



RATCH-Australia Corporation

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

Date	28/09/2017	Time	4:00 – 5:30
Venue	Walkamin Community and Sports Club Hall 1 Kurrajong Road, Walkamin		

Attendees		Dr Steve Turton (Indep Chair)	Kim Forde
Sam Musumeci		John Hardy	
John Parmenter		Ross Iraci	Don Lennox
David Reynolds		Bronwyn Dwyer	
Apologies		Rene Kuypers	Mark from Mbabarum
		Jim Carey	Steve Lavis
No.	Item / Discussion/ Action	Responsibility	Due date
1	<b>Welcome, Introductions and apologies</b>		
2	<p><b>Pecuniary interests, minutes from last meeting</b> Previous CCC meeting recommended that we have a 'conflict of interest' book to register conflicts associated with this committee and the Mt Emerald Wind Farm project. KF failed to purchase. For next meeting</p> <p>Sam Musumeci registered his ongoing conflict of interest as his company is supplying quarry materials for the project roadworks.</p> <p>KF to amend previous minutes to reflect no visit from Land Valuer. With difficulty in getting him to attend, SM offered to contact another valuer and ask whether they might attend. To introduce to KF to arrange.</p> <p>Minutes accepted: Moved: RI Seconded: SM</p>	KF – set up a 'Conflict of Interest' book	Next meeting
3	<b>Purpose of Group</b> – Communication and Representation <i>Independent Chair Steve Turton remind CCC of the Charter. The key element is to respect everyone else's view to enable the group to function better and for information to flow.</i>	Chair	
4	<b>Roles, Rules, Responsibilities</b>	Chair	
5	<p><b>Project Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• construction progress: – presentation of video of site update</li> <li>• Change to work hours this weekend – Sunday and Monday</li> </ul>	KF	
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Malanda Celebration Day – October 9th</li> </ul>	KF	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sponsorships awarded – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Atherton Ambulance \$4400 for Emergency Trailer</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
7	<p><b>Group Discussion</b> – identify issues/ Requests for information/briefings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Briefings provided in the last two months: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Mareeba Chamber of Commerce</li> <li>○ Malanda Chamber of Commerce</li> <li>○ Mareeba Lions Club</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	All	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Briefings proposed for next two months:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Mareeba Council</li> <li>○ Atherton Lions Club</li> <li>○ Barron Catchment Care</li> <li>○ U3A Atherton</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>RI – has received copy of complaint from Lee Schwerdtfeger re noise of foundation blasting from her house. KF acknowledged that RAC MEWF had received and was actioning out the complaint. Awaiting noise and blasting information from contractor prior to providing a technical response.</p> <p>Community Feedback –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RI/SM: Concern that limiting clearing to 73.5Ha may not result in best practice road building for this region. Road widths and batters may need to be laid back further to allow for installation of appropriate drainage, particularly coming into the wet season.</li> <li>• Concern that 30 – 40 semi trailers per day up main road in wet season could have problems if drainage is not correct.</li> </ul> <p>DR: What happens to cleared timber? KF – timber is retained on site to act as part of road erosion control, and to provide habitat / seed bank for local area.</p> <p>SM: Revegetation – when to commence/ how done? KF – some transplantation has already occurred. Next reveg will commence as soon as wet season commences and continue through until after end of project – next November. Replanting now inappropriate due to need to water, and danger of trying to undertake reveg whilst so many vehicles are onsite and still doing major roadworks.</p> <p>RI: Collared Quoll moved through his property in Oaky Ck – followed by enviro team tracking its movement</p> <p>RI: Do RAC pay for the water it is using for ‘watering down’? KF – yes, at commercial rates. Verified by SM</p> <p>RI: timing of Christmas work? KF – unsure of dates – transport of turbine components will be reduced during December and January.</p>	<p>KF to follow up with RK/TJ on status of response</p> <p>KF to pass comments on to RK/PM</p> <p>KF to pass on to CCC as soon as Christmas work dates defined</p>	
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	<p>RI: Fire season preparedness – are underground bunkers provided on site? Discussion re 3 shipping containers used elsewhere. Fire truck for Oaky Creek has just arrived. Last week of November.</p> <p>DR: HM blades/day? Hours to transport? HM trips/day? KF – as of end Sept: 1 blade per day; Estimated hours: 0500 leave Cairns; arrive base of Palmerston – 0630; Malanda 0800 – 0830; Kairi 0900; Walkamin 0930; to Kippen Dr (site) 1000.</p>		
8	<p><b>Information Sharing/ Information requests</b> Any further requests</p>	KF	
9	<p>Next meeting – timing and location – Mid/late November approx timing for first tower construction. Possible alignment to site visit</p>	<p>KF to inform once construction of first tower site goes up... ask potential for site visit aligned with meeting.</p>	