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**Meeting** Silvertown Wind Farm – Community Consultative Committee (CCC-035)

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**Venue** Silvertown Municipal Chambers

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**Time** 5.00pm EST

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**Date** 24 February 2021

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**Chair** Kath Elliott (KE)

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#### **Attendees**

Cynthia Langford (CL), Purnamoota Station	Adam Mackett (AM) Project Director, AGL
Kevin White (KW), Historic Daydream Mine	Marina Draper (MD), AGL Community Relations Manager
Peter Price (PP), Silvertown Village Committee	Richard Armstrong (RA) AGL Asset Leader
Helen Murray (HM), Silvertown Village Committee	Samantha Mar (SM), Asset Performance Analyst, Renewables, AGL
Bob Watson (BW) Local resident	

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**Apologies** Phillip Blore (PB), Belmont Station

Darriea Turley, Mayor, Broken Hill Council

Marion Brown (MB) Broken Hill Council

Michael Brownlie (MB) GE Site Manager



Item	Discussion	Action
<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome</b>	
<b>1.35.01</b>	<p>Chair opened the Silverton Wind Farm Community Consultative Committee Meeting No.035 (CCC-035). Acknowledged the traditional owners of the land on which the meeting was held.</p> <p>Chair outlined covid safe measures for all to follow.</p>	All
<b>2</b>	<b>Previous Minutes</b>	
<b>2.35.01</b>	<p>Minutes from Community Consultative Committee Meeting No.034 (CCC-034) were discussed and the CCC were requested to provide any amendments to ensure that they are accepted as a true and correct record of the meeting. The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.</p>	Note
<b>2.35.01</b>	<p>Actions arising – Operational noise report was for development approval, mono pole is completed now, and all other action items are closed out.</p>	
<b>3</b>	<b>Project Update</b>	
<b>3.35.01</b>	<p>AM gave the committee an overview of the changes within AGL and the new name for the division being Major Projects. Advised he was now officially handing over to Samantha Mar and Richard Armstrong to undertake operational management of the site.</p>	Note
<b>3.35.02</b>	<p>KE thanked AM on behalf of the committee for his diligence and open and transparent communication at all meetings. The committee were grateful for his significant efforts to educate and inform and all wished him well.</p>	Note
<b>3.35.03</b>	<p>Advised that operation noise report provided to members was for the development approval.</p>	Note
<b>3.35.04</b>	<p>AM advised that the capacity factor of the SWF was one of the best in Australia. AGL is now looking at battery technology.</p> <p>Q. When do you use the electricity storage in the battery?</p> <p>A. Challenge is having it there when you need it. Would be used when the network goes down for short periods.</p> <p>Q: What is the typical battery life?</p> <p>A: 20-25 years, however some components may need to be replaced in the meantime. Batteries are modular.</p> <p>Q. Will there still be an interconnector</p> <p>A. Yes, this allows for power to flow through states such as NSW and SA, and may assist in power pricing and usage in future.</p>	Note

**3.35.05 Provisional Facility period**

RA advised that SWF was in the defect period now for 24 months for defect liability and 5 years for latent defect liability.

Q: Were there some blades replaced?

A: Yes. Dust has been getting into the turbines and there have been additional, thicker filters installed to stop the dust from entering the base of the towers.

Advised that a shut-down would occur in Mid-March which is part of the SWF regular maintenance program. This will include a 700 tonne crane coming to the SWF.

**3.35.06**

Comment: a crane recently came through town rather than going down the Daydream Mine Rd. In future the community needs to be advised if this is going to happen and not sure it is within the Traffic Management Plan guidelines.

A: AGL agreed that this would not happen again as the consent does not permit it unless in an emergency .

Action:  
AGL to ensure this does not happen again.

**3.35.07 Bushfire and emergency preparedness overview**

RA gave an overview of how the windfarm is in a state of preparedness for emergency and bushfire.

Q: Is lightning strike a worry?

A: Yes, although we have lightning protection . If lightning hits a blade it goes straight to the ground and there is an earth grid around the base of each tower. There are also tall poles around the compound with surge protection.

**4.35.01 Silvertown Community Fund**

MD informed the meeting that this year AGL had funded two community projects:

1.The Silvertown Village Committee for a 6KW Rooftop Solar Installation for the Silvertown School Camp Building on Burke Street.

Note

2. The Broken Hill Historical Society for an upgrade the fencing and toilet and lighting facilities at the Silvertown Goal Museum.

Action :  
AGL to open funding round

MD asked members when the best time would be to open applications for next round of funding. Members agreed that they should be open in March from 1 -29 March 2021.

**5.35.01 Community engagement**

MD advised that all water tanks and solar panels had been installed.

Note

The Telstra monopole was installed.



<b>5.35.02</b>	<p>Members advised that the service is patchy and asked AGL to write to Telstra to see if performance could be improved.</p> <p>Members expressed their thanks that AGL had supported this valuable initiative.</p>	<p>Action AGL to contact Telstra Note</p>
<b>6.35.01</b>	<p><b>Topics of Interest</b></p> <p>AM gave an overview of the generation profile of the windfarm</p>	
<b>7.35.01</b>	<p><b>Other Business</b></p> <p>HM requested a rejected blade for tourism purposes.</p> <p>AGL advised that all had been repaired and none had been written off.</p>	<p>AGL to send a send contact details for GE to HM.</p>
<b>7.35.02</b>	<p><b>Environmental Questions</b></p> <p>Q. Do you rehabilitate the vegetation seasonally?</p> <p>A: We have collected seed and retained topsoil with the seed bank contained within it. Have ripped ground to encourage water holding and have seeded when raining.</p> <p>Q. Are you counting bird strikes?</p> <p>A: Yes, monitoring bird strikes</p> <p>Q. Any bird or bat strike</p> <p>A. One bat which was assessed by the Australian Museum, and found not to be endangered species.</p> <p>AGL also monitors an eagle's nest site.</p>	<p>Note</p>
<b>8.35.01</b>	<p>Next meeting 25 August at 4pm</p>	<p>Note</p>