



RATCH-Australia Corporation

**MT EMERALD WIND FARM – COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
AGENDA/ MEETING MINUTES**

Date	19/12/2019	Time	4:10 – 5:30
Venue	Walkamin Community and Sports Club Hall 1 Kurrajong Road, Walkamin		

Attendees		
Paul McDonald	Bronwyn Dwyer	Sam Musumeci
Ross Iraci	John Hardy	David Reynolds
John Parmenter	Don Lennox	Lee Schwerdtferger
Apologies		
Terry Johannesen	Steve Lavis	Jim Carey
Dr Steve Turton (Indep Chair)	Gerry Turpin	

No.	Item / Discussion/ Action	Responsibility	Due date
1	Welcome, Introductions and apologies		
2	Pecuniary interests, minutes from last meeting No pecuniary interests Previous meeting 13/06/19 – Confirmed: LS, Second: DR	Note	
3	Purpose of Group – Communication and Representation	Chair	
4	Roles, Rules, Responsibilities	Chair	
5	Project Update <i>Construction progress</i> - All construction related works complete with subcontractors and equipment demobilised from site <i>Operational Progress</i> - Year to date – 427.5GWh of electricity generated. Slightly less than expected due to grid constraints. - 3 and 12 month scheduled services completed on all turbines <i>Environmental activities</i> - Translocation management o Plants relocated onto the site during the last wet season have been regularly watered through the dry season. Watering will cease when this year’s wet season arrives.	PM	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Botanist advised of their satisfaction of the success rates of previous years translocation program. - Bird and bat management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Low wind speed curtailment installed on all turbines. Cut-in wind speed settings will be increased on 50% of turbines in the second year of monitoring. ○ Ecologist assessments have identified 14 strikes between May-November. 1 listed species affected. <p><i>Noise Monitoring</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1st round of sampling completed – needed to be extended significantly due to grid constraints. Only periods of unconstrained operation are used in the assessment, hence long duration of sampling. - 2nd round of sampling has been postponed until Q3 2020 due to the issues presented by the constraints. - Report required to be submitted to the State Government 12 months after completion of construction (Due Feb 2020) - Compliance report will be available on the website following release from the State Government. Will also be shared with residents at monitoring locations. - Concern expressed over the selection of monitoring sites. Their locations will be available in the final report. <p><i>Grid Constraints</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MEWF’s generation has continued to be constrained by AEMO and Powerlink - Constraints have increased and are occurring through the day and night - Constraints driven by restrictions on the transmission network and operations of other generators in the region - MEWF has work planned in January to reduce the regularity of the constraints, but still likely to have some effect beyond this time. - Constraints are developed by Powerlink and enforced by both Powerlink and AEMO in accordance with the National Electricity Rules. 		
6	<p>Community meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nil 		
7	<p>Community Benefit Fund</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Full distribution of funds occurred in 2019 - 22 applications successful 	Note	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Concern expressed over the advisory committees assessment of applications. Ratch advised that there is no intention of seeking/distributing detailed review of applications by advisory committee. Ratch is satisfied that their review has aligned with the objectives the Fund. 		
8	<p>Group Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dust monitoring – are there plans to continue dust monitoring after construction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Dust monitoring has continued through the dry season (on Kippen Drive and on the wind farm site) with results complying with the CEMP. No plans to continue dust monitoring. - Lights/glow observed at wind farm during night <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o PM investigating. Likely substation lights. 	<p>Note</p> <p>PM</p>	TBC
10	<p>Information Sharing/ Information requests</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nil 		
11	<p>Next meeting – timing and location</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Proposed for March/April 2020 	PM	