



BUSINESS AGENDA

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

28 JUNE 2022

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COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE - THUNDERBOLT ENERGY HUB WIND FARM

REPORT:

1 April 2022, Committee members met with Joanna Murphy – Neoen and their consultant, Bill Wallach – Umwelt for a tour of some of the proposed sites for wind turbine generators, access roads and the substation as part of Stage 1 of the Thunderbolt Energy Hub on the host landowner property Kyabra.

CCC members had the opportunity to ask project related questions and questions specific to biodiversity to Joanna and Bill respectively. The tour was followed by a CCC meeting.

The meeting discussed: community benefits- proximity to towers; possible problems with Shire Roads; water usage during construction of roads and concrete bases; lighting on turbines and the potential for proximity to aircraft lighting be used if CASA suggest lighting is required; differentiation of land use e.g. is there a difference between land clearance and land disturbance; biodiversity surveys and offsets; jobs during construction and then during operation; potential for tourism; the Bald Hills Wind Farm Court Case. Neoen will provide a summary of issues in relation to the Bald Hills Wind Farm Court Case to the next meeting.

The CCC recommended having another community drop-in session once the public exhibition phase has begun with copies of the EIS available and Joanna Murphy and CCC members in attendance to answer any questions and gather feedback.

The Thunderbolt EIS has been submitted and copies of this on USB's will be available as will hard copies to Councils.

The meeting date of Friday 22 July was suggested.

The minutes of all meetings and copies of presentations made to meetings are able to be found here:

<https://thunderboltenergyhub.com.au/community-consultative-committee-2/?sfw=pass1656136838>

Mike Young, Energy Corporation of NSW, provided a presentation describing EnergyCo's key functions and progress in delivering the REZs. Mike explained the access fee process and that a portion of these funds would be specifically allocated to "community and employment purposes". He also outlined the proposed development of new transmission lines for New England. Doug Landfear, Winterbourne Windfarm Project Director, and Murray Curtis, Environmental Resource Management, made a comprehensive presentation addressing developments and progress since the last CCC meeting. They particularly addressed biodiversity studies, and other projects relating to the EIS development. The details are outlined in the minutes that can be accessed on the above link.

There was particular interest in community consultation and the potential impact on council infrastructure during development.

Cr Sarah Burrows
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