

APPENDIX 7

**Community Consultation Committee
Expressions of Interest Form
Crudine Ridge Wind Farm Pty Ltd**

Wind Prospect CWP call for Expressions of Interest

Community Consultation Committee

The NSW Government recently published Draft Planning Guidelines for Wind Farms (Draft Guidelines) on the 23rd December 2011. One of the proposals put forward in the Draft Guidelines is for wind farm proponents to establish a Community Consultation Committee (CCC). The purpose of a CCC would be to provide a forum for open discussion between Wind Prospect CWP, the community, Local Government and other stakeholders. In particular, the CCC would provide a forum to:

- Establish good working relationships between the proponent and the community;
- Provide for ongoing communication and information dissemination;
- Discuss community concerns and resolutions; and
- Advise on the allocation of Community Enhancement Funds.

It is proposed that the CCC comprise of five to seven members of the local community and other stakeholders, including at least two representatives that own houses within 2km of a proposed wind turbine. Other representatives include one representative from Council, up to three representatives from the proponent, and an independent chairperson. Both the independent chairperson and local community/stakeholder representative will be appointed by the Director-General of the Department of Planning and Infrastructure.

In preparing for the Draft Guidelines being incorporated, Wind Prospect CWP would like to seek nominations from interested community representatives and other stakeholders who would be willing to sit on the CCC.

It is envisaged the CCC will meet every two to three months, as determined by the CCC members.

Nominations are to be in writing and should include brief relevant background information of the applicant, disclosure of affiliation with other groups, interests, skills and capacity to contribute to the CCC. An example of the key selection criteria can be found overleaf.

All nominations should be addressed to:

Ed Mounsey
Head of Development
Wind Prospect CWP
PO Box 1708
Newcastle NSW 2300

Nominations close 30th April 2012

The Draft Guidelines are available to read on the NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure website www.planning.nsw.gov.au and are on exhibition for comment until the 14th March 2012.

Wind Prospect CWP Community Consultation Committee

Name.....

Name of Wind Farm in local area.....

Address

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..... Distance from proposed project.....

Phone..... Mobile.....

Email.....

Occupation.....

Community Group Represented (where relevant)
(e.g. neighbour, special interest, sporting, charity or other organisation)

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Professional/Personal Interests

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Briefly describe how you can contribute to this committee (refer to Draft Guidelines for details)
(e.g. what skills you can offer, experience in similar roles)

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Other relevant information

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Please note that this call for Expressions of Interest is in anticipation of the Draft Guidelines being passed in their current form. Should there be any amendments to the Draft Guidelines that affect a material change to the proposed formation of a CCC, then the proponent will reserve the right to review its position with respect to establishing a CCC.

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