

Coopers Gap Wind Farm Meeting Minutes

Meeting title	Coopers Gap Community Consultative Committee (CCC). Meeting 47		
Attendees			
Michelle Davis	Cyril Stewart		
Cheryl Cosgrove	Craig Knight		
Mick Cosgrove	Sam Schafferius		
Ben Trebbin	Judy Schafferius		
Carmel Trebbin	Federica Frew, Tilt Renewables		
Phil Trebbin	Elizabeth Beavis, Tilt Renewables		
Carolyn Stone	Owen Boushel, Tilt Renewables		
Ken Stone	Mark Pring, Tilt Renewables		
Mark Bice	Cr Ros Heit, SBRC		
Keith Campbell, (Independent Chair)	Carol Weekes, (Minute Secretary)		
Observers			
Samantha Mar, Tilt Renewables			
Apologies			
Lidewij Keone-Sloss WDRC			
Myolene Kearney			
Trish and Barry Christie			
Location	Cooranga North Memorial Hall, Cooranga North	Date & start time	20 November 2025 4.00pm

Topic	Discussion
1. Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keith Campbell, Chair, welcomed all attendees
2. Previous Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes from the Community Consultative Meeting No 46 (CCC-46) held on 8th May 2025 were distributed prior to this meeting. As there was no further discussion regarding the Minutes, the Chair sought endorsement as a true and correct record of the meeting. <p>Motion: <i>Minutes were unanimously accepted as a true and correct record.</i></p> <p>Moved: Phil Trebbin</p> <p>Seconded: Mick Cosgrove</p> <p>Carried</p>
3. Business Arising <p>Action Item 1: <i>Tilt Renewables to provide the noise monitoring report to CCC members when available, via email, preferably before the next CCC meeting in November.</i></p> <p>Tilt Comments: Submitted to Department, sent to CCC. Further update in the presentation to follow.</p> <p>Action Item 2: <i>Tilt Renewables to investigate sponsorship and attendance at Back to Kumbia event on 6th September 2025.</i></p>	

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	<p>Tilt Comments: Unable to attend the event. Sponsorship request not received. Funded initiative through the CEF.</p> <p>Action Item 3: <i>Tilt Renewables to confirm the Community Enhancement Fund amount and dates for 2025 with the Community Enhancement Fund Committee and email CCC with decision.</i></p> <p>Tilt Comments: Emails to CCC. Fund ran from 30 June to 22 August. Successful and unsuccessful applicants notified.</p> <p>Action Item 4: <i>Community Enhancement Fund Committee to discuss possible longer term partnerships and official collaboration with Wambo Wind Farm Community Fund.</i></p> <p>Tilt Comments: Discussed. No official collaborations between the funds, groups welcome to apply for both. Tilt able to collaborate with ad-hoc sponsorship (eg, Ensor Park sign).</p> <p>Action Item 5: <i>Cr Ros Heit to advise SBRC Infrastructure Team that Jarrail Road needs urgent upgrading</i></p> <p>Action Item 6: <i>CCC to write to SBRC expressing appreciation for their assistance with the Niagara Road Viewing Area development.</i></p>
<p>4. Correspondence</p>	<p>Nil Inwards or Outwards Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tabled and accepted
<p>5. Project Update</p>	<p>Telstra Tower: Federica Frew and Mark Pring, Tilt Renewables</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access agreements are in place and land agreement in place • Development Application (DA) has commenced and in progress with South Burnett Regional Council (SBRC). It is expected to be finalised by February / March 2026 and approval date will be dependent upon what Conditions are imposed by SBRC. • Tilt has paid Telstra the deposit and a milestone payment will be due upon commencement of construction. • Cost of the Tower is \$1.9m but additional costs are incurred with the land agreements. <p>Mick Cosgrove highlighted that this process has thus far taken 12 years. Presently there is a Telstra landline outage and there are vulnerable locals who do not have access to a mobile service.</p> <p>Actions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Cr Ros Heit, SBRC, will follow up re the expected DA timelines.</i> <i>Tilt Renewables will provide email advice when the project is approved and the potential timeframes for the Tower Project.</i> <i>Tilt Renewables will explore options to determine if interim mobile/satellite services can be made available for vulnerable community members until the Tower Project is complete. An out of session response will be provided.</i>

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	<p>Noise Monitoring: Liz Beavis, Tilt Renewables</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Report was received and submitted to the Department • It was then circulated to CCC • The Report demonstrated operational compliance • The Report is available on Tilt website: https://tiltwebsite.blob.core.windows.net/tiltwebsitecontainer/2025/09/CGWF-Operations-Noise-Compliance-Testing-Report-August-2025.pdf • If neighbours are bothered by noise from any tower, please contact Liz or ring the 1800 number as this goes straight to the team and will be followed up promptly. If the issue can't be remedied quickly, then the tower will be shut down until the issue can be fixed. <p>On Site Activity: Liz Beavis, Tilt Renewables</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Niagara Road Culverts - temporary props are installed and inspected regularly, currently negotiating a permanent upgrade with SBRC • When construction begins, the aim will be to cause as little disruption as possible. <p>Cyril Stewart raised the issue of speed limit inconsistencies on Niagara Road. Because there is no change of speed signage from the highway, it is assumed the speed limit is 100kph. Cyril reports that his GPS states that the speed limit is 60kph on Niagara Road.</p> <p>Action: <i>Tilt will email TMR to notify of the issue.</i></p> <p>Performance of Wind Farm: Liz Beavis, Tilt Renewables</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coopers Gap is currently retaining the title of the largest wind farm in Queensland • Since the start of 2025, the wind farm has generated over 1000GWh which is enough to power about 20,000 households for a year • Occasionally the turbines stop due to negative prices in the electricity market • This depends on the season (high demand in winter and summer). An increase in the number of batteries connected to the grid will event out these stoppages.
6. Benefit Sharing	<p>Community Enhancement Fund: Federica Frew, Tilt Renewables</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1,091,652.67 applied for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$281,652.67 excluding ineligible projects (one was for \$800,000) - \$114,729 spent through the fund (\$15,000 rolled over) • \$7,990 spent outside of the fund on additional applications <p>In total, \$122,719 on local projects and initiatives in this funding round</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List of recipients: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bell Show Campdraft, Ensor Park Tourism Sign, Ironpot Hall Christmas Party, Bell Bunya Trail Ride - Ad-hoc sponsorship continues throughout the year

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	<p>Carolyn Stone, asked if the Wambo Wind Farm and Coopers Gap Wind Farm had considered collaborative funding Projects?</p> <p>Frederica advised that the Community Fund Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - had not offered collaboration, - meets with the Wambo CCC every month to discuss projects; and - suggests organisations make application and then seek the additional support from another organisation if needed. <p>Stakeholder & Community Engagement: Fredrica Frew, Tilt Renewables</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newsletter: The Newsletter will be distributed by the end of the year. • Next CCC meeting 4pm 21st May 2026 <p>Motion: <i>The CCC accept the Report and Updates provided by Tilt Renewables.</i></p> <p>Moved: Carolyn Stone</p> <p>Seconded: Carmel Trebbin</p> <p>Carried</p>
<p>7. Other Business</p>	<p>Jarrail Road</p> <p>Phil Trebbin raised significant concerns about Jarrail Road and spoke about a recent incident with the School Bus and a truck where the school bus lost control whilst trying to avoid an oncoming truck.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The road is not fit for purpose and requires urgent attention • Cr Ros Heit will take the matter to Council • CCC to write to SBRC, with a cc to WDRC <p>Both SBRC and Tilt Renewables have completed an audit of previous CCC Minutes and found no Minute indicating that the Road would be sealed.</p> <p>Motion: <i>Secretary, in consultation with Chair and Carolyn Stone, prepare and send a letter to SBRC (cc to WDRC) requesting that the Council budget to have the road sealed.</i></p> <p>Moved: Carolyn Stone</p> <p>Seconded: Phil Trebbin</p> <p>Carried</p> <p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Secretary prepare a letter to SBRC re Jarrail Road</i> • <i>Cr Ros Heit to raise the Jarrail Road issues with SBRC</i> <p>Niagara Road Viewing Area</p> <p>Sam and Judy Schafferius advised</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The recent meeting with Council was productive • agreement was reached regarding the Information and other Signage (for example, No camping, No entry, No turning ahead signs). <p>Federica Frew advised</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft 2 of the Information Sign is being progressed • Council will install the sign • Tilt was unaware that the Information sign would be installed at the same time as the other signage. <p>Cr Ros Heit advised</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is expected that the viewing area will be complete by Christmas 2025 or whenever the information sign is finalised.

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	<p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Cr Heit will seek an update from James Barclay, SBRC, re progress and expected timelines.</i> • <i>Cr Heit will check that rubbish monitoring of the site is included in Councils schedule.</i> <p>Opportunities to fund Scholarships: Carolyn Stone raised the issue re Scholarships and asked if Tilt Renewables would be prepared to fund some scholarships (maybe in agriculture and/ or renewables) for the Coopers Gap area in a bid to have local students supported during study, and come back to the footprint area after completing education. Country Education Foundation (CEF does not cover this area) and the nearest branch is Roma. Could we perhaps pursue the Distance Education system?</p> <p>Cr Ros Heit advised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SBRC has bid (unsuccessfully) for a Regional University Study Hub (RUSH) but will continue to pursue. There are 10 of these across Australia. This is a bid to give country kids a tertiary education in their home locality. (cost of boarding/ rental accommodation cited as making it particularly difficult for kids to leave home for study) • SBRC has developed a study location arrangement with TAFE • This could be a Legacy Project and SBRC are waiting on a grant to create a RUSH. <p>Owen Boushel advised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tilt Renewables has 3 separate Scholarship programs in other sites and offer in-principal support for scholarship programs. • The scholarships are part of the broader community benefit program and operate for the life of that site asset. • The Bell High School support derives benefit from that Community Enhancement Fund. • Any options/ requests outside of the Fund would need careful consideration. <p>Motion: <i>Tilt to explore, and report back, possible scholarships for local Year 12 students who have an approved University Placement</i></p> <p>Moved: Carolyn Stone Seconded: Sam Schafferius Carried</p> <p>CPI increases to assist in maintaining the value of the Community Fund Owen advised that Tilt is constrained by the current funding model and cannot veer too much from that model but could investigate CPI increases.</p> <p>A future Federal Government Scheme: 3 Hours of Free Power for those customers on Smart Meters and who have made an application. Information article: https://www.abc.net.au/news/2025-11-06/solar-sharer-scheme-free-power-electricity-who-benefits/105973232?utm_source=abc_news_web&utm_medium=content_shared&utm_campaign=abc_news_web</p> <p>QR Code for Survey on the final page of the Presentation. Owen advised that completion of the Survey would be appreciated.</p>

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	<p>Locks on Gates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phil Trebbin advised that vehicles are still driving through the Wind Farm at night. Liz Beavis advised that all gates along Niagara Road are locked. If the gates are on properties other than managed by Tilt (for example Powerlink), then a request needs to go to the owner.
8. Close and Next Meeting	<p>Keith congratulated Carolyn Stone on her appointment to Renewables State Committee.</p> <p>Keith praised the Tilt Team for progressing the many issues tabled at CCC meetings and thanked them for sorting the issues out over time.</p> <p>Keith thanked all meeting participants for their contributions, wished everyone a Merry Christmas.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 5.30pm.</p> <p>Next Meeting: 4pm 21st May 2026 (Arrival 3.30pm for afternoon tea)</p>
9. Actions	<p>Project Update: Telstra Tower</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>a. Cr Ros Heit, SBRC, will follow up re the expected DA timelines.</i> <i>b. Tilt Renewables will provide email advice when the project is approved and the potential timeframes for the Tower Project.</i> <i>c. Tilt Renewables will explore options to determine if interim mobile/satellite services can be made available for vulnerable community members until the Tower Project is complete. An out of session response will be provided.</i> <p>Project Update: Speed Limits on Niagara Road</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>a. Tilt will email TMR to notify of the issue.</i> <p>Other Business: Jarrail Road</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>a. Secretary prepare a letter to SBRC re Jarrail Road</i> <i>b. Cr Ros Heit to raise the Jarrail Road issues with SBRC</i> <p>Other Business: Niagara Road Viewing Area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>a. Cr Heit will seek an update from James Barclay, SBRC, re progress and expected timelines.</i> <i>b. Cr Heit will check that rubbish monitoring of the site is included in Councils schedule.</i>

Attachments:

1. Presentation provided by Federica Frew, Tilt Renewables