

Hawkesdale Wind Farm Community Engagement Committee

Meeting date Monday 25 March 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 Anne-Maree Huglin, seconded by Debra Dumesny that the minutes of the CEC meeting held on 19 February 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. ✓ BAM Plan – update - A final version of the BAM plan was submitted to DTP/DECCA on 9th February. We expect this version to be approved soon. - Were there further bat studies done after 2010, and if so, what was the duration of the studies? DEECA expects to respond to the submitted plan in April.

GPG	Were there further bat studies done after 2010, and if so, what was the duration of the studies? There have been no further surveys after 2010. DEECA discharged this requirement in 2012 with the statement that evidence existed to confirm the presence of broilgas and southern bent wing bats, and the BAMP, when endorsed, will address mitigation methods. Refer to letter to Mayor Foster dated 6/11/2023 from Minister Kilkenny. The turbines at the Berrybank Wind Farm are the same height as the Hawkesdale Wind Farm turbines. The last BAMP monitoring survey at Berrybank did not detect any Southern Bent-wing Bat mortalities.
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7. Correspondence Incoming

Date	Item	Attachment Number
1, 14 March	HDWF construction updates from GPG	
	January and February project newsletters from GPG	

8. Correspondence Outgoing

Nil.

9. Reports:

9.1 Community Representatives:

Nothing to raise.

9.2 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. 18 hardstands have been fully remediated, except for pasture reseeding
- ✓ Site compound is being dismantled and some offices, containers and other equipment are being removed
- ✓ Pre commissioning of 15 turbines is taking place ready for final commissioning after energisation
- ✓ Asphalting of the southern entrance is completed

2. Project update – grid connection



- ✓ Construction is continuing on the Hawkesdale section of the transmission line
- ✓ Property and construction management plans have been finalised with all landowners
- ✓ Notifications for power outages have been sent by AusNet
- ✓ 46 of 58 pole foundations have been poured
- ✓ 35 poles have been erected
- ✓ The poles and other components are all delivered
- ✓ The transformer has been filled with oil and tested. It is surrounded by a concrete bund to protect if there is oil leakage
- ✓ Control building for AusNet has arrived
- ✓ Car parks are being laid out



Standing up the first of 3 sections for a transmission pole



Section 3 being lifted



A bird's eye view of the drilling rig working



33kV Over head bus installed, 33kV secondary and 132kV primary cables being installed



Switch room being positioned



Remediation works underway



Met mast communications
being installed

Further discussion:

- The Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) sets out how the commissioning process must be done. It will involve each of the 4 collector-sets of turbines being tested. Once one set has been successfully tested there is a 'hold point' before the next set is tested.
Commissioning should be completed by the end of Q3 2024, and the wind farm should be operational by the start of 2025.
GPG will provide more information on the commissioning process in the next newsletter and at the next CEC meeting.
- Cr Gleeson asked for clarification on the trigger-point for commencement of the other community fund program.
- 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 \(globalpower-generation.com.au\)](https://globalpower-generation.com.au)
- Anne-Maree asked if a noise monitor could be placed in the township.
GPG responded that it had not done background noise monitoring in the township. Pre-construction background noise levels are required as part of the post-construction noise reporting process.
Council noted that the background noise monitoring it had undertaken was done at the same locations as GPG's background noise monitoring, which was what the community requested.
- Cr Gleeson noted that the community expects GPG to take its noise monitoring responsibilities seriously.

3. Community engagement & Benefit Sharing



✓ Community engagement

- February newsletter available
- Construction updates will move to fortnightly

✓ Benefit sharing

• Neighbour Benefit Program

- ✓ Neighbour contacts to recommence

• Community Benefit Fund (Township Grant Program)

- ✓ 5 applications were successful and all grants have been paid
 - ✓ Hawkesdale Macarthur Football Netball Club: resurfacing the netball/tennis courts – partially completed
 - ✓ Hawkesdale Cricket Club: concrete path near cricket nets - completed
 - ✓ Hawkesdale Cemetery Trust: removal and trimming of cyprus trees - completed
 - ✓ Hawkesdale racecourse reserve: mower - completed
 - ✓ Hawkesdale Family Services Parents Committee: play equipment -- completed

✓ Benefit sharing

• 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 a simpler application form that addresses an item purchase only not a project
- ✓ Application form projects/initiatives simplified whilst maintaining the internal requirements for GPG
- ✓ Event with recipients to be held week commencing April 21
- ✓ 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:

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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

9.3 Council:

Cr Gleeson spoke about the recent declaration of the Southern Ocean offshore wind zone by the Federal Government.

10. General business

John Bos has submitted a letter of resignation from the CEC to the Moyne Shire CEO. The CEO has replied to John thanking him for his involvement in the CEC as a Community Representative. The Chair Cr Gleeson and the CEC members in attendance also expressed their appreciation of John's contribution to the CEC.

11. Summary of actions from the meeting

GPG	Provide: A copy of the BAMP to the CEC when it has been endorsed. Information on the commissioning process. Clarification on the trigger-point for commencement of the other community fund program. Information on the permit trigger-point for commencement of noise monitoring.
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Next meeting – Monday 20 May 2024, 5.30pm at the Hawkesdale Memorial Hall – Supper Room

Confirmed this / /

Chair

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