

Coopers Gap Wind Farm Development Proposal

Community Consultative
Committee

Thursday 30 June 2016

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Agenda

- 1.** Welcome
- 2.** Coopers Gap Wind Farm – declared project
- 3.** Project status update
- 4.** Wind farms and noise
- 5.** Community group visit to AGL Victorian Wind Farms
- 6.** Other business
- 7.** Next meeting and close



Welcome

Confirmation of March 2015 minutes

1. Review previous meeting actions

	Action item	CCC Meeting	Status	Who
1	AGL to contact participating landowners to seek expressions of interests in being on the CCC, when the project gains momentum again.	May 2014	Closed	HO
2.	AGL to send out Queensland Draft State Code Wind Farm Guidelines.	November 2014	Closed	HO
3.	AGL representatives to arrange home visits with the Scutts and Mr McQuaker	March 2016	Closed	NC
4.	AGL to provide further credible information on wind farms, health and property values to Mr and Mrs Scutt and Mr McQuaker	March 2016	Open	NC
5.	AGL to resend CCC nomination forms and CCC Terms of Reference to Bill Sparkes and Jim Scutt.	March 2016	Closed	HO
6.	AGL to present on wind farm noise levels and impacts at next CCC.	March 2016	Open	HO

Coopers Gap Wind Farm – declared a Coordinated Project

- Neil Cooke (AGL)

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2. Coopers Gap Wind Farm – Coordinated Project

- > Office of the Coordinator General (OCG) can 'declare' projects of economic, social and or environmental significance to Queensland
- > Proponents of many of these projects are required to prepare environmental impact statements (EIS)
- > The EIS will be evaluated by the Coordinator General Office
- > The advantage of the Coordinator General Process, is that it is considered a more rigorous approval process, which is independent of Ministerial decisions
- > The OCG's office sits with the Department of State Development, which exists to deliver Queensland economic prosperity by championing business and industry for the state.

2. Where we are at now

Steps	Key dates: planning approval process	Activity
1	7rd June Coopers Gap Wind Farm declared a Coordinated Project of state economic and environmental significance	
2	10 June – 11 July Terms of Reference on public exhibition	Submissions on Terms of Reference used to develop the EIS
3	12 – 29 July OCG finalises Terms of Reference for the EIS	
4	Early August Draft Environmental Impact Statement on public exhibition	Public to make submissions on the EIS
5	September AGL to address submissions and prepare a final EIS	

Project status update

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3. Project status, next steps:

- › Electrical connection: 275 kV confirmed. Connection Enquiry submitted and responded to by Powerlink
- › Connection Application being prepared
- › Silverton Wind Farm tenders received and shortlisting process is ongoing
- › Preparations commenced for the tender documents for the Coopers Gap Wind Farm
- › Unsure, as yet, on the issue date for Coopers Gap Wind Farm.

3. Wind farms, decommissioning and rehabilitation

- › AGL is responsible for all costs and activities associated with the removal of wind turbines on its wind farms
- › We must submit to the Department, a decommissioning and rehabilitation plan. It must include:
 - › removal of above ground equipment/structures/signage
 - › removal and clean up of any residual contamination
 - › rehabilitation / revegetation of all disturbed areas eg. Access tracks, storage areas, wind turbine sites etc
- › notification to relevant authorities of turbines ceasing operation, no later than two months after the turbines cease operation.

Wind farms and noise

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3. Wind farms and noise

Compliance noise testing

- Background noise monitoring is being carried out because the guidelines that govern the measurement of the background noise have changed
- The wind farm noise requirements will be specified in any Approval that is given for the wind farm
- We will then be required to carry out noise monitoring at the locations specified in any project approval to prove that the wind farm meets the approval requirements.

3. Wind farms and noise

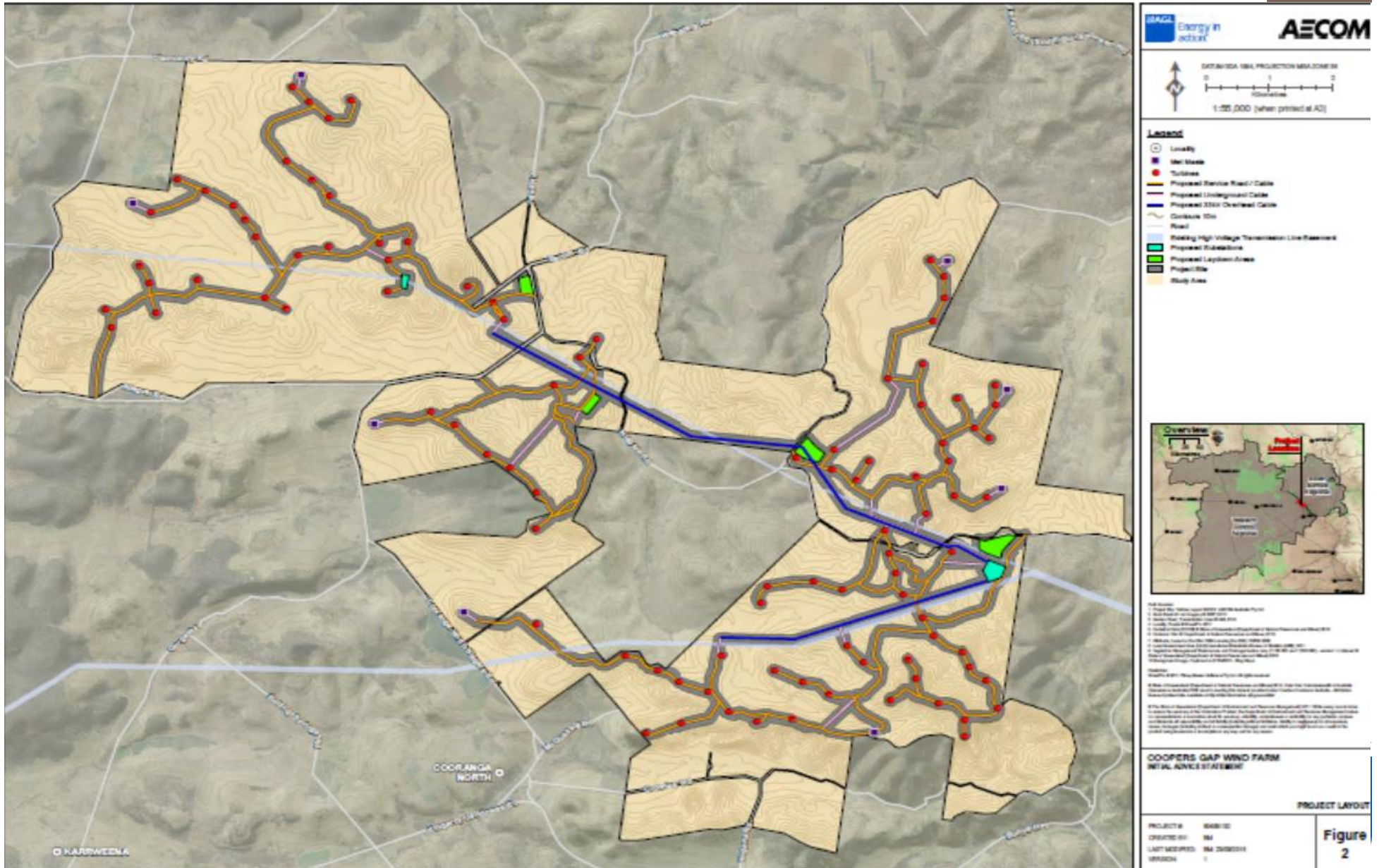
Façade noise testing

- › Based on community feedback, AGL proposes façade testing at a sample of properties neighbouring the wind farm to test on the decibel drop across the façade
- › Residential properties representative of the area (5 – 6), and to be of different materials: weatherboard, brick, fibro, other
- › We would like the community's suggestions as to suitable properties
- › Proposing to do testing in week of 11 – 15 July 2016, if convenient for residents

3. Wind farms and noise

- > AGL has engaged acoustician Rhys Brown from AECOM to carry out the façade testing. Testing will be done in accordance with the appropriate Australian standard.
- > Suggest two community representatives attend testing
- > No media representatives present at testing
- > AGL or community members can coordinate the testing process

3. Wind farms and noise



Community group visit to AGL Victorian Wind Farms

- Helena Orel (AGL)

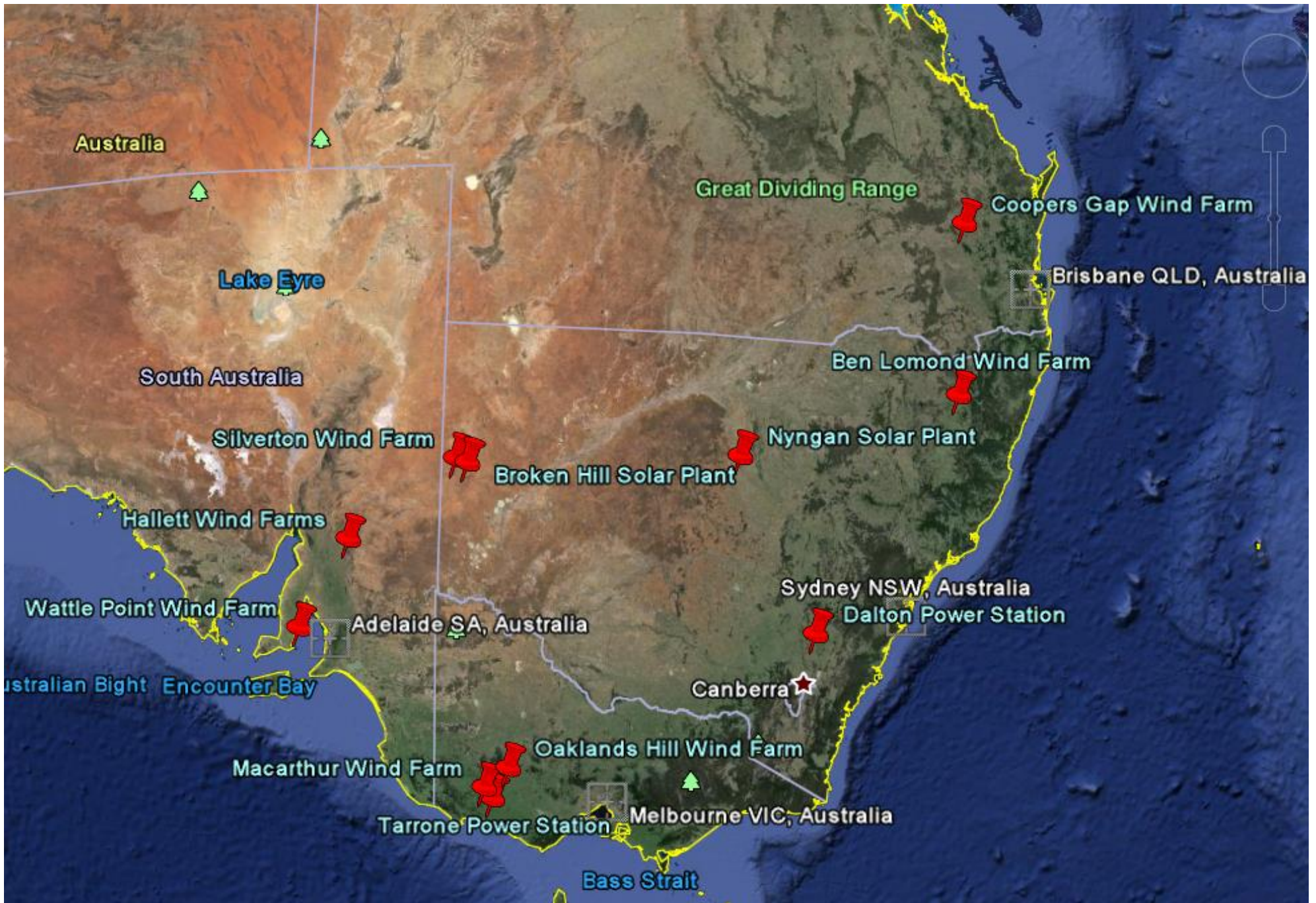
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2. Community group visit to AGL's Victorian Wind Farms

- › 1 – 4 August 2016
- › Macarthur Wind Farm – largest in the southern hemisphere
- › Oaklands Hill Wind Farm – similar style country and layout to Coopers Gap
- › Travel costs and expenses covered by AGL Energy



2. Community group visit to AGL's Victorian Wind Farms

- > Up to 30 participants can attend
- > Have 12 confirmed – neighbours and hosts, with two tentative
- > Visit to include South Burnett and Western Downs Council representatives

Draft itinerary 1 – 4 August

- > **Monday 1** – Bus from Dalby to Toowoomba Airport, Toowoomba Airport to Melbourne Airport
- > **Tuesday 2** – Macarthur Wind Farm tour, meet community members, wind farm neighbours and turbine hosts
- > **Wednesday 3** – Oaklands Hill Wind Farm tour, meet community members, neighbours and turbine hosts
- > **Thursday 4** – Melbourne Airport to Toowoomba Airport, bus to Dalby

7. Other business

- › Questions from group and observers?



8. Next meeting and close

- > Next meeting:
 - > Date
 - > Time
 - > Location

