

Hawkesdale Wind Farm Community Engagement Committee

Meeting date Monday 20 May 2024

Meeting time and location 5.30pm at the Hawkesdale Memorial Hall

1. Welcome

2. Present

Cr Damian Gleeson (Chair)

Anne–Maree Huglin, HADDAC Representative

Liana Blake, 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

Bruce Mirtschin, Community Representative

George Swarbrick, Community Representative

4. Declarations of Interest

Nil.

5. Confirmation of Minutes of 19 February 2024 meeting

Moved by Liana Blake, seconded by Anne–Maree Huglin that the minutes of the CEC meeting held on 25 March 2024 be accepted. **CARRIED**

6. Actions 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.
GPG	Provide information on the commissioning process.
GPG	Provide information on the permit trigger-point for commencement of noise monitoring, which is set out in Condition 43 of the Permit (2022): Relevant Documentation Hawkesdale Wind Farm (globalpower-generation.com.au)
GPG	Provide clarification on the trigger-point for commencement of the other community fund program.

➤ BAM Plan – update

- A final version of the BAM plan was submitted to DTP/DEECA on May 8

Anne-Maree raised the issue of the amount of time it is taking for DEECA to endorse the BAMP and suggested that Council write to the Department on behalf of the CEC to express concern about this issue.

Council noted it was hoping that the BAMP will reflect learnings from existing wind farms in Moyne.

GPG anticipates receiving an endorsed BAMP in June.

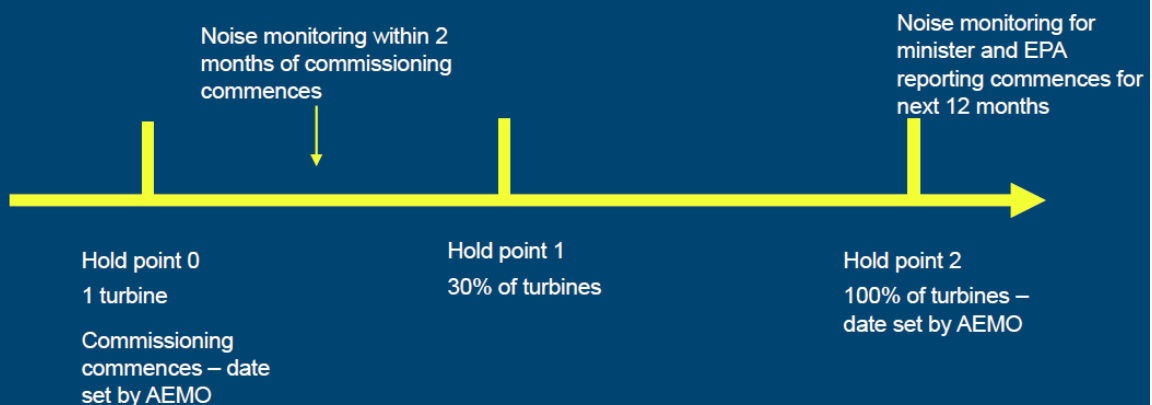
➤ Cr Gleeson asked for clarification on the trigger-point for commencement of the other community fund program.

- The community grant program for the broader Hawkesdale district community will commence from the date of operation. This fund is based on \$2,500 per turbine - \$57,500
- Date of operation will be the date that is confirmed by AEMO as 100% officially in operation.

GPG will provide information on the permit trigger-point for commencement of noise monitoring, which is set out in Condition 43 of the Permit (2022): Relevant Documentation | Hawkesdale Wind Farm (globalpower-generation.com.au)

✓ Planning Permit 20 October 2022 20060221-2 Condition 43

-“within 2 months from the commissioning of the first turbine and continue for 12 months after the commissioning of the last turbine”



- The Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) controls the hold points.

- GPG can extend the flowchart to provide greater detail to the community about the process.
- The entire commissioning process may take up to 6 months. Council noted there have been wind farms where the process has taken longer.
- AEMO will provide a certificate for completion of each hold point.
- GPG will provide more detail on:
The role of intermediate noise loggers, and what role the results from the loggers will play in the noise monitoring process and reporting.
Whether the property owners where loggers will be placed can, as a group, have access to raw noise data and background noise data and have it explained clearly.
GPG suggested this may be able to occur once the first monitoring report is ready.

7. Correspondence Incoming

Date	Item	Attachment Number
April - May	HDWF construction updates from GPG	
21 March, 29 April	February and March newsletters	

8. Correspondence Outgoing

Nil.

9. Reports:

9.1 GPG Project Update:

2. Project update – wind farm



- ✓ All turbines are erected
- ✓ A small civil team remains on site to conduct rehabilitation activities across the site and maintain the access tracks and hard stands. All hard stands have been fully remediated, except for pasture reseeding
- ✓ Site compound is being dismantled, most offices have been removed
- ✓ The site office has moved to the operations and maintenance compound at the on site sub station
- ✓ Pre commissioning of all turbines is taking place, ready for final commissioning after energization
- ✓ Final fencing and other works are being done in consultation with the host landowners
- ✓ The 80 km speed restriction signs to be removed during the coming weeks

2. Project update – grid connection



- ✓ Construction is completed on the Hawkesdale section of the transmission line
- ✓ Stringing and clamping along the line is completed
- ✓ Testing communications between the Tarrone and the on site collector sub station is being undertaken
- ✓ Rehabilitation works continue along the transmission in line, final works are in consultation with the easement landowners
- ✓ The site compound at Tarrone terminal station is being demobilised





3. Community engagement & Benefit Sharing



✓ Community engagement

- March and April newsletters available
- Construction updates will move to fortnightly
- Quarterly update in Warrnambool Standard

✓ Benefit sharing

- **Neighbour Benefit Program**
 - ✓ Neighbour contacts to recommence
- **Community Benefit Fund (Township Grant Program)**
 - ✓ A barbecue was held at the Racecourse Reserve to congratulate and acknowledge the projects
 - ✓ The 2024 township grant round will open in June

The trigger point for the wider community grant fund and rates payments will not change if AEMO constrains the output of the wind farm once it becomes operational.





- **Community Benefit Fund (Township Grant Program)**

- ✓ Meeting held March 19 2024
- ✓ Review of processes and forms completed, final drafts will be circulated to committee members for review and confirmation
- ✓ As a result of feedback, there will be an additional simpler application form that addresses an item purchase only not a project
- ✓ Application form projects/initiatives simplified whilst maintaining the internal requirements for GPG
- ✓ Amount for 2024 \$103,813.88
- ✓ Committee to confirm schedule for 2024 grant process
- ✓ Tentative date for opening of funding round June 17 2024

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

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Mail: Hawkesdale Asset Trusts

Suite A, Level 3, 73 Northbourne Avenue, Canberra ACT 2601

9.2 Community Representatives:

Anne-Maree raised the CEC vacancies. Council can print a poster to display in the Post Office regarding the CEC vacancies and how people can nominate.

Liana noted that a community member had seen a worker hanging from a rope attached to a blade. GPG explained that work such as checking blades is done under strict safety protocols and that WorkSafe's renewable energy team inspects the work site regularly, including when the blades were being checked.

9.3 Council:

Cr Gleeson encouraged GPG to reflect on its learnings from the construction stage of the project.

10. General business

Nil.

11. Summary of actions from the meeting

GPG	- Extend the flowchart to provide greater detail to the community about the commissioning process. - Provide more detail on: The role of intermediate noise loggers, and what role the results from the loggers will play in the noise monitoring process and reporting. - Consider whether the property owners where loggers will be placed can, as a group, have access to raw noise data and background noise data and have it explained clearly.
Council	Print a poster to display in the Post Office regarding the CEC vacancies and how people can nominate.

Next meeting – Monday 22 July 2024, 5.30pm at the Hawkesdale Memorial Hall – Supper Room

Confirmed this / /

Chair

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