG Member - Helen Watkins (HW) – CRG Member, Moore Catchment Council Black Cockatoos Conservation - Susan Bennett (SB) – CRG Member, Dandaragan Primary School Principle - Brent Bailey (BB) – CRG Member, Shire of Dandaragan CEO
Apologies	Noah Chinyanga (NC) – CRG Member

Table 1: Meeting Minutes

Item	Minutes	To be actioned by	Due date
1	Welcome and opening		
1.1	Acknowledgement of Country - JL delivered the Acknowledgement of Country. - OB thanked members for their attendance and confirmed CRG members will run over the next two years.		
1.2	Introductions and CRG purpose - CRG members introduced themselves and shared key areas of interest: - CRG member: Representing local government, with a focus on community benefit funds and renewable energy engagement. - CRG member: Bringing an educational perspective as a school principal, with interest in school funding and support. - CRG member: Builder and community advocate, passionate about fundraising for the heritage and culture centre.		

	- CRG member: Dedicated to Cockatoo conservation and Landcare, with prior experience on Tilt Renewables projects. - JL outlined the core purpose of the CRG: 1. Facilitate discussion around the Waddi Wind Farm project, particularly construction related matters. 2. Provide a platform for raising local concerns and identifying opportunities. 3. Share community insights to help reduce potential impacts. 4. Support open and consistent communication between Tilt Renewables and the local community.		
1.3	• Session goals - JL outlined the key goals for the session: 1. Connect CRG members. 2. Clarify CRG purpose and role. 3. Set group agreements and expectations. 4. Introduce project scope and milestones. 5. Identify monitoring themes. 6. Encourage dialogue. 7. Confirm next steps.		
2	Getting started		
2.1	• Meeting expectations - The group discussed and agreed on a set of expectations to guide future meetings: - Keep meetings concise and focussed on actionable outcomes. - Distribute agendas and relevant materials ahead of each meeting. - Foster a respectful environment that welcomes diverse perspectives and open dialogue.		
2.2	• Terms of Reference recap - JL provided a summary of the key elements outlined in the Terms of Reference. This was followed by a discussion on meeting logistics: - Scheduling considerations: Avoid the first week of school and the harvest season (Nov-Dec). - Preferred meeting times: Tuesdays or Thursdays at 5.00pm were identified as most suitable. - Planning ahead: A draft 2026 calendar was requested. Agendas will be circulated one week in advance, with	• LD: Draft 2026 CRG meeting calendar	11/2025

	summary notes provided post meeting.		
2.3	• CRG role - JL clarified the scope of the CRG's involvement, outlining which aspects of the project are open to discussion (negotiables) and which are fixed (non-negotiables).		
3	Project overview		
3.1	• Project overview - OB presented an overview of the Waddi Wind Farm, highlighting the following key points: - The project will comprise 18 turbines, delivering a total capacity of 108 MW. - The project will be connected to the transmission network to enable efficient energy integration. - Micro-siting flexibility is being applied to optimise turbine placement based on site conditions and environmental factors. - Environmental considerations, particularly in relation to the Carnaby's Black Cockatoo, were also addressed: - Extensive bird surveys have been conducted over the past 10 years to inform planning. - Additional vegetation clearance zones have been incorporated to help minimise impact. - While complete avoidance of impact is not feasible, the project design has been developed to minimise potential effects on the species at a population level. • Construction and logistics - OB presented an overview of the Waddi Wind Farm construction and logistics: - Quarry location likely to be on-site to reduce heavy vehicle movements; confirmation pending. - Traffic management: - Interface with Brand Highway for heavy and light vehicle movements. - Each turbine foundation requires approximately 700 cubic metres of concrete. - Oversized loads for turbine blades will require route	• OB: Confirm turbine origin and delivery route. • SB: Confirm school bus routes and timing for inclusion in the traffic management plan. • OB: Confirm where workers accommodation will be/currently is for nearby projects.	11/2025 11/2025 11/2025

	planning and timing coordination. - Blade delivery expected from Perth; longest blade will dictate transport requirements. - Accommodation for construction crews (Decmil, RJE and Vestas) still to be confirmed.		
3.2	• Project key dates and milestones - JL presented the proposed Waddi Wind Farm construction timeline, with OB providing further details: - 2025: Establish access point and enable Western Power to complete preparatory works. - 2026: Major civil works, including: - Construction of access tracks, foundations and cable routes. - Sequential pouring of foundations, requiring significant concrete volumes. - Turbine delivery scheduled for Q3. - 2026-2026: Erection of tower segments and turbine installation. - Commissioning: Gradual ramp-up of power generation over several months. - Overall duration: Approximately two years of construction. - The group discussed questions related to project timelines and milestones: - Fire management: - Emphasis on robust fire management during summer months. - OB confirmed a fire plan is in place, including hot works restrictions, vehicle movement bans, fire suppression equipment and coordination with emergency services. - Road crossings: - OB advised that road crossings will be minimised, with most cables running alongside roads. - One potential interface identified: Brand Highway. - Community notifications: - CRG member emphasised the importance of early	• OB: Confirm impact of the project on broader road network (namely Brand Highway). • CRG members: Confirm best contact methods for reaching community.	11/2025 11/2025

	communication, particularly regarding impacts on key roads such as Koonah Road (a main route to the coast from Dandaragan). - OB confirmed that timely notification will be provided via SMS and email if disruptions occur. - Community engagement: - OB noted tilt Renewables current database is extensive but may not capture all stakeholders. - Planning communication channels include: - Local media (e.g. Redgum Reports, Mid-West Times, Sandpaper). - Posters at community hubs (e.g. Dandaragan CRC). - Council notices and social media pages. - OB invited suggestions for additional outreach methods. - CRG member noted the <i>Dandaragan and Surrounds Facebook</i> group.		
3.3	• Community benefits - Total benefit sharing budget: \$3.4 million. - Allocation: 75% community benefits, 25% First Nations initiatives. - Approximate annual distribution: \$85,050 for community benefits and \$28,350 during construction. - OB shared findings from the council workshop and community survey (63 responses): - Priority areas: - Education and recreation facilities. - Emergency services support. - Guiding principles: - Avoid infrastructure that incurs high ongoing maintenance costs unless essential. - Focus on long term, sustainable benefits. - CRG member proposed school related improvements, including: - Early childhood room upgrades.		

	- Sustainability projects (e.g. rainwater tanks). - Basketball court resurfacing. - OB confirmed funding will be released progressively during construction and operations, with council input encouraged. • Suggestions - CRG member suggested holding engagement sessions in Badgingarra to improve engagement. - CRG member noted that Badgingarra stakeholders were unaware of previous meetings. - CRG member added that Badgingarra communities often integrate with Dandaragan for sports and social activities.		
4	Monitoring Themes		
4.1	• Common themes for CRG to track - JL introduced common themes for CRG to monitor and invited input from members, - Key focus areas identified: - Traffic management. - Bushfire risk mitigation. - Timely communication so the community knows what is happening and when. - JL confirmed that the complaints register will be maintained and included as a standing agenda item. This will cover: - Updates on communications. - Actions taken in response to complaints. - Summary of correspondence in and out. - The group discussed common themes outlined and additional considerations: - Road safety: Roads can become high variable during winter, creating risks for workers. - Contractor compliance: OB noted that road conditions are monitored, and any unsafe driving complaints are investigated with contractors. - Incident reporting: CRG member highlighted the importance of recording incidents and the steps taken to address them	• LD: Add complaints register as standing agenda item.	10/2025
5	Next Steps		
5.1	• Confirming any key tasks or commitments emerging	• LD: Send CRG website invite	10/2025

	- Minutes will be finalised and shared in the documents section of the CRG website. - Follow-up actions may appear in announcements of the CRG website.	to CRG members.	
5.2	• Next meeting (CRG Meeting 2) - Next meeting proposed for Tuesday, 10th of February 2026.	• LD: Schedule CRG Meeting 2.	11/2025
6	Session Concludes		

Action update:

Item	Action	Who	Update	Due
2.2	Draft 2026 CRG meeting calendar	LD	• To be actioned.	11/2025
3.1	Confirm turbine origin and delivery route	OB	• Confirmed, turbines deliveries planned from Perth via the Brand Highway.	
3.1	Confirm school bus routes and timing for inclusion in the traffic management plan.	SB	• To be actioned.	11/2025
3.1	Confirm where workers accommodation will be/currently is for nearby projects.	OB	• Plan to use existing camps in Dandaragan or Moora but being confirmed by our contractors.	11/2025
3.2	Confirm impact of the project on broader road network (namely Brand Highway)	OB	• Currently resolving movements on the local road network • Brand Highway users can expect normal traffic conditions at most times. There will be traffic management in place when site access is being built and during turbine component deliveries (e.g. blades and towers).	11/2025
3.2	Confirm best contact methods for reaching community.	CRG members	• To be actioned.	11/2025
4.1	Add complaints register as standing agenda item.	LD	• To be actioned.	10/2025
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