

BODANGORA WIND FARM – COMMUNITY CONSULTATION COMMITTEE

Meeting 1 – Record of Discussions and Action List

Date:	20 June 2012	Time:	6pm
Location:	Grand Hotel, Wellington NSW	Attendees:	Mr. Grahame Collier (interim chair) Mayor Anne Jones (Wellington Shire Mayor) Mr. Darren Honnery (Wellington Shire) Mr. Frank Barker (mid Macquarie Landcare) Mr. Peter James (Bodangora Resident) Ms. Lyn Jarvis (Neighbour) Mr. Mike Lyons (Neighbour) Mr. Bob Sewell (Wellington business owner) Mr. Simon Barton (Host landowner) Mr. Frank Boland (Proponent–Infigen Energy)
1.	<p>Welcome and Introductions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FB to welcome everyone • Members to introduce themselves to the group 		ALL
	<p>Notes and Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meeting commenced 6.10pm - Individual introductions and background on why they are interested in being part of the committee. - Grahame as interim chair was last to introduce himself - Vote: to allow observers to sit in on the meeting, all in favour. 		
2.	<p>Meeting Structure and protocol</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair to outline structure and protocol of the meeting. There will be two options for structure that the committee can decide between: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An open discussion with key actions and issues noted; or - A formal meeting with minutes and voting on resolutions 		GC
	<p>Notes and Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chair explained options for meeting protocol followed by a group discussion. Vote: All in favour of a more informal discussion with voting to confirm all action items. - Chair explained the role of the Director General of the Department of Planning and Infrastructure role in the approval of the Chair, and stated why he is only an interim chair until appointment. - Vote: Grahame Collier as interim chair: everyone agreed to assess adequacy after the first meeting, no follow up vote or comment was passed. 		

3.	<p>Consultation Committee Purpose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FB to outline the purpose of the consultation committee as per the NSW draft wind farm guidelines and for the chair to seek input on how this group views the purpose of this committee. • 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; - Improve interaction between the project and the community and discuss ideas to benefit all stakeholders. <p>Notes and Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chair outlined the purpose of the meeting and group discussion was facilitated - Appendix C of Draft NSW Wind Farm Guidelines [Dec 2011] was distributed and discussed in some detail. Issues related to the nature of the Committee, the role of the Chair and the obligations of the proponent were clarified. - Vote: Everyone is aware of the purpose - all in favour 	GC/FB/All
4.	<p>Formation and Membership of Consultation Committee</p> <p>Notes and Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Frank Boland outlined the process for formulating the committee. Discussion was held. - Question: people were asked to explain how they were invited to be a part of the committee. Combination of newspaper ad, survey response, and direct contact. It was noted that the Committee representation was in line with the Guidelines. - <u>Lyn asked for the purpose of transparency, a show of hands by CCC members who actually applied to be on committee. The members had a show of hands and the result was that Lyn Jarvis was the only member who raised her hand to indicate she applied to be on the committee.</u> - Lyn Jarvis noted that she seemed to be the only Committee member who responded directly to the advertisement. - Frank Boland responded saying he received a request from the Mayor, Council staff, and Mid Macquarie Landcare Group at the same time as the ad was in the paper. Therefore did not agree that Lyn was the only person who responded to the ad. - Discussion on the formation process of the CCC. - Vote: To approve and note the following: All in favour <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Each member must nominate an alternative member by 29/6/12 2. Council indicated that their alternatives would be the General Manager and the Deputy Mayor 3. Minimum quorum for a meeting of five members and a chair 4. Mike Lyons has replaced Grant Christopherson on the committee since 	FB

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	the initial recruitment information was provided.	
5.	<p>Project Overview</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • History of project and background information • Environmental Assessment Process • Current Status • Update on current consultation <p>Notes and Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Frank Boland gave project overview and history; he also gave update on consultation for the project to date. - Frank Barker had some questions about the project, Frank Boland agreed to brief him separately 	FB
6.	<p>General Discussion on Current Community Topics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion to be lead and facilitated by the chair <p>Notes and Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Access to copies of the EA was raised as an issue. - Action: Frank agreed to provide three extra hard copies to Wellington Shire Council and to allow people without computers to loan the EA. CD's also to be sent to people who request them. Action approved - Mayor Anne Jones informed the CCC that she had meet with approximately 15 neighbours on Friday 15th June. - Action: Council to send list of concerns to Frank Boland by Tuesday 26th June, with affected properties listed and names withheld unless directly relating to issue. Infigen to provide a response to each of these issues at the next committee meeting, for discussion - Ms Lyn Jarvis requested confidentiality of names of attendees without their specific approval - This prompted an in-depth discussion about confidentiality/transparency and disclosure of names. Varying views were raised. Frank Boland indicated that names were important if individual concerns that were raised were going to be followed-up. Others on the Committee said that only an individual could decide that their name was disclosed. Lyn Jarvis and Mike Lyons both said that they were happy to have their names disclosed in relation to the issues list from the meeting with the Mayor but that they would not speak for others. In general, members were of the view that only an individual had the right to decide if their name was to be made public. This position was supported by general discussion from the meeting. <p>Action, it was agreed in general that for the future names of people providing comment/input should be disclosed with the approval of each individual [Chairs Note: this issue needs to be voted upon formally at meeting number 2]</p>	ALL

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lyn Jarvis suggested a public meeting should be held. Frank Boland responded about his experience with public meetings and said he was reluctant to entertain a public meeting, however was prepared to meet face to face with anyone who requested a meeting. - Frank Boland also suggested that Infigen would be prepared to offer a bus trip to one of Infigen's operating wind farms in NSW. Lyn Jarvis suggested that it shouldn't be one of Infigen's; discussion was held on where the committee recommended the tour be conducted. - Vote: Whether the community wind farm bus tour should be held at one of Infigen's sites or at an independent site. The result of the vote was 7-2 in favour of visiting the Infigen wind farm at Tarago on 8/7/12. - Action: Frank Boland to set up. - Lyn Jarvis proposed a second tour at another site. She offered to investigate this further and the meeting voted 6-3 that they would be interested in this option if it could be set-up - Action: Simon Barton moved motion for approach in addressing community concerns; if a committee member is approached about the project, they should direct the individual to Frank Boland. Failing successful resolution of the issue, it will be brought to the committee. Vote: all in favour. - Mike Lyons requested that Frank Boland provide the GPS co-ordinates of the project in an alternative format. - Action Agreed 	
7.	<p>Action Items and Next Steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be discussed and agreed by members <p>Notes and Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Next meeting to be held on 10th July - It was noted that the venue was too cold - Venue of meeting on 10/7 to be determined and future meeting venues to be discussed at that meeting. 	ALL