

# Meeting Record

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Mid North Wind Farms</b>	<b>Meeting Date</b>	<b>19 March 2015</b>
<b>Meeting / Subject</b>	<b>Community Liaison Group</b>	<b>Recorded By</b>	<b>MO</b>
	<b>Meeting 17</b>	<b>Total Pages</b>	<b>8</b>

<b>Facilitator:</b>	Georgina House (GH)	GH Planning
<b>Members:</b>	Andrew Allchurch (AA)	Gilbert Group CFS and Waterloo Landowner
	Amanda Redden (AR)	Economic Development Officer, Regional Development Australia Yorke and Mid North
	Colin Endean (CE)	ACF Climate Project, Transition Action Group
	Garry Fieldhouse (GF)	Gally's
	Heidi Hodge (HH)	Black Springs Resident
	Sally Fieldhouse (SF)	Gally's
<b>Guests and Observers</b>	Sue Wurst (SW)	Clare
	Ian Falkenberg (IF)	Department Environment, Water and Natural Resources
	Anne Brown (AB)	Greening Australia
<b>EnergyAustralia</b>	Mike Clee (MC)	SA Operations Manager, EA
	Clint Purkiss (CP)	Project Development Manager, EA
<b>Apologies</b>	Hon Dan van Holst Pellekaan	Honourable Member for Stuart
	Hon Geoff Brock	Honourable Member for Frome
	Abby Walker-Schwartz (AWS)	Waterloo Resident
	Chris Mosey (CM)	Waterloo Landowner
	David Clarke (DC)	Crystal Brook
	Kelly-Anne Saffin (KAS)	Regional Development Australia Yorke and Mid North
	Kerry Ward (KW)	Member NRM Group
	Margaret Wayman (MW)	Saddleworth Resident
	Patrick Williams (PJ)	Auburn Resident
	Peter Wayman (PW)	Saddleworth Resident
	Vincent Branson (VB)	Ngadjuri Walpa Juri Lands and Heritage Association Inc
<b>Minute Taker</b>	Marie Oatway (MO)	GH Planning

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<b>1.</b>	<b>Welcome and Apologies – Georgina House</b>	
1.1.	<p><b>Welcome</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● GH welcomed members and guests to the first meeting of 2015 Mid North Wind Farms Community Liaison Group (CLG) Meeting.</li> <li>● GH gave a special mention of new members to the CLG, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Peter Haines – Waterloo Resident</li> <li>○ Margaret and Peter Wayman – Saddleworth Residents</li> <li>○ Patrick Williams – Auburn Resident.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
1.2.	<p><b>Apologies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Apologies received from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Hon Geoff Brock</li> <li>○ Hon Dan van Holst Pellekaan</li> <li>○ Abby Walker-Schwartz</li> <li>○ Chris Mosey</li> <li>○ David Clarke</li> <li>○ Kelly-Anne Saffin</li> <li>○ Kerry Ward</li> <li>○ Margaret Wayman (new member)</li> <li>○ Patrick Williams (new member)</li> <li>○ Peter Wayman (new member)</li> <li>○ Vincent Branson</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Apologies were noted.</li> </ul>	
1.3.	<p><b>Agenda and Housekeeping</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● GH outlined today's agenda, which includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Recap of Group Charter</li> <li>○ EnergyAustralia Project Update</li> <li>○ Waterloo Wind Farm Community Fund Update</li> <li>○ Energy Market Presentation</li> <li>○ Other Business</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Recap of Group Charter and CLG Objectives for 2015 – Georgina House</b>	
2.1.	<p>GH reminded the CLG that at the previous meeting members agreed that the group charter should be refreshed to include a broader purpose.</p> <p>The current group charter is:  <i>A Community Liaison Group set up to discuss the Waterloo and Stony Gap Wind Farm Projects.</i></p> <p>GH presented 2 alternative group charter statements to the group for consideration.</p> <p><b>Option 1</b>  <i>A Community Liaison Group established to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <i>Provide a forum for Waterloo and Stony Gap Wind Farm projects and related renewable energy topics to be discussed; and</i></li> <li>● <i>Provide opportunity for community engagement and feedback.</i></li> </ul>	

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	<p><b>Option 2</b>  <i>A Community Liaison Group established to provide a forum to address issues and opportunities of community interest related to renewable energy and the Waterloo and Stony Gap Wind Farm Projects.</i></p> <p><i>The Community Liaison Group aims to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Enhance communication channels between EnergyAustralia and the Community;</i></li> <li>• <i>Increase understanding about renewable energy in general;</i></li> <li>• <i>Increase understanding about the Waterloo and Stony Gap Wind Farm Projects;</i>  <i>and</i></li> <li>• <i>Encourage community engagement and feedback.</i></li> </ul> <p>GH asked the CLG to discuss within their small groups the two options. After discussion amongst the group the Group Charter was agreed to be amended to read:</p> <p><b>Purpose</b>  <i>A Community Liaison Group established to provide a forum to address issues and opportunities related to renewable energy and the Waterloo and Stony Gap Wind Farm Projects.</i></p> <p>The CLG also decided to slightly amend the “Aims” of the Group Charter to pick up community, environmental and economic interests. The Aims, as amended, reads:</p> <p><b>Aims</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Encourage and support constructive dialogue</i></li> <li>• <i>Build relations between EnergyAustralia, stakeholders and community</i></li> <li>• <i>Share information, research, knowledge, skills and experiences</i></li> <li>• <i>Communicate well as a group</i></li> <li>• <i>Enable effective two-way communication to and from the local community</i></li> <li>• <i>Identify and discuss key community issues and opportunities and topics of interest</i></li> <li>• <i>Produce beneficial results and positive outcomes for the community, environment, economy (including agriculture and tourism), EnergyAustralia and its employees</i></li> <li>• <i>Support community harmony and environmental care.</i></li> </ul>	<p>GH to circulate revised Group Charter</p>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Review Minutes of Previous Meeting – Georgina House</b>	
	<p>Actions arising from the minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Page 2 – Item 2</b> – Members and observers feedback on community opinion since last meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ EA noise level information communicated.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Page 3 – Item 2</b> – EA to approach local Councils and invite to CLG Meetings. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ SW suggested that EA offer a workshop to both Clare &amp; Gilbert Valleys and Goyder Councils to update them on past, present and future activities.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Page 3 – Item 2</b> – AR to follow up David Wilson regarding tourism opportunity. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ AR – Indicated that David Wilson has progressed the tourism opportunity.</li> <li>○ MC stated that official tours of the windfarm will be available and that participants will need to be inducted to the site.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Members and observers to monitor community opinion and feedback at CLG meetings</p> <p>EA to look into opportunities to meet with both local Councils</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Page 5 – Item 3.3</b> – CP to present to CLG on energy market and influences.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ GH advised that CP would present to the CLG on energy market and influences later in the meeting.</li> </ul> </li>   <li>● <b>Page 6 – Item 4.2</b> – Grant recipients be invited to CLG meetings.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Recipients are welcomed at CLG meetings and reports on projects funded will be provided to the CLG.</li> </ul> </li>   <li>● <b>Page 7 – Item 4.4</b> – EA to consider presenting survey findings to government and local government.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ SW suggestion of presenting to both Councils applies here as well.</li> </ul> </li>   <li>● <b>Page 8 – Item 5</b> – GH and EA to pursue increasing CLG membership and obtain official updates from grant recipients.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ We will continue to look at increasing the membership of the CLG, ideally to around 30 members, currently we have 23 members and observers.</li> <li>○ Four new members have been identified through the drive for new members advertising in late 2014 and awareness raising via the Waterloo Community Fund.</li> </ul> </li>   <li>● <b>Page 8 – Item 5</b> – EA to continue to offer the Waterloo Community Fund in similar way in 2015.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Yes the fund will be offered again in 2015, this will be outlined further later in the agenda.</li> </ul> </li>   <li>● <b>Page 9 – Item 5</b> – GH to revise Group Charter purpose statement.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Actioned at today’s meeting.</li> </ul> </li>   <li>● <b>Page 9 – Item 5</b> – GH/EA to plan presentations/discussions for 2015 CLG Meetings               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ GH advised the suggested topics for CLG Meetings scheduled during the year:</li> <li>○ <b>July Meeting</b> - Likely to have an environmental focus, including an update on the SEB Project and potentially an update from Professor Michael Bull from Flinders University on the Pygmy Bluetongue Lizard Research Project.</li> <li>○ <b>September Meeting</b> – Likely to include a tour of Waterloo Wind Farm and information on how turbines work, where they are manufactured, how much energy it costs to make and ship turbines here, construction process, maintenance requirements, how electricity is generated, how much is produced, how this feeds into the grid.</li> <li>○ <b>November Meeting</b> – Likely to have a focus on where to from here? Looking back at 2015 and looking forward to 2016. A bit early to consider potential topics for this meeting but one possible topic is development of an economic development engagement strategy to assist the region prepare for local procurement in the event of scheduled wind farm construction.</li> </ul> </li>   <li>● <b>Page 10 – Item 6</b> – IF and AB to provide a summary of the SEB Project.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Actioned at today’s meeting.</li> </ul> </li>   <li>● GH asked if there were any comments or questions regarding the minutes.</li> <li>● No comments were raised by the members.</li> <li>● Members accepted the 27 November 2014 Minutes as a true representation of the meeting.</li> </ul>	

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4.	<b>Overview of EnergyAustralia Mid North Wind Farm Projects – Mike Clee and Clint Purkiss</b>	
4.1	<p><b>Waterloo Wind Farm Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● MC provided an update on Waterloo Wind Farm.</li> <li>● Favourable wind conditions during July 2014 resulted in a capacity factor of 53.56% (target 39.68%) and a new monthly record Net Generation of <b>43.58GWh</b> (target 32.52GWh). However, we have generally experienced lower than predicted winds during the above period. Financial Year to Date Net production is tracking at <b>-7.5 % against plan.</b></li> <li>● MC advised that wind farms across Australia are about 10% down.</li> <li>● SW asked if climate change will effect this.</li> <li>● MC responded that it is impossible to predict this at this stage.</li> <li>● On the 30<sup>th</sup> December 2014 at 03:40, A circuit (7 WTG's) tripped due a fault on the Main Feeder Cable. The Root Cause Analysis Report stated that the joint failed as there was a very high impedance in each of the phases, causing a high level of power dissipation which resulted in the temperature in the joint to rise well above the maximum design level. This caused a degradation of the insulation material in the joint body, resulting in a cable joint failure.</li> <li>● MC advised that the cable joint problem has been a problem at all sites and that they working on an alternative.</li> <li>● During February 2015, EA carried out Blade Imaging on all Wind Turbines. The report of this work is due at the end of March.</li> <li>● Annual Accreditation and Regulatory Compliance External Audits are scheduled to be carried out at the end of March.</li> <li>● Pre-planning for 2015 High Voltage Outage (testing of transformers, circuit breakers, capacitor banks etc.) has been completed with the Outage scheduled to be carried out during May.</li> <li>● CP commented that the whole plant will be out for 5 days.</li> </ul>	
4.2	<p><b>Proposed Waterloo 2 Wind Farm Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● CP provided an update on Waterloo 2.</li> <li>● CP indicated that there is not a lot to report on due to EA waiting on government policy determinations (RET – Renewable Energy Target).</li> <li>● CP indicated that there is likely to be an overall reduction in RET terawatt hours. The debate in federal government relates to the setting of the RET target somewhere between 31 and 45 terawatt hours, CP's view is it might end up being a target of around 41. CP is hopeful that the RET will be resolved by the July CLG Meeting and suggested that we discuss the matter further at that point.</li> <li>● GH – Are you able to give an update of the ACT power purchase opportunity?</li> <li>● CP – ACT Government – have selected a number of proponents including Hornsdale (a proposed wind farm north of Jamestown); and a couple of Victorian projects. There will be another stage later this year.</li> <li>● AB – What company are building the Hornsdale project at Jamestown?</li> <li>● CP – Neo En (French company). The Jamestown project is 6km north of Jamestown. The project is for 105 turbines but likely to be a staged project.</li> </ul>	<p>CP to monitor RET federal policy debate and provide update to CLG at July meeting</p>
4.3	<p><b>Proposed Stony Gap Wind Farm Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● CP indicated there was no update on the Stony Gap Wind Farm Development.</li> </ul>	

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5.	<b>Waterloo Wind Farm Community Fund Update – Mike Clee</b>																					
	<p>MC provided an update on the Waterloo Wind Farm Community Fund.</p> <p><b>2014 Review</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Last year EnergyAustralia supported nine local projects through the Community Fund, they included:</li> </ul> <table border="1" data-bbox="279 645 1233 1223"> <thead> <tr> <th>Community Group</th> <th>Project</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Pygmy Bluetongue Conservation Association</td> <td>New equipment</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Manoora Hall Committee</td> <td>PA system</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Saddleworth District Community Association</td> <td>Information sign</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Marrabel &amp; District Community Hall</td> <td>Facilities upgrade</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SA Country Carers</td> <td>Door shelter for Saddleworth op-shop</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Robertstown Bowling Club</td> <td>Shades for bowling green</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Saddleworth Lawn Tennis Club</td> <td>Shade sail for playground</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Richardson Park</td> <td>Playscape</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Manoora Primary School</td> <td>Vegetable garden project</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Round 2 fund recipients were recently invited to the wind farm for a presentation and taken on a tour of the turbines.</li> </ul> <p><b>2015 Plan for the Waterloo Wind Farm Community Fund</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EnergyAustralia has committed a further \$20,000 in grant funding this year to support local projects that will benefit the community.</li> <li>In 2015 there will be one funding round rather than two rounds, this will:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Make the process more efficient</li> <li>Provide the opportunity to support some larger projects as well as smaller ones</li> <li>Enable EA to provide the full amount of funding requested, ensuring projects can be completed.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Proposed dates for 2015 are:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>13 May applications open</li> <li>12 June applications close</li> <li>2 July CLG sub-committee review (to coincide with next CLG Meeting, for example hold the sub-committee meeting one hour before the CLG Meeting)</li> </ul> </li> <li>GH asked the CLG if they thought the selection criteria still has the right focus? The criteria are:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Build community pride</li> <li>Benefit the environment</li> <li>Support the local economy</li> </ul> </li> <li>The CLG agreed that the criteria are broad enough to cover key areas of interest.</li> <li>AR asked if you could reapply for the grant.</li> <li>MC advised that you could reapply.</li> <li>GH advised that a sub-committee would need to be created to provide direction to EA.</li> <li>EA will look at applications and send them to the sub-committee in June for review and that ideally the sub-committee would meet ahead of the CLG Meeting on 2 July.</li> <li>GH asked if anyone who was interested in joining the sub-committee (4 members</li> </ul>	Community Group	Project	Pygmy Bluetongue Conservation Association	New equipment	Manoora Hall Committee	PA system	Saddleworth District Community Association	Information sign	Marrabel & District Community Hall	Facilities upgrade	SA Country Carers	Door shelter for Saddleworth op-shop	Robertstown Bowling Club	Shades for bowling green	Saddleworth Lawn Tennis Club	Shade sail for playground	Richardson Park	Playscape	Manoora Primary School	Vegetable garden project	<p>EA to send applications to sub-committee for review</p>
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	<p>were needed). GH advised that Abby Walker-Schwartz had advised that she would be interested to join the sub-committee, GH asked for 3 more members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Sue Wurst, Heidi Hodge and Andrew Allchurch offered to join the sub-committee along with Abby Walker-Schwartz.</li> <li>● It was decided that the sub-committee would meet an hour before the next scheduled CLG meeting on Thursday, 2 July 2015 (subject to confirmation of availability closer to the date).</li> <li>● EA invited the CLG members to assist spread the word about the next round of funding with community interest groups.</li> <li>● EA and GH will also email / post out to the CLG the advertising information once available.</li> </ul>	<p>Sub-committee to meet ahead of 2 July to provide direction to EA</p> <p>EA / GH will circulate information inviting applications to the CLG once the information is available</p>
<b>6.</b>	<b>Energy Market and Influencing Factors Made Simple – Clint Purkiss</b>	
	<p>Due to time constraints CP's presentation on energy market and influences will be carried over to the next meeting in July 2015.</p>	<p>Item carried over to July Meeting</p>
<b>7.</b>	<b>Other Business – Georgina House</b>	
	<p><b>Significant Environmental Benefit (SEB) Program Update – Kapunda to Burra Landscape Project</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Anne Brown from Greening Australia and Ian Falkenberg from DEWNR provided an update on the SEB funded Project occurring in the region known as the Kapunda to Burra Landscape Project. Greening Australia.</li> <li>● The project, is the first stage of a larger program that aims to restore the condition, habitat value and connectivity within and between a series of prominent north-south running ranges between Burra and Kapunda.</li> <li>● This area has been identified as a priority landscape for biodiversity conservation because: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The area retains significant remnant EPBC listed vegetation associations including Peppermint Box (<i>Eucalyptus odorata</i>) Grassy Woodlands and Iron-grass (<i>Lomandra multiflora</i>) Grasslands.</li> <li>○ The area includes an important suite of 'Declining Woodland Birds' and the Pygmy Bluetongue Lizard (<i>Tiliqua adelaidensis</i>).</li> </ul> </li> <li>● A key outcome is to improve the condition and connectivity within and between patches of priority vegetation in the Kapunda to Burra landscape region, including connecting ridges and valleys.</li> <li>● The Objectives include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Improving the condition and connectivity within and between patches of priority vegetation in the Kapunda to Burra landscape region.</li> <li>○ Integrating combination of revegetation, weed and pest control and changes to grazing management practices.</li> <li>○ Increasing community awareness and providing education.</li> <li>○ Monitor and Mapping - Identifying, evaluating and mapping the condition of significant Remnant Vegetation.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● The project potentially involves significant funding over 10 years, on a staged basis, provided criteria are met at key stages along the way.</li> <li>● One of the first criteria to meet is to sign up 30 landowners by the end of June 2015, of which there are about 20 interested parties engaged at this stage.</li> <li>● GH – Asked if there is anything the CLG can do to assist the project?</li> <li>● AB indicated that the hope is to extend engagement with landowners west of Tothill Range as there is some important vegetation on those ranges and in the connecting valleys. EA/CLG can potentially assist with introductions.</li> <li>● AB indicated that everyone has been welcoming, landholders have been accepting in improving vegetation and improving erosion.</li> </ul>	

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<b>8.</b>	<b>Next Meeting and Close –Georgina House</b>	
	<p><b>Next CLG Meeting – Thursday 2 July 2015 – 4.30pm to 6.30pm at Gally's, Farrell Flat</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GH thanked all for their attendance.</li> <li>Minutes of this meeting will be distributed to all for review.</li> <li>One week will be provided for members to review draft minutes and provide any feedback to Georgina House.</li> <li>Once finalised, the minutes will be placed on the EnergyAustralia Website and circulated to other key stakeholders.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Meeting Closed</b></p>	

**Attachments include:**

- Meeting Calendar 2015
- Revised CLG Group Charter

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