

BODANGORA WIND FARM – COMMUNITY CONSULTATION COMMITTEE

Meeting 2 – Record of Discussions and Action List

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| Date: | 10 th July 2012 | Time: | 6pm |
| Location: | Committee Room, Wellington Shire Council | Attendees: | Mr. Grahame Collier (interim chair) Mayor Anne Jones (Wellington Shire Mayor) Mr. Michael Tolhurst (Wellington Shire) Mr. Frank Barker (mid Macquarie Landcare) Mr. Peter James (Bodangora Resident) Ms. Lyn Jarvis (Neighbour) Mr. Mike Lyons (Neighbour) Mr. Simon Barton (Host landowner) Mr. Frank Boland (Proponent–Infigen Energy) |
| 1. | <p>Approval of the last meetings minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair to open discussion and propose are moved once discussed <p>Notes and Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The draft minutes from Meeting 1 were discussed. Issues were raised with Item 4 (Lyn Jarvis – responses to the advertisement) and Item 6 (Lyn Jarvis – need for more detail about disclosure of names issue). Action: Grahame Collier to redraft these sections and circulate the redrafted versions out of session for any comments/changes. It was agreed that the issues above would be dealt with out of session and it was agreed with changes to the sections above the Minutes of Meeting 1 were accepted. Also with regard to the minutes of meeting 1 the Chair advised that a response had been received from the Director General of the Department of Planning & Infrastructure approving Chair & Committee but noting that given the Guidelines were in draft form this approval was not strictly necessary | | ALL |
| 2. | <p>Confirmation on committee purpose (brief)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The main purpose of the committee is to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Establish good working relationships between proponent, community and stakeholders; - Provide for ongoing communication of project information; - Discuss community concerns and review the resolution of community complaints; - Advise on the allocation of community enhancement funds in the community; <p>Improve interaction between the project and the community and discuss ideas to benefit all stakeholders.</p> <p>Notes and Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Purpose of Committee was noted. | | GC |

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| 3. | <p>Matters arising since the last meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair to facilitate a discussion of the committee on any comments people had since the meeting on the 20th June; including meeting venue, style of minuting and length of meetings. | |
| | <p>Notes and Actions: All members agreed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Style of meeting & minuting of meeting as used in Meeting 1 was appropriate Meetings would be scheduled for 2 hours with the possibility of an up to half hour (only) extension to be called for at the discretion of the Chair as agreed on a case-by-case basis by the Committee. | GC |
| 4. | <p>Bus tour of Woodlawn Wind Farm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peter James, Darren Honnery and Grahame Collier all rsvp'd that they could not attend. FB to provide overview of tour Those members of the group who attended to provide feedback and offer any suggestions/comments. | |
| | <p>Notes and Actions:</p> <p>4 a) Feedback was provided by members of the Committee who went on the Woodlawn Wind Farm bus tour. In general terms the following points were raised.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> People who went on the tour seemed to be happy with the experience – positive feedback Frank Boland said he was a little disappointed with the attendance (16 in all) Some members of the Committee had apologised for non-attendance (Peter James, Darren Honey and Grahame Collier) There was some discussion about people on the Committee not attending. Different views were expressed about the attendance of Committee members. Some thought all the Committee should have attended; others said this was not necessary. <p>4 b) Questions were raised about the type of turbines to be used at Bodangora and whether they are going to be the same as Woodlawn? Would those turbines named in the EA proposal/document be of the type actually installed? Frank Boland confirmed that the turbine used in the EA was indicative. He also stated that the technology is always improving and if at the time of construction there was a more suitable turbine option, then that may be substituted. Lyn Jarvis and Mike Lyons then made the comment that the EA was unreliable and difficult to assess if the turbine type was unknown. Frank Boland explained that it was common practice to use an indicative turbine and that Infigen had selected one of the largest turbines on the market and that it was fair for the community to base their assessment on this model. <u>Action</u> - the discussion was noted, and that if members had specific questions regarding this to contact Frank Boland.</p> <p>4 c) Frank Barlow raised the issue of security and access during construction. It was agreed that he would raise them with Frank Boland out of session and bring them back to Meeting 3 if they remain of concern.</p> <p>4 d) Lyn Jarvis indicated that an added bus tour to an alternative site remained an option.</p> | FB/All |

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| 5. | <p>Discussion on issues raised from meeting from Mayor and community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issues list was received on Tuesday 3rd and very brief in nature • FB to respond to each item • Group discussion on issues | |
| | <p>Notes and Actions:</p> <p>This item concerned consideration of issues that were raised at a meeting between the Mayor, council staff and committee members prior to the first meeting (see Meeting 1).</p> <p>Frank Boland noted that the issues list from this meeting was received on 3rd July and not the 26th of June as agreed. The list was very brief and contained limited detail in each item. It was agreed that Frank would explain each issue verbally & the Committee would discuss each in turn.</p> <p>1. <u>Health</u> Frank Boland indicated that other than the heading, there was limited explanation in the meeting notes about what the particular concern was to health. He referred the Committee to Chapter 15 Section 6 of the proposal.</p> <p><u>Visual</u> FB referred the Committee to the Visual & Landscape assessment in the EA. He also provided some background on the methodology used. Discussion on the photomontages was deferred to that specific issue item.</p> <p><u>Timing of New Guides</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frank Boland made it clear that the Guidelines were those developed by the DoPI and are available in draft form. He noted that only the sponsoring agency DoPI can move to make them final. No date has been indicated about when this might be, and was out of Infigen’s control. FB confirmed that the Department had requested that the Bodangora project has regard to these. • Frank Barlow raised the issue of the 2007 Mining Guidelines being used as the template for the Wind Farm Guidelines and expressed real unhappiness with this. <p><u>Photomontages</u> This issue was interpreted to relate to the location and style of the photomontages provided.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frank Boland indicated that all photomontages included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ GIS referenced photos ○ Photos taken from a range of locations across the site, including some from residences and popular vantage points. ○ The current layout imposed into the photos with both clear and overcast skies. • Lyn Jarvis raised the following issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Are the photos taken from the actual houses or nearby? ○ There is a need for more detail about the nature of the “view” in each photomontage <p><u>Financial Concerns</u> Again this was a difficult matter to discuss given there was no detail provided concerning the actual nature of the problem.</p> <p>Issues raised in discussion included</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are landholders financially advantaged because of the establishment of the Wind Farm? Frank Boland indicated that previous experience elsewhere had | All FB/All |

shown that land values increased in most instances where turbines were present on the property.

- The matter of the community contributions was raised and it was agreed this would be an item for discussion at the next meeting
- Efficiency issues of the wind farm and the choice of turbines was also raised. See item 4(b) above.

Roads

Frank Boland indicated that it was difficult to comment accurately on this matter due to the limited amount of detail. FB indicated that we needed to know which roads were of concern. The role of the council in terms of road construction and maintenance were discussed. Michael Tolhurst indicated that Council would be putting in a detailed submission to Infigen and that there had been communication in principle about this issue.

Noise Issues

Frank Boland indicated that the acoustic assessment was covered in detail in the proposal and was included in Attachment J.

Threatened Species

This topic was also addressed in Attachment G.

Bushfires

It was indicated by the proponent and Council that:

- The RFS had been consulted during the development of the proposal
- There will be a Bushfire Management Plan and onsite equipment
- Wind Farm access tracks will improve all weather access in the fighting of fires and serve as natural fire breaks.

Lack of Information

Frank Boland indicated there had been significant opportunities to obtain information about the proposal. He then highlighted some of the ways this has been done

- One-on-one contact has occurred with many landowners, neighbours, and other community stakeholders. FB mentioned that meetings had been productive and most of the changes in the EA are a result of these;
- Two information sessions were held; some members of the Committee suggested more were required;
- Information bulletins and letters, some suggested a door knock could have been worthwhile;
- Bus tour to operating wind farm offered.

Some members of the committee indicated there was a need for an information session in Wellington (especially Peter and Mike) preferably to be held in the evening (between 4pm and 8pm). Frank indicated that Infigen would be willing to host an event closer to construction, so that specific information was known and would be different to the ones already held.

Residents Interests

- A question was raised about other councils who have wind farms located in the area. Frank suggested it would be worthwhile contacting these councils for feedback and offered to provide contact details.
- Sale of land with a turbine. An explanation was given on this topic.

Actions from Agenda Item 5.

1. Michael and council to work with Infigen re roads

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| | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Frank to provide more information about specific issues once more detail is provided, including land values. 3. Neighbors who attended the original meeting with council - need to receive feedback on issues. How is this to occur? 4. Committee to discuss financial benefits at next meeting 5. The Committee to advise community that if they have concerns to raise them with Infigen. | |
| 6. | <p>General Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seeking additional consultation and input • Committee actions within community • Infigen actions within the community • Closure of Consultation period [DPI] <p>Notes and Actions: <u>Financial Issues</u></p> <p>Frank Barlow raised the following financial issues</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Does Section 94 apply – in what way? Michael Tollhurst provided his understanding about its applicability. 2. What is the Community Benefit Scheme and how will it be implemented and who will it benefit? Frank advised that Infigen is committed to broader community contribution, however wanted to optimise the design and structure so the benefits were best received. <p>Action</p> <p>Michael to provide detail about Sect 94 to next meeting All to consider and offer suggestions for community benefits and to discuss at next meeting</p> | All |
| 7. | <p>Other Business</p> <p>Notes and Actions: Next meeting Monday 10th September at 6pm, Lion of Waterloo</p> | |