

Action Items

Collector Wind Farm Forum

Date	Wednesday April 19, 2017 2015	Time	6.30pm – Bushranger Hotel, Collector
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Attendees

Deborah Cameron (DC) Chair	James McKay (JMck)	
Brian Mor (BM)	Sharon Swincer (SS)	
Martha Truelove (MT)	Tony Walsh (TW)	
Richard Stacy (RS)	Gary Poile (GP)	
Neil Weston (NW) Ratch Australia	Hugh Sangster (HS) Ratch Australia	
Mark Fleming (MF) Environment NSW		

Apologies

Anthony Yeates (AY) Ratch Australia	John Hoskins	

Non-attendance: Cr Brian McCormack, Upper Lachlan Shire Council (ULSC)

No.	Action	Responsibility	Due Date
1	Welcome and apologies	Note	
2	Introductions, pecuniary interests, minutes from the last meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">– No new statements of pecuniary interest– Minutes accepted as accurate account of the meeting	Note	
3	Correspondence <p>Retirement of John Shaw as ULSC representative.</p> <p>Nomination of Mayor Brian McCormack as new ULSC representative.</p> <p>Department of Planning and Environment – new Community Consultative Committee regulations</p> <p>http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/Assess-and-Regulate/Development-Assessment/Community-Consultative-Committees</p> <p>CCC members briefed about short phone conversation with Dept of Planning about the prospect of a new membership drive, given the confirmation of CCC guidelines.</p>	Note	

4	<p>Directions to chair resulting from correspondence</p> <p>The chair to write to the Department of Planning asking for advice in writing that the Collector Wind Farm CCC is a bona fide CCC under the new guidelines and that it and its independent chair have standing. And if it does not then what does the CCC need to do to ensure that it does have standing.</p> <p>The chair write to the Upper Lachlan Shire Council requesting that the ULSC nominee to the Collector Wind Farm CCC attend or send a delegate to meetings, drawing attention to the prospect of other Local Government Areas being recruited to the CCC and to new CCC guidelines. Concern was expressed by the CCC that council was abrogating its responsibilities under the guidelines.</p>	DC	ASAP
5	<p>Project update</p> <p>NW provided an overview of project progress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Ratch continues to be committed to the Collector Wind Farm and it remains the company’s objective to get the Collector Wind Farm built as soon as possible. – NW advised that it was his view that construction would start within 12 months but that this was a personal opinion and non-binding on Ratch. – There is a lot of activity in the renewable sector and Ratch is actively engaged with its preferred contractor, Vestas, on design, geotech, turbine locations and environmental aspects of the project. – The project value is \$400 million – There are now 55 turbines involved in the project, down from the original 80, but larger in size so the output remains consistent with previous plans – Ratch has continued its expansion in the renewables sector, with construction of the Mt Emerald Wind Farm having commenced in Feb 2017, and construction of the Collinsville solar farm to commence in May 2017. Both of these projects are in Queensland. – Mt Emerald Wind Farm has a Community Enhancement Fund, the size of which is modelled on the Collector Wind Farm proposal. 	Note	
6	<p>Community Enhancement Fund</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – JMCK requested that the details, structure and trust deed of the Mr Emerald fund be made available to Collector Wind Farm CCC (proposal endorsed by all members) – JMCK requested that Ratch legal counsel, Tom Mitchell, attend the next meeting of the CCC to discuss trust deed arrangements for Collector Community Enhancement Fund <p>With regard to the design and structure of the Community</p>	<p>NW</p> <p>NW</p>	<p>ASAP</p> <p>noted</p>

	<p>Enhancement Fund, the Collector CCC and Ratch agreed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – An annual community fund of \$240,000 (nominal) will be funded by the Collector wind farm project. Based on the agreement with Council, this fund is split into \$160,000 (for disbursement) and \$80,000 (for accumulation) in the first year and for subsequent years \$180,000 (for disbursement) and \$60,000 (for accumulation). – Collector wind farm establishes a standalone account to manage the community funds – From this account the agreed amount for accumulation (\$80,000 or \$60,000) is paid into a separate trust fund, the Collector Perpetual Fund – Through the process largely defined within the ULSC fund template document, community groups and others able to make applications for funds from the remaining fund pool – A Section 355 Committee, as described within the ULSC template document, reviews and approves funding applications – The ‘Collector Perpetual Fund’ is able to make its own application for these funds, in addition to having an objective to have a ‘sweep’ mechanism whereby any unspent funds from the year are ‘swept’ into the Perpetual Fund – This approach would then be shared with the wider community, with a particular emphasis to explore the purpose, mandate, management of the Perpetual Fund – which could be done over time, as it will be a while until a sufficient capital base is built up to generate meaningful income streams. 		
7	<p>Next meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – July 		

Meeting action items endorsed by:

Signature:

Name: Deborah Cameron, Independent Chair – KJA

Date:

Appendix 1