

Minutes

Company	Moree Solar Farm
Meeting	Community Reference Group
Date	Wednesday, 26 February 2014
Time	7:15pm
Attendees	Steve Jackson, FRV David Fitzgerald, Pacific Hydro Peter Grant – ICN Neil Hatton – Joblink Plus Simon Goodhew Mark Connolly, Moree Plains Shire Council Katrina Humphries, Moree Mayor

Apologies

Welcome and Introduction

- Welcome and overview of project provided by David.
- Welcome and overview of FRV provided by Steve.
- Overview of the Community Reference Group and its role.
- Agreed that due to the low attendance discussion on criteria, KPIs etc will be deferred until next meeting.

Employment Opportunities

- Steve Jackson explained that approximately 100 people will be required during construction phase, with approximately 3-5 permanent long term positions available post-construction.

Community Grants Program

- Steve Jackson described the Community Grant program which will be a benefit of the project. Discussed the make-up of the Grants Committee. Steve explained that he had been involved previously:
 - The Grants Committee needs to be representative of the community
 - Hand-overs are managed by ensuring the person who leaves the Committee is replaced by someone from a similar area of the community
 - Developer/owner has had right of veto with previous Committees.

Revenue

- Revenue will be generated from:
 - Selling electricity
 - Value of renewable energy certificates
 - Federal government grant



- The modelling of the project's revenue is based on a reduced renewable energy target.

Introductions

- Introduction and overview of ICN provided by Peter Grant.
- Introduction and overview of Joblink Plus provided by Neil Hatton.
- Joblink have about 300+ clients with about 100 clients considered work ready
- There is time to get clients into courses to gain required tickets/qualifications to improve their chances of obtaining work during construction.
- Steve explained that the majority of work available will be general construction/laboring - farm labourers will have the ideal set of skills; not a high level of literacy required; long term opportunities will be available for those who show a willingness to work.
- Electrical qualification will be required for some of the positions
- Project owners are FRV and Pacific Hydro. Project owners will hire the EPC (preferred contractor).
- Commencement of construction unknown until EPC is hired. Expected commencement will be approximately September 2014 and will take approximately 12-18 months.
- Whilst project will strive to employ locals, any "fly-in" workers will stay locally rather than in a "mine camp" facility at the site.

MEETING CLOSED AT 8.10PM

Next meeting:

Tuesday 11th March 2014

7pm @ venue to be confirmed

Topic: Employment and Indigenous Opportunities.