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Rye Park Wind Farm Community Consultation Committee Meeting No 6 30 September 2013



#### **Presentation Contents for CCC Meeting No 6**

- 1. CCC membership update
- 2. Epuron CCC action items from meeting 5
- 3. Introducing TrustPower
- 4. Development update
- 5. Current project information
- 6. Next steps and timing
- 7. Communication and other information

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#### **Community Consultation Committee – Membership Update**

- Independent chairperson;
  - > Nic Carmody
- Involved landowners;
  - Graham Privett
  - > Greg Medway
- Uninvolved landowners;
  - Jenny and Chris Hally
  - > Bev and Alex Davis
- Other, local group or association;
  - > As required
- Local councils;
  - > Mayor Wendy Tuckerman Boorowa Council
  - > Councillor James Wheelwright Upper Lachlan Council
  - Councillor Ann Daniel and Councillor Garry Ware Yass Valley Council
- Epuron
  - > Brian Hall Senior Project Manager



#### **Epuron CCC Action Items from CCC Meeting 5**

- Invite Trustpower to attend the next CCC meeting to discuss wind farm experience and community enhancement funding ideas
  - > Complete.
- To help inform further CCC thinking around community enhancement funding,
  Epuron are to provide an estimate of the number of houses located within 2km and
  5km of proposed turbines
  - > 2km approx 46
  - > 5km approx 107
- How many proposed turbines located in each council LGA
  - Yass Valley 18
  - > Upper Lachlan 25
  - Boorowa 83



#### Epuron CCC Action Items from CCC Meeting 5.....continued

- The visual consultant to be invited to attend the Open Day planned during the public exhibition process
  - > Complete
- Ensure minutes of last meeting reflect consultation requirements set out in the Supplementary DGR's
  - > Complete
- Upload meeting material to website
  - > Complete



Introducing TrustPower



TrustPower to provide a separate presentation to the CCC

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#### **Development Update**

- NSW Rural Fire Service responds to letter from Epuron seeking their position on wind farms and fighting fires. See further details in this presentation.
- Representatives from NSW Office of Environment & Heritage visited site on 2 September and to assist with completion of EA adequacy comments.
- Further survey work is required for some areas/species during the current spring period to address the concerns raised by OEH.
- Following preliminary design optimisation works and field inspections there have been some alignment adjustments and scope changes to the proposed powerline easement routes.
- It is intended the EA (adequacy phase) will be finalised and resubmitted to the Department of Planning once the current spring survey works are complete.
- Meetings have been arranged with the three local councils to introduce TrustPower to the project.
- Works to transition landowners to Agreements to Lease is progressing well.



#### **Other CCC Discussion Points**

- Consultation and feedback
  - > Any communication or feedback to report from community
- Community Enhancement Fund
  - > Views and ideas put forward by TrustPower
- Activities planned during EA exhibition
  - EA exhibition
  - > Open Day
  - > Newsletter
- Next CCC meeting
  - > Suggest next meeting date to be confirmed once EA exhibition dates are known

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#### **Jobs and Opportunities**

- During consultation a number of people have asked us about the kinds of job and skills required to work on the wind farm construction or maintenance team during operations.
- Below is a list of general job types, skills or qualifications that local people and businesses can use as a guide for seeking employment on the wind farm.
- A project database is kept of people and businesses interested in participating in the wind farm construction or operation phases. Please let us know if you would like your details and capabilities added to this list.
  - Electricians HV/LV
  - Engineers / technicians
  - Heavy vehicle drivers
  - Steel fixers
  - Riggers
  - Labourers
  - Crane operators

- Excavator operators
- Mechanical fitters
- Welders
- Project managers
- Environmental officers
- Plumbers
- Supervisory roles

- Project managers
- Landscapers / Gardeners
- Safety officers
- Cleaners
- Maintenance staff
- Caters
- Administration staff

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#### **NSW Rural Fire Service**

- Epuron recently wrote to the NSWRFS to ask them how they viewed the presence of wind farms when fighting fires on the ground or from the air.
- The August 1, 2013 response from the NSWRFS Assistant Commissioner, Stuart Midgley, noted;

  - From the air......"..aircraft would avoid wind turbines in the same manner as they would avoid other obstructions, such as power lines."





#### **Project Consultation – Key Activity and Timetable**

Activity	Timing	Objectives	Stakeholders	Status
Community information workshop	November 2008	Introduce Epuron and the proposal to landowners and community including preliminary layout	Involved landowners and selected stakeholders	Completed
Newsletter 1	December 2009	Inform community about project and initial information	Involved and uninvolved landowners (mail-out)	Completed
Newsletter 2	June 2010	Provide updated information and planning details including	Involved and uninvolved landowners (mail-out)	Completed
Newsletter 3	December 2011	Outline planning process and updated development progress	Involved and uninvolved landowners (mail-out)	Completed
Consult with neighbours within 2km	January / February 2012 (ongoing)	To discuss project and impacts with neighbours including feedback	Uninvolved neighbours within 2km of turbine	Completed (but ongoing)
Newsletter 4	March 2012	Advise consultation plans and release revised wind farm layout	Involved and uninvolved landowners (mail-out)	Completed
Establish Community Consultation Committee	April / May 2012	Establish formal mechanism for community participation	Invited members	Completed



#### **Project Consultation – Key Activity and Timetable.....continued**

Activity	Timing	Objectives	Stakeholders	Status
CCC Meeting 1	May / June 2012	Provide project information and seek feedback	Invited members	Completed
Newsletter 5	June / July 2012	Update on studies and consultation and layout	Involved and uninvolved landowners (mail-out)	Completed
Community Open Day	June / July 2012		Involved and uninvolved landowners, CCC, consultants and public	Completed
CCC Meeting 2	July / August 2012	Provide updated information and consider feedback including release of draft final layout	Invited members	Completed
Newsletter 6	September / October 2012	Update on studies and consultation feedback contributing to draft final layout	Involved and uninvolved landowners (mail-out)	Completed
CCC Meeting 3	September / October 2012	Review of draft final layout incorporation feedback	Invited members	Completed
Lodgement of EA with DP&I	November 2012	Submit EA	DP&I	Completed

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#### **Project Consultation – Key Activity and Timetable.....continued**

Activity	Timing	Objectives	Stakeholders	Status
CCC Meeting 4	December 2012	Advise CCC of final EA layout incorporating feedback and study results	Involved and uninvolved landowners, CCC and consultants	Completed
Newsletter 7	May 2013	Advise community of final EA layout incorporating feedback and study results	Involved and uninvolved landowners, CCC and consultants	Completed
CCC Meeting 5	July 2013	Consider feedback and any final amendments to lodged application	Involved and uninvolved landowners, CCC and consultants	Completed
CCC Meeting 6	September 2013	Consider feedback and any final amendments to lodged application	Involved and uninvolved landowners, CCC and consultants	Completed
EA Exhibition	ТВА	Public exhibition of EA and submissions	Involved and uninvolved landowners, CCC, consultants and public	Pending
Open Day, Newsletter and CCC Meeting	During EA exhibition	Inform community of EA lodgement and exhibition	Involved and uninvolved landowners, CCC, consultants and public	Pending



#### **Communication and Feedback Channels Available**

- Consultation is a two-way-street and we're always listening.
- Feedback and suggestions are important to us and help design the project.
- Available communication channels include;

Epuron corporate website:	www.epuron.com.au
Rye Park project website:	www.ryeparkwindfarm.com.au
Mailing address:	Rye Park Wind Farm
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	North SydneyNSW2060
Phone:	02 8456 7400
≻ Fax:	02 9922 6645
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Senior Project Manager:	Brian Hall
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Meetings	Arranged by appointment





# Questions and general discussion

# Thank you for your attendance