

# Minutes of AGL Barn Hill Wind Farm and Battery Project Community Consultative Committee (CCC)

July 23, 2024 (13:30-15:00 pm) Gulnare-Redhill Football/Netball Club, Redhill SA

## 1. Welcome

Chair welcomed attendees and opened the meeting at 13.32 pm.  
Acknowledgement of Country for the Narungga, Kurna and Nukunu Nations.  
Everyone was invited to introduce themselves.

## 2. Attendance and apologies

### 2.1. Present:

**CCC Members:** Lyndsey Jackson, Stephen Rufus, Simon Mildren, Frank Hayes, Bronwyn Mumford, Craig Stringer, Sue Scarman (proxy for Geoff White)

Online - Rowan Ramsey MP joined at 1:50pm

**AGL representatives:** Natalie Leighton, Joanne Madin, Michelle Moodley-Nadas, Dianah Walter, Ed Pickering

**Apologies:** Richard Rackham, Kirsty Morgan, Geoff White, Fraser Ellis MP

## 3. Reports

**AGL Project Update** – AGL personnel spoke to a presentation covering the following items:

- Project Overview
- Approvals Process and Timeframes
- Stakeholder and Community Engagement Process
- Community Fund

A copy of the presentation slides forms part of the minutes.

### Matters for noting:

- The Development Application Open Exhibition Period has not yet commenced. It will be advertised in local papers, via email to those on the distribution list and on local social media platforms. Copies will also be available at Port Pirie, Wakefield and Barunga West Councils. Any community questions or interest can be directed to Jo Madin. Briefings can be arranged on request.
- The wind monitoring program and wind yield analysis for the layout assessment are underway. Lidar trailers for infrastructure are on a local landholder's property near the Meteorological Mast.

- Port Pirie Regional Council has noted flooding as an issue they would like AGL to review.
- The Development Application covers both the wind farm and the battery. The wind farm and battery construction are on different timelines. The battery timeframe is not yet confirmed.
- Indicative wind turbine locations and transition line corridor have been identified (subject to detailed design) and are included in the Development Application.

#### **4. Development Application Studies**

All technical studies have been completed except for the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Study which is underway.

##### **Key findings from the following reports were discussed:**

- Visual Impact Assessment
- Traffic
- Noise assessment
- Shadow Flicker
- Ecology Assessment Bushfire
- Battery BESS Hazards and Risks
- Aviation Assessment

#### **5. Community Voice Feedback**

Jo Madin discussed the engagement process and confirmed AGL's commitment to an open and ongoing engagement during the Development Application process.

The development of a Barn Hill Community Fund was also discussed at a high-level including the intention to develop a Community Fund and a First Nations Fund. Regarding the Community Fund, AGL will work with local government to develop this. The details of these funds will be confirmed at Final Investment Decision, and commence at the start of construction.

#### **6. Open Discussion**

##### **Proposed Wind Farm Development Timeline**

- Project consent is expected in Q4 2024.
- The Development Application will be shared once it is open for public consultation.
- AGL is scoping for contractors and services.

##### **Questions and Discussions**

- Noise and shadow impact: Concerns were raised about four houses affected by noise and five by shadow flicker. Neighbour agreements and guidelines for non-participating landholders are being developed.
- Report availability: The Development Application, submitted to the SA Government in June, will be publicly exhibited shortly. It will be available on the State Commission Assessment Panel website, [[Development application register | PlanSA](#)]. I will also be advertised in local newspapers and via statutory authority notifications. Hard copies will be available at local councils.
- Fire prevention and mitigation: The design of the new Wind Turbine Generator (WTG) includes fire and smoke detection systems. Provisions for fire water, to local standards/quantities will be made for both the wind farm and BESS (battery) projects. This is being done in consultation with the relevant authority (SA CFS). It is expected that water will be accessible for Farm Fire Unit operators and CFS appliances should the need arise.
- Road access: Access roads will be restored to agreed standards. An infrastructure agreement is currently being developed with the Port Pirie Regional Council.
- Community resistance: No significant community resistance has been noted to date. It is expected that the Development Application will identify any concerns. Relationships with Councils remains positive.
- Investment decision and power prices: Question was raised about the limit on SA wind farm generation and its fit in the national grid. AGL is modelling and pricing to meet hurdle rates. Project Energy Connect (PEC) will enable increased renewable generation through the transmission line interconnector upgrade.

## 7. Action Items

- The turbine life dates have been added to the report deck (Action Completed).
- The link to the Terms of Reference has been added to the Barn Hill webpage; [Barn Hill Wind Farm and Battery | About AGL](#) and meeting minutes will be added once endorsed (Action Completed)
- No additional actions identified in the meeting.

## 8. Moving Previous Minutes

**Recommendation 1:** That the CCC accept the minutes from the 21 March 2024 meeting.

Moved: Craig Stringer

Seconded: Bronwyn Mumford

Carried

## 9. Other Business and Summary

- Cultural heritage surveys will be undertaken to identify any artefacts.
- Feedback and response to submissions are ongoing.
- Further information on the geotechnical conditions is still being gathered.

Project animation from AGL shown to the group.

## 10. Next meeting

The proposed date for the next meeting is *Tuesday 15th October 2024 commencing at 13:30pm* in Redhill.

**Meeting closed: 14:45 pm**

### Action Items

Item	Action Items	Assignee	Due/Notes
Meeting item 21/3/2024	Provide information about the end-of-life process for wind turbine generators.	Natalie	<b>Completed</b> - updated in presentation. Will continue to provide information as the project develops.
Meeting item 21/3/2024	Webpage on AGL site for CCC	Jo	<b>Completed</b>