

Biala Wind Farm

Annual Report 2018

The Project

The proposed Biala wind farm is a 31-turbine wind farm located approximately 6km south of Grabben Gullen on Grabben Gullen Road, 8km east of Biala and 14.5km south west of Crookwell in the Southern Tablelands of NSW. The planned wind farm is 100% owned by Beijing Jingneng Clean Energy (Australia) Holding Pty Ltd (BJCE Australia) who own the nearby 73 turbine Gullen Range Wind Farm and 10MW Gullen Solar Farm.

The Biala wind farm is expected to have an installed capacity of approximately 110MW producing enough electricity for approximately 46,000 typical homes on an average day of wind.

BJCE Australia intends to begin construction of the wind farm in 2019 with electricity being generated in the first quarter of 2020.

The Community Consultative Committee (CCC)

The Committee is made up of the Independent Chairperson - Nicholas Carmody OAM and the following members who reside within the Upper Lachlan Shire Council:

- Cr Paul Culhane;
- Ms Kathy Cosgrove;
- Vince Heffernan;
- John McCue;
- Charles Knight;
- Paul Hewitt;
- Shane Laverty (appointed Nov.2018);
- George Shepherd (appointed Nov. 2018).

Charles Knight resigned from the Committee in early 2018 and we thank him for his contribution to the CCC. BJCE Australia is represented on the committee by:

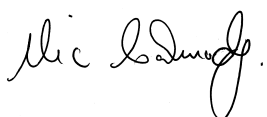
- Tim Mead (Project Manager) & Robbie Williamson (Assistant Project Manager).

The Community Consultative Committee activities

A total of nine CCC meetings have been held since the committee was formed in July 2015 - with three meetings held during 2018 (February, May & November). Minutes of the meetings can be found at <http://bialawindfarm.com/community/community-consultative-committee/>.

The Committee has a good working relationship with the proponent, BJCE Australia. BJCE Australia are open and transparent with current activities and future expectations for the upcoming project construction. The proponent has engaged well with the community with regular newsletters informing residents within the project area of the project's status. The three CCC meetings held during 2018 were well attended by members, with several interested observers attending meetings. The Committee has struggled, in past years, to attract community members and a major focus from the CCC and the proponent was made in 2018 to attract new members. Two new members have now come on board which has greatly improved the dissemination of information on the project to the local community.

With construction likely to begin shortly, the CCC has planned to meet regularly over the next year at likely 3-monthly intervals. If any urgent or important matters arise, extraordinary meetings will be convened to maintain effective communication with the community. Committee members are encouraged to communicate directly with BJCE Australia (through the chair) should any significant issues arise between meetings to promote timely resolution of urgent matters.



Nicholas Carmody OAM – Independent Chairperson

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