

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting title	Liverpool Range Wind Farm Community Consultative Committee (CCC)		
Attendees			
Michael Silver OAM (Independent Chair)	Leeanne Ryan (Warrumbungle Shire Council)		
Linda Gant (Community Member)	Matt Stafford, Senior Development Manager, Tilt Renewables		
Ant Martin (Involved Landowner)	Nick Daly, Senior Community and Stakeholder Relations Advisor, Tilt Renewables		
Anne-Louise Capel, Community and Land Co-ordinator, Tilt Renewables			
Observers			
Cr. Kathryn Rindfleish (Warrumbungle Shire Council)			
Apologies			
Greg Piper (Community Member)	Cr Pat Ryan (Upper Hunter Shire Council)		
Jane Hegarty	Matthew Pringle, (Upper Hunter Shire Council)		
Location	Liverpool Range Wind Farm Office, 50 Binnia Street Coolah	Date & start time	24 March 2026 at 1.05pm

Topic	Discussion
1. Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chair welcomed all to the meeting. The Committee agreed that observers in attendance at CCC meetings may engage with discussion during the meeting without seeking endorsement of the Chair.
2. Acknowledgement of Country	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chair acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land on which the meeting is being held and their continuing connection to land, water, and culture, paying respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.
3. Declarations of Interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Michael Silver – pecuniary interest – expenses of Independent Chair borne by Proponent. Ant Martin – pecuniary interest - host landholder and landholder of proposed quarry.
4. Chair’s Minute	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Terms of Reference: The Chair explained the requirement for a Terms of Reference for the Committee. Mr Silver stepped the Committee through the standard template and highlighted the specific areas relevant to the Committee’s operation. Following discussion, it was agreed that a draft Terms of Reference be distributed prior to the next meeting for consideration and evaluation.
5. Minutes of Previous Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was noted that the minutes of the CCC meeting held on 25 November 2025 had been approved on 19 December 2025. The minutes are available on the Tilt Renewables’ website.
6. Business Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nil
7. Actions	<p>6.1 That Tilt arrange for the concrete and aggregates contractor to address a future meeting of the CCC, prior to the commencement of construction work, regarding location and operation of the proposed quarries.</p> <p>Response: Deferred pending selection of preferred balance of plant (BoP) contractor and confirmation of construction program. DEFERRED</p>

	<p>6.2 That Tilt provide a response to alleged inaccuracies in the Social Impact Assessment statistics in relation to Cassilis, particularly regarding community infrastructure.</p> <p>Response: Tilt has discussed with the consultant the items of concern to ensure that future reporting accurately reflects availability of community infrastructure in Coolah and Cassilis. COMPLETED</p> <p>6.3 That the Chair obtain advice whether property subject of a conservation agreement would be exempt from council rates.</p> <p>Response: In New South Wales (NSW), land subject to a qualifying conservation agreement is exempt from council rates. According to section 555(1)(b1) of the NSW Local Government Act 1993, land that is the subject of a conservation agreement within the meaning of the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 is exempt from all council rates. COMPLETED</p> <p>General discussion suggested that an exemption from rates may be dependent on whether the type of conservation agreement fully satisfies the meaning within the <i>National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974</i>.</p> <p>6.4 That the Chair discuss the matter of Committee membership with the Proponent and the Department with a view to inviting nominations for community membership.</p> <p>Response: The Chair advised that nominations would be invited for community membership from 25 March 2026. COMPLETED</p>
<p>8. Correspondence</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nil
<p>9. Proponent’s Report</p>	<p><i>Matt Stafford led the presentation of the Proponent’s Report (copy attached to minutes).</i></p> <p>8.1 Project Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matt Stafford advised that substantial progress being made to drive the project towards construction in late 2026. He indicated the primary consideration is to be in a position for the Financial Investment Decision (FID) to be made targeting September 2026. This requires all approvals to be in place including the ‘Offer to Connect’ from ACEREZ. <p>Construction Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Stafford explained through the various planning phases relative to the construction program. He indicated this was a highly detailed process with a rolling works program on the site which is expected to progress from south to north. He emphasised that it was essential that the planning strategy is sound. • Mr Stafford indicated there was a focus on exploring opportunities to compress the construction program by starting public road upgrades concurrently with construction of parts of the wind farm. Under this scenario, public road upgrades would be completed in time for the large over-size/over-mass (OSOM) turbine and transformer component deliveries. • The Proponent issued the Balance of Plant (BOP) and Public Road Upgrade (PRU) tenders to market in March, and anticipates that preferred BOP and PRU contractors will be confirmed in the third quarter 2026, followed by finalisation of the various secondary approvals. The Project will then be referred to the Proponent’s Board to make a financial

investment decision (FID). Following a Notice to Proceed and approval of relevant secondary consent plans, the contractors can then mobilise to site.

- Mr Stafford affirmed a commitment from Tilt to promote local suppliers to those construction companies tendering for the BOP and PRU works. Mr Stafford reiterated the importance for local suppliers to ensure they are included in the Proponent's Goods and Services Register which can be accessed from the Tilt Renewables website or in the project shopfront in Coolah.

Grid Connection

- Mr Stafford proceeded to outline other critical actions that require completion over the next few months, including additional geotech investigation for road design, finalisation of the connection to the Grid and completion of public road design to the 50% level for submission to the Councils.
- Linda Gant sought clarification on the status of access rights to the Grid. Mr Stafford explained the requirements associated with obtaining an 'Offer to Connect' which will provide an approval to "send electrons down the line".
- Mr Stafford went on to explain that during May/June "many things must happen", particularly the due diligence process to ensure everything is 'derisked'. Completion of this process will confirm that the Project can be considered by the Board for the Financial Investment Decision (FID).

Public Road Upgrades

- Ant Martin noted the condition of the Starkeys Creek crossing which has been significantly impacted by flooding and has been repaired previously, on numerous occasions, by Warrumbungle Shire Council. He sought clarification as to whether the current standard of the crossing was suitable for Tilt Renewables access purposes. Cr Rindfleish noted that the repair of the crossing was being supported by Commonwealth natural disaster funding. Mr Martin questioned whether the crossing once repaired will be up to standard, that is 'fit for purpose' for access by Tilt. Mr Stafford indicated that Tilt would work with Warrumbungle Shire Council to ensure that the works on the crossing provide an acceptable outcome for the community and the Project.
- Leanne Ryan noted that the road works design was schedule to reach the 50% standard in June and enquired when the finalised 100% design, for issue of the Section 138 certificate, will be lodged with the Councils. Mr Stafford advised work to complete the final design will commence after endorsement by councils of the 50% design and issue of a conditional s138 approval. It is expected that the 100% design drawings would then be lodged prior to commencement of the public road upgrades to discharge the relevant conditions of the s138 approval.

Biodiversity Offsets

- Mr Stafford outlined the status of the Biodiversity Offsets, noting the Biodiversity Stewardship Agreement (BSA) applications progressing well

with five out of seven BSA sites now approved.

Voluntary Planning Agreements

- Mr Stafford advised that the Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) with Upper Hunter Shire Council has been executed. He noted discussions with Warrumbungle Shire Council regarding a VPA were progressing well with a draft to be ready for consideration by Council shortly. Ms Ryan then outlined the process, indicating that if the draft is endorsed by Council, it will be placed on public exhibition for 28 days.

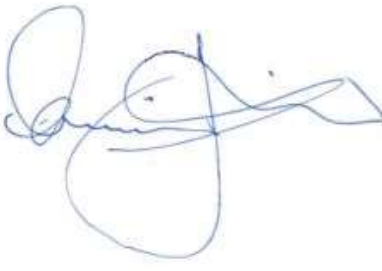
Environmental Approvals

- Mr Stafford explained the secondary consents and stepped the Committee through the table detailing the various management plans, approvals and secondary consents required to permit the Project to proceed. Cr Rindfleish noted community concern regarding potential impacts on ground water – it is a ‘big issue’. Mr Stafford advised that a production bore application was lodged with NSW DCCEEW in March 2026 with an approval anticipated in July 2026. Ms Ryan sought clarification of the nature of the application – “Is it only for a bore licence?” Mr Stafford responded “Yes”. Ms Ryan then enquired about the water entitlement. Mr Stafford advised that this would need to be obtained by “going to the market”.
- Ms Gant enquired as to how the potential impacts on biosecurity will be managed on wash down facilities and property accesses. Mr Stafford advised that there will be individual plans established for each property. Ms Gant further enquired how vehicle movements coming from out of the area will be managed. Mr Stafford indicated this issue will be addressed in the individual plans – the methods to manage biosecurity risks has not been fully determined at this stage. Ms Gant reiterated the concern in the community of the introduction of unwanted grasses, weeds and insects into the area. Anne-Louise Capel explained that management of biosecurity for each property will be addressed in the individual Property Management Plans (PMPs). The Biodiversity Management Plan (BMP) required under the Development Consent will also set out biosecurity measures for the project.
- Both Ant Martin and Ms Gant stressed the need for more investigation and assessment on the potential impact on ground water from the Project. Mr Stafford outlined the work undertaken to date and indicated that Tilt will comply with any conditions and requirements associated with its bore licence.

8.2 MOD-3 Application

- Mr Stafford explained the changes to the approved layout that are proposed in the MOD-3 Application.
- Mr Stafford noted there will be a reduction in the scale of the project with fewer turbines and a reduced development footprint. He added that through infrastructure optimisation redundant infrastructure will be removed, including the external transmission line to Ulan.
- Mr Stafford analysed the key findings of Impact Assessment detailed in

	<p>the table. He highlighted there was an overall reduced impact, however there will be a near doubling of total light vehicle trips and a 5% increase to heavy vehicle trips. Offsetting this, there will be a redistribution of traffic movement, resulting in a reduction to peak daily traffic on Vinegaroy Road whilst there will be an increase to peak daily traffic on Rotherwood Road and Coolah Creek Road. Mr Stafford stressed there will be no material change to safety of the road network. He indicated all intersection designs remain satisfactory except the entrance to the Temporary Workers Accommodation which may require some adjustments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Martin enquired as to the whether light traffic will be stopped from accessing Turee Vale Road. Mr Stafford advised that contractors will be advised that it is not a preferred route and will be subject to monitoring. Project vehicles will be permitted to cross Turee Vale Road at the proposed internal transmission line crossing location only. • Mr Stafford explained the lodgement, exhibition and determination process indicating that a determination was expected in Q3 2026. <p>8.3 Communications and Benefit Sharing <i>Nick Daly presented the Communications and Benefit Sharing Report.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Daly provided an overview of the recent communications and engagement actions, making note of attendance and involvement with the ACEREZ community grant drop-in in Coolah. • Mr Daly detail the proposed notifications associated with recruitment of additional community representatives on the Community Consultative Committee. He highlighted the broad level of advertising inviting nominations. • In respect of the MOD-3 Application, Mr Daly reported on the extensive notification process to highlight the changes in the Project to the community. • Mr Daly advised on recent community events and organisations sponsored by Tilt, noting that \$85,663 has been committed in sponsorship since 1 July 2024. Ms Gant highlighted the success of the Giro De Cassilis two day cycling event. • Mr Stafford provided an update on the Central West Orana REZ noting that ACEREZ has been appointed by EnergyCo to design, build and finance, operate and maintain the CWO REZ transmission network. Also, that BMD has been appointed by EnergyCo and Transport for NSW to complete road upgrades for the Port to REZ Project (Port of Newcastle to Elong Elong). • Mr Stafford took the committee through the next steps in the Project, culminating in an anticipated Financial Close and Notice to Proceed being issued in November 2026. • Mr Daly sought feedback on the content and value of the CCC meetings. General discussion proceeded on what level and type of information should be presented at the meetings. Mr Daly indicated he would email a feedback circular to members.
<p>9. Other Agenda Items</p>	<p>9.1 Cassilis Water Bore – Linda Gant expressed concern regarding the demand being placed on the Cassilis water supply by contractors filling tankers for use in road</p>

	<p>construction works. She advised that the Cassilis Public School now has low water pressure with the water supply having a high turbidity level – it is a major problem. She indicated that Tilt is being blamed for the water draw down for road construction. Ms Gant also advised that access to the bore has resulted in damage and closure of the adjacent parking area for the children’s playground. Anne-Louise Capel advised that other entities may be undertaking road works in the area. The Chair indicated he would discuss the issue with Cr Pat Ryan.</p>
<p>10. General Business</p>	<p>10.1 Land and Environment Court – Ant Martin requested advice on the status of the Class 1 merits appeal associated with the determination of another wind farm project in the area. The Chair understood it is still a matter before the Land & Environment Court of NSW.</p>
<p>11. Actions</p>	<p>11.1 That the Chair liaise with Cr Ryan regarding issues with the quality and availability of the Cassilis water supply.</p> <p><i>Chair’s note: Subsequent advice suggests that the water being taken at the Cassilis bore is for road construction works associated with development of the Central-West Orana Regional Energy Zone.</i></p>
<p>12. Next Meeting</p>	<p>Meeting closed: 3.40 pm. The Chair thanked all for their attendance.</p> <p>Next meeting: Proposed for 18 August 2026.</p>
<p>13. Meeting minutes approved</p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>Michael J. Silver OAM Independent Chair</p> <p>15 May 2026</p>