Coopers Gap Wind Farm – Community Consultative Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting title	**Coopers Gap Community Consultative Committee (CCC) - Meeting 48**		
Attendees			
Michelle Davis		Federica Frew, Tilt Renewables	
Cheryl Cosgrove		Elizabeth Beavis, Tilt Renewables	
Mick Cosgrove		Mark Pring, Tilt Renewables	
Walter Gooderham		Lidewij Keone-Sloss WDRC	
Bruce Gooderham		Cr Ros Heit, SBRC	
Craig Knight		Carol Weekes, (Minute Secretary)	
Sam Schafferius		Keith Campbell, (Independent Chair)	
Judy Schafferius			
Observers			
Torbien Barningham, Tilt Renewables		Christine Willcox, Tilt Renewables	
David Beavers, Tilt Renewables			
Apologies			
Neil French		Owen Boushel, Tilt Renewables	
Myolene Kearney			
Carolyn Stone			
Location	Cooranga North Memorial Hall, Cooranga North	**Date & start time**	**Wednesday 13th May 2026 4.00pm**

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1. Opening	• Keith Campbell, Chair, opened the meeting at 4pm
2. Welcome	• Keith welcomed all attendees
3. Attendance and Apologies	• Attendance sheet circulated • Apologies: Neil French, Myolene Kearney and Carolyn Stone
4. Previous Minutes	• Minutes from the Community Consultative Meeting No 47 (CCC #47) held on 20 November 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. **Motion:** *Minutes were unanimously accepted as a true and correct record***.** **Moved**: Craig Knight **Seconded**: Michelle Davis **Carried**

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Business Arising – Open Action Items **1. Telstra Tower-** Update provided in today's presentation **2. Speed Limits on Niagara Rd** **Tilt Comments**: Tilt consulted with TMR, were referred to SBRC, who advised on 13 May 2026 that the default speed limit on Niagara Road is open (100km/h). Reminded drivers to drive to the conditions. **Members advised that there is a 60km/hr** speed sign on Niagara Road – confusing the issue. **Action Item 1***: Liz will photograph the 60km/hr speed sign and provide to SBRC for clarification.* **3. Niagara Road Viewing Area** - Update provided in today's presentation	
~~6.~~5. **Project Update** Incl. **Business Arising from the Minutes**	**Telstra Tower: Federica Frew and Liz Beavis, Tilt Renewables** • The Development Approval has been received • Construction is due to commence within the next 2 months - pending final access agreements and arrangements with subcontractors • Coverage: no clarity as yet regarding signal coverage, and it is somewhat dependent upon the topography • The tower will be located on the Cooranga North side of Niagara Road on a hill with the aim of getting signal to as many people as possible. **Action**: *Federica will seek an updated Telstra coverage map for the area.* **Niagara Road Viewing Area** • Sign is ready for installation • Members and landholders advised that the 3 signs (eg. no entry) have been knocked over by trucks as they endeavour to get large loads through. The signs need to be closer to the fence. • It was also reported that tourists are going in to look/ photograph the turbines. • Members questioned if signs have been installed on the Bunya Highway and Niagara Road as previously discussed. • Lidewij Keone-Sloss WDRC, advised that a new information Bay is being installed near the Big Blade at Bell and will inform tourists about seeing the turbines from the Viewing area. **Actions:** a. *Cr Heit will follow-up with Council staff to have the signs re-instated, and* b. *Will follow up on the Bunya Highway and Niagara Road signage.* c. *Liz Beavis will investigate if additional no entry signs would assist.*

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	Jarrail Road • Response to letter written to SBRC on 29 November 2025, received on 5th February 2026 included the following key statements**:** "…*If the community witnesses unsafe driver behaviour we strongly recommend that this be reported to the local Queensland Police who can take action and also monitor during key times of concern.* *Council has just completed extensive works on Jarail Road during January 2026 including re-sheeting, gravel patching and medium formation which has significantly improved the condition of the road.* *Council worked in conjunction with the Western Downs Regional Council to undertake coordinated works on shared sections and will soon finalise a maintenance arrangement where South Burnett Regional Council will maintain shared sections of Jarail Road which will reduce ambiguity for the community…."* **On Site Activity** Liz Beavis, Tilt, reported that the installed temporary Culverts on Niagara Road are regularly inspected. Tilt is presently negotiating with the SBRC for a permanent upgrade. **Performance of Wind Farm: Liz Beavis, Tilt Renewables** • A large program of major component exchange work commenced in March • 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 result in fewer stoppages. • Members requested further data on Wind Farm outputs, particularly capacity factor. **Action**: *Liz will report Wind Farm data for each CCC meeting*. **Noise Monitoring: Liz Beavis, Tilt Renewables** • The Report demonstrated operational compliance • The Report is available on the Coopers Gap Wind Farm project page under the 'Planning and Approvals' subpage on the Tilt website. • 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 is mechanical and can't be remedied quickly, then the tower will be shut down until the issue can be fixed. **CCC Member Feedback:** Sam Schafferius, CCC Member, advised that Wind Farm staff and truck drivers are now much more courteous to local residents/ farmer drivers on the roads. This behaviour has significantly improved over the last 6 months. **Community Fund Update: Federica Frew, Tilt Renewables:** • 2026 Community Enhancement Fund approved in principle for CPI

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	adjustment using the 2024 as the base year but dependent on overall budget approval. Date of this year's grant program is still to be determined. • Scholarship Program to be confirmed later as the 2027 Financial Year Budget has not yet been approved. **Benefit Sharing** • Ad hoc sponsorship: Community Concert @ Cooranga North Hall 20th June 2026 • Partnerships: South Burnett Pantry: $9,000 partnership over 3 years for food relief to support South Burnett locals in need. **Stakeholder and Community Engagement:** • Communications: Newsletter distributed in January 2026 – available on the Website. Another Newsletter will be available at the end of 2026. • Collaboration is occurring with the Wambo Wind Farm who have offered to contribute to, and participate in, the Christmas function. Members agreed that this was a worthwhile project.
~~7.~~6. **Correspondence**	Inwards and Outwards Correspondence was circulated prior to the meeting • No issues raised
~~8.~~7. **Member Items for discussion**	Community Funding for Scholarships • Scholarship Program to be confirmed later as the 2027 Financial Year Budget has not yet been approved.
~~9.~~8. **Other Business**	**OAMs:** CCC members congratulated Keith Campbell and Cr Ros Heit on being awarded their Order of Australia Medals for services to their community.
~~10.~~9. **Next Meeting**	4pm Thursday 19th November 2026 (followed by the Christmas Party)
~~11.~~10. **Close**	Keith thanked all meeting participants for their contribution. The meeting closed at 4.45pm
~~12.~~11. **Actions**	**Business Arising: Speed limits on Niagara Road:** *a. Liz will photograph the 60km/hr speed sign and provide to SBRC for clarification* **Project Update: Telstra Tower** *a. Federica will seek an updated Telstra coverage map for the area.* **Project Update: Niagara Road Viewing Area** a. *Cr Heit will follow up with Council staff to have the current signs re-*

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	instated, and *b. Will follow up on the Bunya Highway and Niagara Road signage.* *c. Liz Beavis will investigate if additional "no entry" signs would assist.* **Project Update: Performance of the Wind Farm** *a. Liz will report Wind Farm data for each CCC meeting*

Attachments:

1. Presentation provided by Federica Frew, Tilt Renewables
2. WDRC Bell Visitor Bay Signage