

Acciona – Aldoga Solar Farm Community Engagement Committee (CEC)

Minutes of Meeting

Date and Time:	5 th December 2024 – 9am
Location:	Community Hub – Level 1, 72 Goondoon Street
Attendees:	AE - Renee Mooney (RM), Lucy Carter (LC), Anja Urban (AU), Sylvia Smith (SS)
Apologies:	AE- Hesham Shehata (HS), Marina Ferencek, (MF), Conrad Ingra (CI). Trish Lisle (TL)

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1.	<u>Welcome</u> RM welcomed the Community Engagement Committee (CEC) members. I shared apologies for Conrad Ingra; a last-minute work commitment kept him from attending this meeting. <u>Safety Share</u> RM provided a safety share regarding the importance of staying hydrated during the summer, particularly onsite, with some reported cases of heat stroke.	RM RM	
2.	<u>Committee members introductions</u> Sylvia Smith, first meeting.	RM	
3.	<u>Declaration of conflicts of interest register</u> RM will email all members to register their conflicts of interest.	RM	End of January 2025.
4.	<u>Project Overview</u> - RM provided an update on the construction progress and spoke of being on budget and ahead of the project schedule for completion. - RM Discussed the project's next phase, starting to prepare for the handover to operations.	RM	

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5.	<u>Community Benefits Sharing Plan Overview</u> ○ RM provided an update on the CQU Scholarship agreement, to be signed before Christmas and allowing enrolments in Term 1. 2025. The small grants program opens February 3rd, 2025. ○ Investment Legacy Program – discuss the need to look at projects for funding by the Investment Legacy Program. Several possible projects were discussed: 1. Upgrade of the Community Halls, Mt Larcom, and Yarwun, i.e., solar & battery, air-conditioning, and disability ramps. 2. Provide solar & battery for the Calliope Historical Village. 3. Potential learning or youth program for the Mt Larcom district. 4. Melon hole – look at possibilities for an additional water source. RM will provide the committee with business cases to review before the next CEC meeting. ○ The CQUniversity Powering Businesses and Communities Program agreement is finalised, with ACCIONA Energia expected to sign in January 2025.	RM	End of February
6.	<u>Election of the Community Engagement Committee Chair</u> The attending members agreed to a rotating chairperson, with a new chair at each meeting. This allows an alternate committee member to chair each meeting and share the responsibility. Lucy Carter will Chair the meeting scheduled for the 12th of March 2025.	Note	Next Meeting
7.	<u>Site Update and Overview of Activities</u> Construction Update • Project completion date ahead of schedule, internal roads complete • Dust mitigation continuing with water trucks. Pest Management • The project is monitoring Kangaroo movements to minimise any injury to the animals caused by the new fences. Community Activities • The community site tour held on November 30th was well attended and received, with over 65 attendees. Feedback was generally positive. The second stage of the project, BESS was discussed and questions answered, with no apparent opposition. • RM noted upcoming community information sessions,(project update and BESS) 9th of Dec at GEA offices. Also, on the 9th of December, the information session is to be held with the Mt Larcom RFS, SES, and QAS. Anja, (AU) mentioned we should send a copy of the Emergency and Response Plans to the Disaster Recovery Centre to distribute to all appropriate services.	Note RM	January 2025

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8.	<u>Items for CEC feedback</u> - Lucy (LC) raised community feedback regarding employment of backpackers onsite. We discussed increasing ACCIONA's local profile and need for local employees including actively advertising upcoming Operations Staff required. RM to update the online Community Hub and Employment pages with job vacancies. RM to increase radio and print exposure, providing a wider coverage of opportunities on the project. - RM discussed the community initiatives to help neighbours with Kangaroo movements and dust impacts.	Note	Jan 2025
9.	<u>General Business</u> No general business; next meeting to be scheduled for the second week in March, mid-week.	RM	Next Meeting