

## Hawkesdale Wind Farm Community Engagement Committee

Meeting date Monday 4 September 2023  
Meeting time and location 5.30pm at the Hawkesdale Memorial Hall

### 1. Welcome

### 2. Present

Cr Damian Gleeson (Chair)  
Maxine Keane, Community Representative  
John Bos, Community Representative  
Anne–Maree Huglin, HADDAC Representative  
Bruce Mirtschin, Community Representative  
Debra Dumesny, GPG Community and Stakeholder Engagement Officer  
Haridian Cabrera, GPG Community Stakeholder Engagement and Local Economic Development

Vicki Askew-Thornton, CEC Responsible Officer, Moyne Shire

### 3. Apologies

George Swarbrick, Community Representative  
Liana Blake, Community Representative

### 4. Declarations of Interest

Nil.

### 5. Confirmation of Minutes of 24 July 2023 meeting

Moved by Anne–Maree Huglin, seconded by Maxine Keane that the minutes of the CEC meeting held on 24 July 2023 be accepted. **CARRIED**

### 6. Actions and business arising from the previous Minutes

Responsible	Action
GPG	Provide the CEC with a copy of the endorsed BAMP when it has been endorsed by the Minister for Planning. <b>Outcome: The BAMP has not yet been endorsed. (Refer to slide 1 below for more detail)</b>
Council	Submit the CEC recommendation at Section 9.1 (Page 3) to Council. <b>Outcome: The recommendation will be considered by Council at its 26 September Council meeting.</b>

Regarding the landscaping program and neighbour deeds:

- The landscaping program is a condition of the Permit.
- As stated in the January CEC minutes, anybody has the right to complain about the wind farm.

## 1. Actions arising



Year	Summary
2012	BAM Plan endorsed in accordance with the original Planning Permit No. 20060221
2017	BAM Plan updated in accordance with the amended planning permit that was issued in 2017. The updates to the BAM Plan were predominantly in relation to the changes to the project design and layout that were endorsed as part of the planning permit amendment in 2017, including higher turbines with a greater rotor swept diameter compared to those considered in the previously endorsed BAM Plan.
2019	Updated BAM Plan provided to DELWP Environment for review. DELWP Environment reviewed the updated BAM Plan (version 13.1) and provided feedback to GPG.
2021/2	Comments from DEECA relating to the BAM Plan dated April 2021 (Report No. 14144 version 17.2) were received in October 2022. Updates to the plan were made to respond to these comments, and the plan was resubmitted in January 2023.
2023	BAM Plan updated to reflect the current amended planning permit (Planning Permit No. 20060221-2) (version 17.4 submitted in January). A second round of comments relating to the BAM Plan on version 17.4 were received from DEECA in April 2023. A revised BAM Plan addressing these comments was made in June (version 17.5) and GPG are in consultation with DEECA's representatives for this submission.

## 1. Actions arising



The Brolga surveys covered an area 10km from the site. GPG will check with their consultant whether any brolga sightings for that area have been uploaded to the Victorian Biodiversity Atlas since the last survey was completed.

- GPG's consultant, Nature Advisory, has informed us that any brolga sightings reported for uploading to the Biodiversity Atlas can take up to 2 years to be verified and made public. They also confirmed that there have been no new additions since the last survey.

### Raw noise monitoring data

- According to the planning permit it is not mandatory to supply the raw data.
- If a request is made for the raw noise data we will analyse it case by case.

### Rotating beacons

- Regular reference is made to the use of rotating beacons and other traffic related issues at daily prestart meetings.

Regarding the BAMP:

- John noted that some local people have entered Brolga sightings into the Victorian Biodiversity Atlas (VBA) but haven't received a reply from the Department that their entries have been successfully logged.
- Anne-Maree commented that the data in the most recent bat and avifauna survey report doesn't seem to have been reviewed, and the report is unclear on what distance from the site the surveys were done. Maxine added that there are existing species that are not listed in the report.
- GPG clarified that:
  - The BAMP will be an endorsed management plan that relates to the operational stage of the wind farm.
  - DEECA has not questioned the results of the surveys that have been undertaken.
  - GPG's planning and environmental consultants liaise with DEECA during the BAMP review process.
- Cr Gleeson referred to the recommendation from the previous CEC meeting which will be considered at the September Council meeting.

Other items:

- GPG will consider requests for raw noise data on a case-by-case basis.
- It was noted that some light vehicles are still leaving the site with warning lights flashing.

## 7. Correspondence Incoming

Date	Item	Attachment Number
26 July	Unconfirmed minutes emailed to CEC members	
24 July, 16&22 August	HDWF construction updates from GPG	
14 August	HDWF July newsletter from GPG	

## 8. Correspondence Outgoing

Nil.

## 9. Reports:

### 9.1 Community Representatives

- GPG clarified that a turbine cannot be closer than 1km to an existing dwelling.
- Bruce will have two transmission lines on his property and asked if any more compensation would be offered. GPG responded that compensation payments were finalised when the turbine easements were secured some years ago.
- Bruce asked if turbine host landholders have a say if the proposed size and numbers of turbines change over time. GPG responded that any changes require a detailed re-negotiation process. Agreements are based on the generation capacity of turbines, not the number.

### 9.2 GPG Project Update:

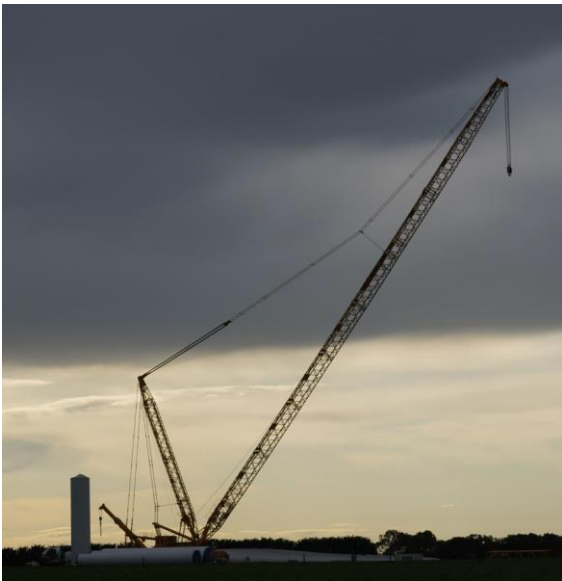
## 2. Project update – wind farm



- ✓ 20 foundations poured, 4 at 700m<sup>3</sup>, the others are 475m<sup>3</sup>
- ✓ 20 foundations backfilled
- ✓ Geo-technical investigations and surveys have been completed on the northeast section and cabling works are commencing
- ✓ 29km or 93% of the interconnection cables have been laid
- ✓ The cabling under Woolsthorpe-Heywood Road has been installed
- ✓ Vestas have completed the construction of their site compound and are fulltime on site
- ✓ The intersection upgrades are completed and the trial run with the blade truck was successful
- ✓ 5 Nacelles, 2 Hubs, 8 tower sections and 5 Blades have been delivered to site
- ✓ The first two towers have the base tower section in place
- ✓ Operations and maintenance building has been delivered to site and construction has commenced



- ✓ 420MVA, 500kV/132kV Power transformer successfully energized
- ✓ Installation of the new 500kV and 132kV switch gear successfully energized
- ✓ Cultural Heritage and Native Vegetation Management Plans inductions with AusNet and construction contractor completed
- ✓ Finalising property and construction management plans with landowners





- Civil construction earthworks have now commenced to construct the access tracks and hardstands. Generally, the civil contractor will be working:
  - ✓ Monday to Friday                      7am to 6pm
  - ✓ Saturday                                    7am to 4pm (regular)
  - ✓ Sunday & Public holidays      7am to 4pm (occasional as required)
- Saturday afternoon (1pm to 4pm) and Sunday works will be restricted to “managed impact” and “low impact” works as defined by the EPA guidelines.
- The purpose of weekend work is to reduce the overall construction duration, and subsequently the duration of impact on the local community.

### Summary of further discussion:

- Each nacelle weighs 130 tonnes. When a nacelle arrives at the site, road grime is removed with a pressure washer.
- Each turbine requires 9 over-dimensional load deliveries. The delivery trucks are fully escorted and traffic control is in place for each trip.  
Brendan will check that over-dimensional deliveries are abiding by local school bus avoidance measures as required.
- Turbine erection hours may be extended into the early evening at times, depending on wind conditions.
- The operations and maintenance building will be located near the onsite substation once construction is finished.

✓ **Community engagement**

- Weekly construction updates are being emailed and uploaded to the Hawkesdale wind farm web page
- July newsletter available
- No complaints received since the last meeting

✓ **Benefit sharing**

- Community Benefit Fund
  - ✓ Hawkesdale Township Grant Program launched August 31
  - ✓ Information session to be held September 12 at 7:00pm
  - ✓ All information available on the web site

Applications open	31/08/2023
Information session	12/09/2023 7:00 pm Hawkesdale Memorial Hall
Applications close	16/10/2023 10:00 am
Announcement of successful applicants	24/11/2023

✓ **Complaints Investigation and Response Plan (CIRP)**

The CIRP was endorsed on December 6 2022 and can be found on our web site at <https://hawkesdalewindfarm.globalpower-generation.com.au/> following the link The Project>Relevant documentation.

All relevant documentation and forms for lodging a complaint are found on the web site under Contact Us.

Complaints can be made in the following ways:

Phone: 1800 457 181 or 0428 867 646

E-mail: [debra.dumesny@globalpower-generation.com.au](mailto:debra.dumesny@globalpower-generation.com.au)  
[hawkesdalewindfarm@globalpower-generation.com.au](mailto:hawkesdalewindfarm@globalpower-generation.com.au)

Mail: Hawkesdale Asset Trusts  
 Suite A, Level 3, 73 Northbourne Avenue,

- If an individual has an idea for a community project, it was suggested they approach a local community organisation to discuss it.

### 9.3 Council:

Nothing to report.

## 10. General business

- 10.1** Maxine raised the recent turbine fire at the Yambuk Wind Farm. Council has been advised by the CFA and Pacific Blue that the fire started and remained inside one of the nacelles. Council is requesting that wind farm developers in Moyne make clear information available to the public in the coming months about their fire response plans and mitigation measures. GPG will provide information via its regular newsletter.
- 10.2** Anne-Maree asked about the process for inviting guests to meetings. The Chair will consider requests if they are made to the Responsible Officer at least 7 days before a meeting. Questions on notice must be provided to the Responsible Officer at last 7 days before a meeting in order to be included in the agenda.

**Next meeting – Monday 23 October 2023, 5.30pm at the Hawkesdale Memorial Hall – Supper Room**

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Chair .....

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