



28<sup>th</sup> October 2016

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Dear Mr Young,

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**Capital 2 Wind Farm - Modification No. 4 (MP 10\_0135 MOD 4) – Response to Submissions**

Capital Wind Farm 2 Pty Ltd (CWF2PL), the proponent of the approved Capital 2 Wind Farm, is submitting this letter to the Department of Planning and Environment in response to the submissions received during the exhibition of the Modification Application.

This Response to Submissions includes:

- A justification for the requested length of extension of 5 years;
- A summary of the community engagement activity undertaken preceding and during the Capital 2 Wind Farm Modification 4; and
- A response to all aspects raised by the community during the exhibition period.

Yours sincerely,

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## **Capital 2 Wind Farm - Modification No. 4 (MP 10\_0135 MOD 4)**

### **Response to Submissions**

#### **1. INTRODUCTION**

Capital Wind Farm 2 Pty Ltd (CWF2PL), the proponent of the approved Capital 2 Wind Farm, forms part of the Infigen Group (Infigen).

The approved Capital 2 Wind Farm (Approved Project) is located in the New South Wales (NSW) Southern Tablelands, approximately 17 kilometres (km) north-east of the Bungendore township. The Capital 2 Wind Farm will include up to 41 wind turbines, each with up to 3.5 Megawatt (MW) capacity, and associated infrastructure. The approved Capital 2 Wind Farm is in close proximity to Infigen's existing Capital and Woodlawn Wind Farms.

Project Approval for the Capital 2 Wind Farm was granted to CWF2PL on 1 November 2011 under Part 3A of the NSW Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A Act). Modification 4 seeks approval to extend the project approval for a further 5 years, for the reasons outlined in the Modification 4 application which was lodged with the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) on the 16<sup>th</sup> of September 2016.

The DPE publicly exhibited the Modification 4 application for the Capital 2 Wind Farm (MP10\_0135 MOD 4) from Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2016 to Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

The exhibition was advertised in local and regional newspapers, and the Modification application was made available on the DPE's website, and at the following locations:

- The Department of Planning and Environment:
  - Information Centre, 23-33 Bridge Street, Sydney, until 30 September 2016;
  - Information Centre 320 Pitt Street, Sydney, from 4 October 2016;
- Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council:
  - Bungendore office;
  - Queanbeyan office; and
- The Nature Conservation Council.

The DPE received submissions related to the Modification during the exhibition period (Appendix B) and requested a 'Response to Submissions' from CWF2PL.

#### **2. JUSTIFICATION FOR THE REQUESTED LENGTH OF EXTENSION OF 5 YEARS**

As outlined in CWF2PL's Modification 4 application the reasons for the requested extension to the Project Approval are as follows:

- Policy uncertainty

The uncertainty created by the Renewable Energy Target (RET) policy review was the most significant factor to freeze the large-scale renewable energy investment from 2013-2015.

Confidence in the Australian renewable energy industry has risen significantly after several years of policy uncertainty. A key component of this goal is the Australian Government's recommitment to the Renewable Energy Target, which sets targets for large-scale generation of 33,000 GWh in 2020. Achieving this target will mean that about 23.5 per cent of Australia's electricity generation in 2020 will be generated from renewable sources. The signing of the Paris Climate Agreement in December 2015 has also assisted in aligning the Federal Government's broader policy to continue to invest in wind farm projects. This reduces the uncertainty which might otherwise arise from the proposed extension of the lapsing date.

- Public Interest in Renewable Energy Projects

As outlined above, the approved Capital 2 Wind Farm will generate up to approximately 143.5 megawatts of renewable energy. This amount of energy is sufficient for the average consumption of approximately 60,600 homes, which equates to a reduction of approximately 400,000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> per annum for the life of the project.

There is a significant public interest in ensuring an extension to the lapsing date for the approved Capital 2 Wind Farm so as to preserve the important renewable energy benefits of the project.

- Economic Benefits

The approved Capital 2 Wind Farm represents a potential direct investment of approximately \$240 million in NSW. It would deliver the equivalent of up to 120 full time jobs during construction and up to 6 full time ongoing local based jobs during operation. In addition, the project also continues to directly support the local community via the Capital Community Committee. The Capital Community Committee turns three in September 2016 and, to date, has approved over \$130,000 in funding for local projects for the benefit of the Bungendore and Tarago communities including \$12,500 towards the Weereewa Festival in 2014 and \$5,000 towards the Bungendore Spring Ball in 2015.

Again, extending the lapsing date for the project will preserve these significant economic benefits for NSW and the local community.

- Improvements in Technology

As outlined above Modification 4 would allow time for CWF2PL to conduct a review of the approved Capital 2 Wind Farm including to consider the newer, more efficient turbine technologies now available which are capable of achieving a more efficient output per wind turbine. This review will identify the optimal turbine technology for the project and make it more competitive.

- Project and impacts remains unchanged

Other than the proposed administrative amendment to the lapsing date in condition A4, no other changes are proposed to be made to the approved Capital 2 Wind Farm as part of Modification 4. Accordingly, Modification 4 will not result in any increase to the environmental impacts of the approved Capital 2 Wind Farm.

The proposed extension of the lapsing date will enable CWF2PL sufficient time to undertake a review of the approved Capital 2 Wind Farm to ensure that it remains in line with current technology and energy market circumstances. Whilst Infigen



acknowledges that there are uncertainties associated with delay to the Approved Project, the economic benefits of CWF2PL can only be realised if the Wind Farm is able to proceed.

- Requirement of 5 years extension

A 5 years extension is being sought to allow sufficient time for CWF2PL to secure an offtake agreement. With the new technologies on the horizon, the Approved Project will become more competitive, therefore be more attractive to retailers and customers. Capital 2 Wind Farm has a lower wind resource than the existing Capital and Woodlawn Wind Farms, therefore needing either more favourable technology or a higher offtake agreement. Both of these are expected to improve in this 5 year horizon. With the positive market outlook to 2020, CWF2PL could compromise to a 4 years extension to commence construction activities.

### **3. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES**

CWF2PL is committed to working with stakeholders and communities in clear and meaningful ways to understand positive and negative impacts of our projects, and to ensure that concerns and topics of interest are addressed. Infigen supports and encourages community participation.

Infigen has developed a community engagement strategy that has adopted engagement tools from the Clean Energy Council's Community Engagement Guidelines in 2013.

#### **3.1 Community Consultation prior and during the Planning Approval process**

During the Planning Approval process in 2011, information days were held in the local community and relevant stakeholders were consulted prior to submission of the EA.

The extent of Infigen's community consultation prior to the information days is explained in some detail in Section 6 of Volume 1 of the Environment Assessment. Infigen Energy sought out meetings with neighbours within 3km of the Approved Project and reminded landowners in the project to advise Infigen if they heard of any neighbours who had concerns.

CWF2PL has sought to keep the neighbours and broader community updated on the project by proactively engaging with relevant stakeholders, Local Government, State Government, Commonwealth Government, service and infrastructure providers, NSW Roads and Traffic Authority and media.

As described in Section 6 Volume 1 of the EA, an appropriate and justified level of consultation was undertaken with the relevant parties during the preparation of the draft Environmental Assessment and concept design. In addition to the experience gained from the previous projects in the area, an established stakeholder consultation process was implemented along with the ongoing consultation that occurs out of commitments from the existing projects. Further to pre-lodgment consultation undertaken for the Approved Project during the concept design phase, the Environmental Assessment was also formally exhibited by the Department of Planning and submissions from relevant agencies and members of the public were received and addressed.



### 3.2 Capital Community Committee

Infigen has a Community Consultative Committee (CCC) for the Capital Wind farm which was established in 2013. The Capital 2 Wind Farm project has been included in this CCC due to the proximity of the project to Capital Wind Farm.

The CCC meets quarterly to review sponsorship applications and discuss matters relevant to Infigen's operating Capital and Woodlawn wind farms and the Capital East solar farm, as well as the proposed Capital 2 wind farm and Capital solar farm development projects. The meetings provide an open forum where all members of the public are invited to participate. If concerns are raised, these are addressed depending on their nature and relevance, either by escalating with the Site Manager or with senior management through a formal process. Community is welcome to contact Infigen through the contact provided in the website if they wish to become a member of the Committee or participate in one of the meetings.

All meeting minutes are printed in monthly newsletters in the Tarago Times and Bungendore Mirror and can be also viewed in the monthly community newsletters.

The CCC provides recommendations as to how Infigen can further contribute to the local economy, community and environment.

**Capital Community Fund:** The Capital Community Fund is announced once a year. The size of the fund is primarily determined by contributions from Infigen Energy, and allocated for each financial year (1 July-30 June). In the 2015 financial year, the fund was \$33,500. The currently active fund for the 2016 financial year is \$42,000. The CCC meet four times a year.

**Locality and Membership:** Membership of the CCC is limited to people who live or work in the local area, including Bungendore and Tarago. The members of the CCC will include, but are not limited to, representatives from Infigen Energy, the local community and Industry and the Palerang Council.

**Sponsorships:** The Capital Community Committee turns three in September 2016. Over this period the Committee has approved over \$130,000 to sponsor projects for the benefit of the Bungendore and Tarago communities.

Once construction on CWF2PL commences, additional funds will be contributed to the Capital Community Fund for distribution in the local area.

### 3.3 Community Engagement for future activities

CWF2PL has a comprehensive Communications Management System (CMS) that enables the Approved Project to record, monitor and report on all interactions with all stakeholders, community and other interested parties.

The elements of this system will include:

- Information phone number (Infoline)
- Email
- Website
- Social media
- Project contact database

CWF2PL works closely with the Industry Capability Network (ICN), an organisation that links up proponents and local contractors to ensure that project managers are aware of the skills, experience, and contact details of local contractors to maximise the hiring of



local, qualified contractors and service providers. Capital 2 wind farm has consulted with the Industry Capability Network's representative for the past several years and the ICN organised a meeting in June 2016 where the project manager met local contractors. Infigen Energy worked closely with the ICN to increase local contractor's participation in the construction of its Capital and Woodlawn wind farms and will do so with the Capital 2 project as well.

### **3.4 Actions taken by Infigen to inform the Community about Capital 2 Wind Farm Modification 4**

Once the DPE informed CWF2PL that the Capital 2 Wind Farm Modification 4 was going to be exhibited for a period of 2 weeks, CWF2PL ensured that all relevant stakeholders were informed. These activities included:

- Sent an email to Peter Bascombe, Deputy General Manager of the Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council on the 5th September 2016
- Sent an email to landowners on the 5th September 2016
- Published the news on Infigen's website
- Published a notice in the Bungendore Weekly on the 29<sup>th</sup> September 2016
- Informed the community through the CCC on the 29<sup>th</sup> September 2016 and sent an email to the CCC members the same day to ensure they all were aware of the Capital 2 Wind Farm exhibition period in case they were unable to attend the meeting. See details in Appendix C.

CWF2PL did not receive any enquiry or objection after the notification was directed. However, the community has shown support to the project by sending some letters of support as included in Appendix D.

The letters of support from community outline the following aspects:

- Support the 5 year extension of the Capital 2 Wind Farm
- Infigen have a Capital Community Committee which has contributed generously to local projects in both the Bungendore and Tarago regions
- A Wind Farm creates jobs in the area, particularly during the construction period, and then continuing employment for maintenance and running of the turbines
- Wind Farms cause no disturbance to farming activities, and we haven't experienced any health effects from living neighbouring to the turbines
- The Approved Project will bring up to 120 full time staff and the significant financial input to the Bungendore and Tarago communities which otherwise would not be forthcoming
- Capital Wind farm 2 will save approximately 400,000 tonnes of Co2

## **4. RESPONSE TO SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED**

Infigen has carried out a detailed review of the submissions received during the exhibition period of the Modification 4 application.

In total 87 submissions were received by the DPE. Of the submissions received, one was in support and eighty six were in objection to the Modification. All submissions were from individuals and did not include any submissions from an Agency or Group



Several of the submissions received raise similar concerns regarding the Modification. The key concerns raised have been identified and are summarised in Table 4.1.

Please review the following table with reference to Appendix B.

**Table 4.1 – Summary of the submissions received**

Concern raised	Submissions referenced as per Appendix B	Number of submissions where concern raised
<b>4.1 Reason for objection not clearly defined</b>	1,2,3,4,6,10,11,12,13,14,16,17,19,22,23,25,26,27,30,32,33,34,35,37,38,39,40,41,44,46,47,48,49,55,57,58,60,51,68,72,77,78,79,80,81,85,86	47
<b>4.2 Concerns regarding the value of wind power generation in the Australian Market</b>	5,7,8,9,18,28,75,83,87	9
<b>4.3 Matters raised relating to the original Environmental Assessment report</b>	15,20,29,31,36,42,50,52,53,54,56,59,63,69,73,74,82	17
<b>4.4 Property Values around Wind Farms</b>	21,43,62,64,65,66,67,71	8
<b>4.5 Community Concerns</b>	45, 61,70,76,84	5

#### **4.1 Reason for objection not clearly defined**

The Project Approval was granted under Part 3A of the NSW Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A Act) and included concept approval for the construction, operation and decommissioning of up to 41 wind turbines and associated infrastructure. Part 3A of the EP&A Act has since been repealed but transitional arrangements are in place for projects that were approved under this legislation. The transitional arrangements are set out in Schedule 6A of the EP&A Act.

[http://www.austlii.edu.au/au/legis/nsw/consol\\_act/epaaa1979389/sch6a.html](http://www.austlii.edu.au/au/legis/nsw/consol_act/epaaa1979389/sch6a.html)

Capital 2 Wind Farm is seeking a modification to the Project Approval to cover adjustments to the project, which is a regular occurrence in relation to major infrastructure projects. Other than the proposed administrative amendment to the lapsing date in condition A4, no other changes are proposed to be made to the approved Capital 2 Wind Farm as part of Modification 4.

This extension will preserve the renewable energy and economic benefits of the approved Capital 2 Wind Farm and allow sufficient time for CWF2PL to review the approved Capital 2 Wind Farm in line with changing turbine technology and market circumstances.

#### 4.2 Concerns regarding the value of wind power generation in the Australian Market

The federal government's Renewable Energy Target (RET) legislation and NSW state government's Renewable Energy Action Plan (REAP) have been implemented as part of a range of measures specifically designed to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from Australia's energy generation industry.

Under the RET, 33,000GWh per annum of accredited large scale renewable energy must be generated in Australia by 2020. The RET represents a requirement to nearly double Australia's installed capacity of renewable energy within the next 4 years.

The NSW REAP lists three main goals and a series of sub-goals as a part of the pathway for increasing renewable energy investment in NSW. Goal Number 1 is that "NSW will attract renewable energy investment" and the plan notes that "current forecasts show wind energy will deliver the bulk of new renewable generation up to 2020 – being one of the most commercially ready and cost-effective technologies that can be deployed on a large scale."

Capital 2 Wind Farm is fully consistent with the objectives of the RET and NSW REAP. <https://www.environment.gov.au/climate-change/renewable-energy-target-scheme>  
<http://www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au/energy-consumers/sustainable-energy/renewable-energy-actionplan>

Under the RET, accredited renewable energy generators are entitled to create generation certificates (known as LGCs) for each unit of energy they generate. Other non-renewable forms of energy generation (such as combusted coal or gas to drive steam turbines) are not entitled to create LGCs, so these LGCs are often misrepresented as a "subsidy". It is important to note however that these 'subsidies' are not paid by the government and are not paid out of tax payer funds. Companies that purchase electricity are obligated under the RET to purchase a quota of LGCs. The cost of these purchases are passed through to the consumers of this electricity. Thus, it is electricity consumers who are paying the 'subsidy' for the creation of renewable energy, and paying for it proportionally to their energy consumption. Large consumers of energy (such as energy intensive businesses) pay the greatest and small consumers of energy (such as energy efficient households) pay the least. The RET thereby benefits the clean energy generators and energy-efficient end-users that are making clean 'green' investment in the economy.

The only incentive provided to the wind energy industry is the Commonwealth Renewable Energy Target legislation. Wind farms make a very significant contribution to greenhouse gas emissions as these large amounts of electrical power cannot be stored in a practical manner. Therefore, when wind energy increases in the National Electricity Market (NEM), some other form of generation must be turned down to keep the system stable. That being said, it is worth noting that wind generation in the National Electricity Market (NEM) is currently forecast by AEMO's Australian Wind Energy Forecasting System with 98% accuracy one hour ahead of time (AEMO data).

In addition, both the NSW and Victorian Governments have commissioned expert, independent forecasts of greenhouse gas emission reductions due to wind farms which also confirmed significant greenhouse gas emissions reductions.



<http://climatechange.environment.nsw.gov.au/About-climate-change-in-NSW/NSW-emissions>

<http://environmentvictoria.org.au/safe-climate>

#### **4.3 Matters raised relating to the original Environmental Assessment (EA) report**

The standards and regulations applicable to wind farm developments are complex and stringent. Further, these assessments are subject to rigorous review by Government agencies. The Proponent engages consultants with significant relevant experience in wind farm development in order to have confidence that the work undertaken will be of the highest quality. The Proponent ensures that all work undertaken by these consultants is in accordance with the relevant standards and regulations.

All the concerns have been acknowledged. The Capital 2 Wind Farm site was subject to an extensive, high quality and comprehensive visual, noise, traffic, cultural and heritage, shadow flicker, telecommunications, flood and ecological assessment. In the EA report, all the standards and regulations were addressed in an exhaustive manner, and control and mitigation measures were put in place to ensure the Approved Project does not to compromise the environmental values of the locality.

The EA identified and addressed the environmental issues likely to be associated with the Approved Project and concluded that the overall environmental impact will be acceptable and any residual impacts would outweigh the Wind Farm's broader public benefit with respect to renewable energy generation. Other than the proposed administrative amendment to the lapsing date in condition A4, no other changes are proposed to be made to the approved Capital 2 Wind Farm as part of Modification 4. Accordingly, Modification 4 will not result in any increase to the environmental impacts of the approved Capital 2 Wind Farm.

As mentioned in the Section 3 of Volume 1 of the EA, when the Approved Project ceases operation stage, CWF2PL has the legal obligation to decommission the Wind Farm equipment and ensure the properties are conditioned to an adequate manner as they were before construction.

The potential for visual and cumulative impacts of the proposed Capital 2 Wind Farm have been raised in several objections. These issues were assessed during the Environmental Impact Assessment process and reported in the EA. The Capital 2 Wind Farm is essentially an extension of the Capital Wind Farm. The layout of the Approved Project was sited to ensure it appears as continuation of the existing Wind Farm as opposed to a separate entity. Being located on the foothills of the ridge line associated with existing wind turbines, the most direct cumulative visual impact is likely to be seen from the west of the Site, along the western shores of the Federal Highway, however this is at considerable distance. Due to the location of the Capital 2 Wind Farm turbines which are situated predominantly on the lower slopes to the west of the ridgelines associated with Grosse Hill and Hammonds Hill the contribution of the Capital 2 turbines to this cumulative impact will be negligible.

#### **4.4 Property Values around Wind Farms**

The NSW Office of Environment and Heritage commissioned a study in June 2016 which considered the impact of the potential impact of wind farm developments on

property process in NSW. The report concluded that: “Based on the outcome of these research techniques, it is our expert opinion that wind farms may not significantly impact rural properties used for agricultural purposes”.

<http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/resources/communities/wind-farm-value-impacts-report.pdf>

Some surveys undertaken in the Capital 2 Wind Farm area listed below show that property values have not been affected after the construction of Capital and Woodlawn Wind Farms.

#### **4.4.1 Independent survey from QDOS**

In the aforementioned survey by independent consultant, QDOS, they conducted interviews with two real estate agents in Bungendore, NSW, near the Capital and Woodlawn wind farm. A sample of quotes from the real estate agents that appeared in the report are as follows:

“The biggest problem for people beforehand was fear of the unknown.”

“The actual effect on sales has been minimal.”

“We sold one in between two wind mills, it didn’t impact the sale at all. It was about eighteen months ago.”

“It had a good effect on the rental market during construction and now.”

“We’re still selling properties with views of the wind farm, there’s no effect on prices.”

#### **4.4.2 Quote from two local Real Estate agents**

Two of the local real estate agents near the Capital Wind Farm have been quoted in the media regarding their experiences. Real Estate agent Judy Alcock wrote a letter to the editor of the Crookwell Gazette stating:

“ I do not believe that either the Veolia (waste site) or (Capital) wind farm developments have greatly impacted on buyers decision to purchase in our area”.

An article published online on the NowUC website (online publication of the School of Journalism, University of Canberra included the following two paragraphs:

Brady’s Country Wide Real Estate has sold many properties in the vicinity of the Capital Wind Farm near Bungendore and owner John Brady believes he has not seen a marked impact on property values.

“Before they were built in this region they definitely had a negative fear factor, a fear of the unknown, but once they were built here, people just took them on their merits,” Mr Brady said. “We recently sold a property on Taylors Creek Road that is about a kilometer from two wind turbines and I had no problem selling that. I’ve spoken to people who have lived in amongst the wind turbines and they don’t seem too bothered.”

<http://www.nowuc.com.au/2012/03/26/wind-farm-protests-over-the-sounds-of-silence/>

Therefore, from both formal studies and anecdotal remarks of real estate agents near the largest wind farm in NSW, there appears to be no evidence of wind farms having a material effect on neighbouring property values.

#### **4.5 Community Concerns**

Of the submissions received, 2 of them were related to Community Concerns and they have been addressed in Section 3 of this letter.

## **5. SUMMARY**

Summing up, Modification 4 seeks approval to an administrative amendment to condition A4 of the Project Approval so as to extend the lapsing date by 5 years. Since the CWF2PL Approval was granted 5 years ago, there have been significant changes to both turbine technology and the Australian Government's Renewable Energy Target. These changes have prevented construction of the Capital 2 Wind Farm from commencing prior to the current lapsing date of 1 November 2016. The proposed extension of the lapsing date will enable CWF2PL sufficient time to undertake a review of the approved Capital 2 Wind Farm to ensure that it remains in line with current technology and energy market circumstances.

## **6. LIST OF APPENDICES**

The following appendices are attached:

- APPENDIX A: Capital 2 Wind Farm Modification 4 Application Letter
- APPENDIX B: Response to submissions received
- APPENDIX C: CCC meeting Minutes 29/09/2016
- APPENDIX D: Letters of support



## APPENDIX A - CAPITAL 2 WIND FARM MODIFICATION 4 APPLICATION LETTER

16<sup>th</sup> September 2016

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Infigen is focused on continuing to invest in new and existing renewable energy projects to extend its current development pipeline. Infigen supports the Australian Government's commitment to work towards a global agreement to limit global warming to less than 2 degrees. A key component of this goal is the Australian Government's Renewable Energy Target, which sets targets for large-scale generation of 33,000 GWh in 2020. Achieving this target will mean that about 23.5 per cent of Australia's electricity generation in 2020 will be from renewable sources.

Infigen's current operating wind and solar farms generate enough power to meet the needs of over 250,000 homes and represents a saving of approximately over a million tonnes of carbon dioxide a year. Infigen's development pipeline comprises approximately 1,200 megawatts of large-scale wind and solar projects in Australia, including the Capital 2 Wind Farm. The approved Capital 2 Wind has a generating capacity of up to approximately 143.5 megawatts of renewable energy and remains an integral part of Infigen's development pipeline.

Project approval MP 10\_0135 (**Project Approval**) granted for the Capital 2 Wind Farm will lapse on 1 November 2016 (being 5 years after the date on which the Project Approval was granted as contemplated by condition A4) unless works the subject of the Project Approval have commenced before that time. CWF2PL seeks a modification to condition A4 of the Project Approval (**Modification 4**) so as to extend the lapsing date by a further 5 years, until 1 November 2021. This extension to the lapsing date is required to allow CWF2PL sufficient time to review the approved Capital 2 Wind Farm in line with improvements in turbine technology and market circumstances.

Other than the proposed administrative amendment to the lapsing date in condition A4, no other changes are proposed to be made to the approved Capital 2 Wind Farm as part of this Modification.

### Project History

The approved Capital 2 Wind Farm is located in the NSW Southern Tablelands, approximately 17km north-east of the Bungendore township. The Capital 2 Wind Farm will include up to 41 wind turbines, each with up to 3.5MW capacity, and associated infrastructure. The approved Capital 2 Wind Farm is in close proximity to the existing Capital and Woodlawn Wind Farms.

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- Modification 1 was approved on 4 July 2013 and increased the turbine capacity from 'up to 3.0MW' to 'up to 3.5MW';
- Modification 3 was approved on 17 March 2015 and primarily authorised an option to replace a section of underground cabling with an extension to the approved overhead transmission line.; and



- Modification 2 was approved on 29 June 2015 and increased the maximum turbine blade length to 126m.

## **Justification for the Modification**

Since the Project Approval was granted, there have been significant changes to both turbine technology and the Australian Government's Renewable Energy Target. These changes have prevented construction of the Capital 2 Wind Farm from commencing prior to the current lapsing date of 1 November 2016. The proposed extension of the lapsing date will enable CWF2PL sufficient time to undertake a review of the approved Capital 2 Wind Farm to ensure that it remains in line with current technology and energy market circumstances.

CWF2PL considers that this modification is justified for the following reasons:

### Policy uncertainty

The uncertainty created by the Renewable Energy Target (RET) policy review was the most significant factor to freeze the large-scale renewable energy investment from 2013-2015. However, investor confidence in the renewable energy industry has significantly increased since the previous modification (Mod 3), due to:

- the revised Renewable Energy Target adopted in June 2015;
- the signing of the Paris Climate Agreement in December 2015; and
- the decision of the Australian Government's Clean Energy Finance Corporation to continue to invest in wind farm projects.

This reduces the uncertainty which might otherwise arise from the proposed extension of the lapsing date.

### Public Interest in Renewable Energy Projects

As outlined above, the approved Capital 2 Wind Farm will generate up to approximately 143.5 megawatts of renewable energy. This amount of energy is sufficient for the average consumption of approximately 60,600 homes, which equates to a reduction of approximately 400,000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> per annum for the life of the project.

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#### Community Engagement

Since the Project Approval was granted, CWF2PL has continued its engagement with the local community via:

- Capital 2 Wind Farm Community Consultative Committee meetings as part of the Capital Energy Renewable Precinct CCC; and
- regular meetings with the land owners and the local community.

In particular, community consultation has been undertaken to update community members, address issues of concern to the community and provide an opportunity to incorporate community feedback.

CWF2PL will continue to undertake community consultation in the Capital Energy Renewable Precinct. This includes advising landowners and relevant stakeholders about the proposed Modification 4, followed by consultation with the broader community.

#### **Conclusion**

Modification 4 seeks approval to an administrative amendment to condition A4 of the Project Approval so as to extend the lapsing date by 5 years. In a policy secured renewable energy market, this extension will preserve the renewable energy and economic benefits of the approved Capital 2 Wind Farm and allow sufficient time for CWF2PL to review the approved Capital 2 Wind Farm in line with changing turbine technology and market circumstances. We hope that the DPE considers this request favourably and is agreeable to granting the extension.

Please contact Frank Boland, Development Team Leader on (02) 8031 9914 if you would like any further information.

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Frank Boland  
Development Team Leader



## APPENDIX B - RESPONSE TO SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED

Submission Number	Submission Comments	Proponent Response is addressed in Section
1	Infigen's very act of applying for a five year extension invalidates Crookwell 2's continued approved development by virtue of leaving a workers hut on the site. This application should be denied.	3.1
2	I object to the extension of time for this project. A detailed objection will be made to the PAC.	3.1
3	Wind industrial sites should not be granted extensions and/or approvals as they are an environmental catastrophe .Capital Wind should not be given an extension.	3.1
4	In days of so called "Level Playing Fields" - if a precedent is established to grant an extension of time to the corporation involved - then all construction contracts (at least) must also be amended to cater for when things are simply unworkable. I STRONGLY oppose any extension of time or ANY other advantage being afforded to this or any organisation. AMPLE time has passed, and the business model clearly has failed for a host of political and practical reasons. 3. In days of so called "Level Playing Fields" - if a precedent is established to grant an extension of time to the corporation involved - then all construction contracts (at least) must also be amended to cater for when things are simply unworkable. I STRONGLY oppose any extension of time or ANY other advantage being afforded to this or any organisation. AMPLE time has passed, and the business model clearly has failed for a host of political and practical reasons.	3.1
5	The wind power electricity generation industry is now 35 years old - and still, it needs heavy subsidies. How can the claim be made that it is a viable industry? It simply does not compete with conventional, clean fossil-fuel powered generation. It is high time that in Australia we woke up to what has been happening not only with South Australia's unfortunate reliance on so much wind power, but to what is now occurring in Europe. A most recent example is the decision taken in Poland to cease installing further wind turbines; the politicians there have woken up to some simple economic facts. Have a look at Spain, and watch Germany and the UK. I find it difficult to imagine that the NSW Department of Planning and Environment would be unaware of the real costs of wind generated power, the substantial problems in managing supply and stable pricing as a result of intermittent generation, and the issues relating to location close to communities. I cannot imagine that the Department places a greater priority on some idealistic conviction that wind power is clean and free, and should therefore be used regardless of cost, efficiency and impact. I cannot imagine that the Department is unaware of the necessity to maintain gas-powered backup facilities, nor remains unaware of the environmental impacts of the materials used in the construction of these turbines. It is high time for us to be honest about the poor economic record of the wind turbine industry, and stop further nonsense and expense. And tell me, has the Department made any plans for the dismantling and removal of these monstrosities, or will they in 20 years' time, remain standing idle and broken as tributes to the idealistic folly of mankind?	3.2
6	I object to the extension of this approval on the basis that there has already been ample time; that there is already enough visual pollution and the Mount Fairy valley is threatened by the Jupiter proposal as well..ie there will be turbines east and west of our place.	3.1
7	I object to the proposed wind farm and extension of time. Five years has been long enough, now scrap this project that will have to be heavily subsidised like all renewable energy projects which are costing the people of Australia a fortune.	3.2
8	In the event that progress of this proposed Wind Farm Modification 4 is conditional upon the payment of financial subsidies that are derived from the pockets of Australian taxpayers, then I am firmly opposed to such development.	3.2

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9	I object to projects which require taxpayers to subsidise directly, or indirectly by distorted power prices. I also object to projects which increase the unreliability of power supply, as wind has done in South Australia. There is also the issues of bird strikes and the massive resources required (including energy) to produce a relatively small amount of energy.	3.2
10	I oppose the project; there should be no extension of time.	3.1
11	I oppose the project; there should be no extension of time.	3.1
12	I object to the fundametally open ended idea of significant extensions - implying that a community is held at risk until such time as a business feels like pursuing the opportunity. It also risks confusion over appropriate standards as they change over time - see Wind farm guidelines changes proposed fro an example.	3.1
13	I object to any extension of time for this wind farm. More detailed grounds will be provided to a PAC hearing.	3.1
14	An organisation is granted five years to commence a project that they refer to as delivering 'renewable energy and economic benefits' yet they are unable to make any progress during this period. I object to the idea that a Company which is unable to make any progress towards completion of an approved project is granted an extension of five years on the grounds that this time they may be able to make some progress. If they don;t make any progress this time will they simply ask for another extension? People are impacted by these developments yet the companies involved show no respect and simply generate uncertainty. More detailed grounds for objection will be provided to a PAC hearing.	3.1
15	I object to Infigen receiving an extension to this approval. Infigen have made no progress on its original approval. The time since the original approval has been one of increased assessment of this form of energy production and the possible dangers it possess. A cancelling of the permit to proceed with the project should be withdrawn until all concerns about this form of energy production have been thoroughly assessed. These concerns include environmental concerns, possible damage to significant or non significant ecosystems and the danger this form of energy production is reported to have on Human Health of those living near such projects. A further consideration to not extend the permit is the increasing concern about the danger to energy prices posed by internment uncontrollable energy sources.	3.3
16	I object to any extension of time for this wind farm. More detailed grounds will be provided to a PAC hearing.	3.1
17	I object to any extension of time for this wind farm. More detailed grounds will be provided to a PAC hearing	3.1
18	I object to this proposal being granted an extension. Wind power is not green, clean or cheap.....one only needs to look at the subsidies paid to the wind company through the RECs.	3.2

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19	I do not agree with any extension beyond the original 5 years granted to capital 2. The area has changed since the approval was granted and I do not believe the development would now be appropriate in the location originally approved. State and local government can't have it both ways - you can't continue to approve dwellings and subdivisions in the area and at the same time approve major industrial complexes, the two just aren't compatible. If it was built within the approved time then the area may have been able to adjust and modify perp sonar developments accordingly but while the development of capital 2 appears to be a pipe dream the town and surrounding area has moved on. The development is clearly not viable or else it would have been built already, what is viable is building the vibrant and town of tarago without this development hanging over our heads for another 5 years.	3.1
20	I am objecting in the strongest possible terms to ANY extension of time for the development of Capital 2 wind industrial site near Lake George . The lake has suffered significant diminution to its 1919 heritage declared value already with the existing hideous monstrosities and to install another 41 turbines soldier like at the foreshore would be another vile act of environmental bastardry. Why have time rules re development applications if they can be arbitrarily broken in favour of the developer and against the wishes of the community. The only reason they have not commenced earlier is due to banks being averse to risky loans. With governments becoming more aware (and must eventually revoke the LMRET altogether) as to the poor emission reductions capabilities of these turbines and the resultant cost to the electricity consumer and taxpayer borrowing has become more difficult due to the risk for lenders.	3.2, 3.3
21	I am opposed to any extension of time for the construction of the Capital 2 wind farm. Additional wind farms should not be built so close to residential and rural residential areas. Infigen presented only one side of the economic argument, ignoring the economic impacts of Capital 2; devalued properties, the property development losses that uncertainty causes and not the least, continually rising electricity prices.	3.4
22	I object to any extension of time for this wind farm. More detailed grounds will be provided to a PAC hearing.	3.1
23	I object to any extension of time for the construction of this wind farm. The Development Application was approved years ago and the developer should proceed forthwith or have the DA lapse. More detailed grounds will be provided at a PAC hearing.	3.1
24	I strongly support the application. Infigen is a good addition to the businesses in the Bungendore/Tarago area. Its plans to increase its investment in renewable energy in our area are commendable. I trust that, given a five year extension, during that time our governments will have adopted rational policies for the phasing out of fossil fuel power generation and proper support for the renewables industry, including the Capital 2 Wind Farm.	Support
25	Please consider the below points. 1. If a family submits a DA to their local council, I understand they have a 2 year window to build or resubmit + pay submission costs again. Will they be paying again as the rest of must ? Are they affecting huge amounts of families because of such a resubmit ? I think not. 2. I feel for all those families who are hoping the venture does not go ahead as (if this is approved) they will have to go through another stressful 5 years of waiting to see it comes to fruition. When does it end ? 3. Why give them more time ? waiting on improved technology is not an excuse to prolong this! If they can't find the funds to build then to bad, they had their chance. Give the families a break. These wind farms should not put communities on edge indefinitely. . Kind Regards Duncan	3.1, 3.2
26	I object to any extension of time on this Wind Farm.	3.1

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27	I object to the modification 4 application. Further details attached.	3.1
28	I am a passionate environmentalist, having been during 1977-89 Branch Head or a senior officer in every Branch (Air, water, Noise, Wastes, Motor Vehicles) of what is now called the EPA. Inter alia it was I, as Chairman of the Intergovernmental committee, who chose 91 octane for the new unleaded petrol. I oppose these Wind Turbines on grounds of (a) financial stupidity, (b) energy stupidity, (c) adverse effects on the environment, and (d) adverse effects on people. I dont agree with all that Prof Ian Plimer has said, but I do heartily agree with his analysis on pages 101 to 105 of his book "Not for Greens" where he calculates that it will take over 20 years for a Wind Turbine to pay back the energy content used to make the steel, concrete etc used in building the thing. Of course by the time you get to 20 years of life, corrosion of steel and concrete will have occurred and expensive maintenance will be required. In other words it is not in the national interest to waste money on Wind Turbines that require money subsidies and may never ever pay back the energy used to manufacture them.	3.2
29	I object to the granting of a 5 year extension to this proposal. The proponent is afforded unlimited attempts to get the proposal "right" and the community gets 6 weeks to review and rebut. This proposal claims that "new technology emerging" is a valid reason for delay. If there is new technology "emerging" then the proposal needs to re-commence from scratch as all previous data pertaining to the proposal is now irrelevant (size, placement, environmental issues, VI, noise, avian/bat protection, build infrastructure issues and so on). none of the original information in the original proposal is valid. more detailed submission to be provided to the PAC.	3.2, 3.3
30	I object to the extension of time for this proposal. Detailed submission to be provided to the PAC	3.1
31	This modification to the Capital 2 wind farm should be rejected because <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Infigen has been unable to attract investors and there is no indication that this will change in either the short term or long term future.</li> <li>- NSW has a number of approved but yet to be developed wind farms.</li> <li>- Change has not been addressed; community attitudes, noise and health and the importance of the landscape including Lake George.</li> </ul>	3.3
32	I object to an extension of time for approval for this wind farm,more details will be provided to a PAC meeting	3.1
33	I object to any extension of time for this wind farm. More detailed grounds will be provided to a PAC hearing.	3.1
34	I object to an extension of time for this wind farm. More detailed information will be documented at a PAC hearing.	3.1
35	I object to an extension of time for this wind farm. More detailed grounds will be provided to a Planning Assessment Commission hearing.	3.1
36	I object to an extension of time for this wind farm. More detailed grounds will be provided to a PAC hearing. The wind turbines need to be painted bright colors so that birds and bats don't fly into them. I also object about the noise and the effects of the noise on the mental health of people living within proximity of the wind turbines. Solar farms are the only safe sustainable alternative energy source.	3.3
37	I object to any time extension for this wind farm.	3.1
38	I object to any extension of time for this wind farm. More details will be provided to a PAC hearing	3.1
39	I object to any extension of time for this wind farm. More detailed information will be provided to a PAC hearing	3.1
40	I oppose this project. There should be no extension of time. Five years is enough.	3.1

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41	<p>We oppose the modification to the Capital 2 Wind Farm because this is not just an administrative amendment to extend the lapsing date of the original project approval it has far greater consequences.</p> <p>It would be wrong for this project to be granted an extension now while the Government is reviewing its wind farm guidelines. This modification request if approved would also set a precedent for other wind farms.</p> <p>In Infigen's request for an extension to the lapse date, they indicate that Capital 2 Wind Farm is located approximately 17 kilometres NE of Bungendore township, where in fact the position of the turbines are somewhat closer than that and this inadequacy needs to be rectified.</p> <p>Within the request conclusion, Infigen seeks approval of a five year extension due to time needed "to review the approval Capital 2 Wind Farm in line with changing turbine technology and market circumstances". This modification needs to be rejected and a new development application be requested by the development, as the original approval as they stated above is out of date.</p> <p>The Department needs to request this modification be sent to a PAC so that it can be dealt with properly and in the best interests of the community.</p>	3.1, 3.5
42	Submission attached.	3.3
43	<p>I object to the proposed modification to extend the consent time allowed for Capital 2 wind farm to be built.</p> <p>This modification proposal needs to be sent to a PAC (Project Assessment Committee) and should not be rubber stamped by the Department of Planning because it will set a precedent for other wind farms which have failed to comply with their construction approval.</p> <p>The community surrounding the Capital 2 wind farm project have been on hold for five years and to allow an extension to this would be irresponsible. Much has changed in the five year period. Research into health effects from wind farms has increased and show negative effects on people living close to wind farms.</p> <p>Also there is increased knowledge of wildlife and endangered species in the immediate area which research was not available five years ago. Hence, a new development application is needed to address these issues as the original project EIS (environment impact statement) information is no longer valid nor up to date.</p>	3.3, 3.4
44	<p>I oppose any amount of extension time to the construction of the Capital 2 Wind Farm. A five year term is a substantial amount of time to gain approval for such a project and asking for an extension demonstrates a lack of planning and project management.</p> <p>Regardless of the reasons Infigen provide to justify their extension; trying to integrate new technology in the turbines or preparing to better meet dynamic market requirements, a five year extension is ridiculous. The local community near the proposed site have been left in a state of limbo imposed by the uncertainty surrounding the project.</p> <p>A new DA should be submitted as numerous qualities of the proposal have been reviewed and modifications implemented. A Project Assessment Committee should be assembled to review such a drawn out and incomplete project proposal. Granting another five years for the continuation of rushed modifications to keep the project alive would be irresponsible.</p>	3.1, 3.5

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45	<p>I object to Infigen's request for a modification for a number of reasons. I live at Mt Fairy near the project site for the proposed Jupiter wind farm. If Infigen's request is agreed by the NSW Planning Department and the PAC, it will set a precedent that may be used for the Jupiter wind farm or any other wind farm in the future.</p> <p>Infigen has had 5 years to commence the project. During this period, those community members who will be directly affected by this development have suffered mentally and financially. With the prospect of a wind farm being in an area, the number of potential property buyers shrinks, and in many cases so does the value of properties in the area. Prior to Infigen's current modification request being lodged, affected property owners would have had some hope that their anguish would end in November 2016. They should not be subjected to a further 5 years of this uncertainty.</p> <p>The area around Bungendore, Lake George and Taylors Creek should not be subjected to any further destruction of its visual amenity. Just because Capital 2 would be in close proximity to existing Capital and Woodlawn Wind Farms, this does not mean that Capital 2 would not cause further destruction to the area's visual amenity. Enough is enough!</p> <p>The Draft South East Tablelands Regional Plan had as Goal 1 "Sustainably manage growth opportunities arising from the ACT". It stated that "Areas within commuting distance to the ACT provide a wide range of housing opportunities....." The NSW Government has wasted, and is continuing to waste, opportunities to develop housing and related infrastructure and services in the Bungendore and surrounding area by approving wind farms so close to rural communities and the ACT.</p> <p>In their modification application, Infigen claims that Capital 2 "would deliver the equivalent of up to 120 full time jobs during construction and up to 6 full time ongoing local based jobs during operation". How many of the equivalent of 120 full-time jobs will be performed by people who are affected by Capital 2? Probably nil or close to it. In the July 2016 Tarago Times, Infigen proudly claimed that their team "is made up of 58 employees - three are placed at the wind farms in NSW, WA and SA, and the rest in the head office in Sydney". Is it fair to say that there will be "up to 6 full time ongoing local based jobs during operation" of Capital 2, when in reality there will only be one, as at present?</p>	3.5
46	<p>To NSW Department of Planning</p> <p>I believe that the application, by Capital 2 wind farm, to have an extension of its approval period should be rejected.</p> <p>If the proponent has failed to finance and build the project within the original time frame then they should lose their right to proceed with their project. If the wind farm is not constructed in the time frame promised then it is not viable. Developers should not be able to reserve approval for later, just in case it proves profitable for them at some stage.</p> <p>The principle behind approval for wind farm development should be that proponents are required to "use it or lose it". they should not be allowed to "sit on it and see what happens"</p> <p>The current situation seems to be a system where proponents are able to gain endless extensions to their approvals without having started construction or made any real investment in the project, mean while the locals are subjected to endless uncertainty.</p> <p>By granting a time extension local community and residents would be condemned to a further 5 years of uncertainty, wondering if the project will proceed or not.</p> <p>I will provide further detail of my objection to this application at any subsequent PAC hearing.</p> <p>Greg Faulkner Boro, NSW</p>	3.1
47	I object to the proposal to extend the consent time allowed for Capital 2 wind farm to be built. A .pdf document supporting my objection is attached.	3.1



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48	<p>I am opposed to any extension of time for the construction of the Capital 2 wind farm because NSW has ample approved but yet to be developed wind farms and I strongly believe wind farms should not be built anywhere near residential and rural areas.</p> <p>I live near the proposed Silverton Wind Farm, which has been a thorn in the side of our community for 9 years. We have had to deal with the distress inflicted upon us by AGL through its' own interpretation of the truth and the distress it has caused our community through applications for extensions and then modifications to the proposal. I would not wish this kind of torture on any community and am completely against the Capital 2 and all other wind farms.</p>	3.1
49	<p>I absolutely object to any extension of time for this wind farm.</p> <p>Local residents have already suffered enough uncertainty at the hands of unscrupulous wind farm developers.</p> <p>I will provide more detail of my objection at any subsequent PAC hearing on the matter.</p> <p>Jane Penny Boro NSW</p>	3.1
50	<p>This modification to the Capital 2 wind farm should be rejected because change has not been addressed, community attitudes, noise &amp; health and the importance of the landscape including Lake George.</p>	3.3
51	<p>I object to any extension of time for this wind farm. More detailed grounds will be provided to a PAC hearing. Submission attached.</p>	3.1
52	<p>This project has, despite plenty of time, failed to demonstrate commercial viability. Its past forecasts were wrong and its current self-serving ones have no substance. It was approved when research on wind farm Visual Impact (VI) was limited and, apparently, unknown to the Department. Published wind farm VI research is now much more extensive. Based on that research a comprehensive assessment of the original proposal would reject it - and even more the wind farm the company is trying to surreptitiously get approved via an ongoing series of modifications. For these reasons, the lapse of approval needs to stand. In addition, the Department has compromised itself in the way it has dealt with the modification requirement and the matter must go to the PAC to determine. More details attached.</p>	3.3
53	<p>The approval of the Capital 2 Wind Farm project should be allowed to lapse because the information used in the Environmental Impact Statement is out of date and a new development application should be sort.</p> <p>Within the five year period that Infigen has had to start construction, much has changed i.e. community attitudes, noise and health and the importance of the landscape including Lake George, which is now full of wildlife due to the recent amount of water that has been caught.</p> <p>Infigen needs to submit a new development application and not be granted an extension of time as this will set a precedent to other Wind Farms that have failed to comply with their approval consents.</p> <p>There are more than enough approved Wind Farms within NSW and to just rubber stamp this modification would be wrong.</p> <p>This modification request needs to be sent to a PAC (Project Assessment Committee) so that it can be dealt with adequately.</p>	3.3
54	<p>I am OPPOSED to any extension of time for the construction of the Capital 2 wind farm because Infigen has not addressed the visual impacts of a wind farm on the landscape built on the shores of a full Lake George.</p>	3.3
55	<p>I appose this project as the developer has had ample time, its clearly unviable and should be abandoned.</p> <p>I also appose this as the issue of electricity security needs to be considered, wind farms are intermittent supply and do nothing to help</p>	3.1, 3.2

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56	I object to any extension of time for this wind farm. Since the original application, the lake is now teeming with bird life as the lake is nearly full for the first time since 1990. There have also been rare bats located and documented in the area since the original submission. A full and independent wildlife investigation should be conducted by a university over a twelve month period (ie not by a company employed by the wind farm). This study needs to be undertaken on existing wildlife to ensure wind turbines located so close to the lake don't decimate populations of wild life in addition to the rare species already listed in the area. Also, granting an extension via a modification may set a dangerous precedent for other businesses to follow suit. The legal ramifications as such should be considered prior to your making a determination. In summary, if the wind farm wishes to proceed with Capital 2, then they should be made to submit a new application which incorporates current information.	3.3
57	I object to any extension of time being given to the building of this wind farm. If an extension is given every time a project is varied then the original five years can extend forever with very little input or justification from the proposer. Improvements in technology should not be allowed to justify another 5 year extension. With wind turbines it is likely that technology will continue to be improved until a more sensible alternative method of producing renewable energy is developed. We should not allow the original approval to extend beyond its original 5 year period. More detailed grounds will be provided to a PAC hearing if required.	3.1
58	I am opposed to any extension of time for the construction of the Capital 2 wind farm. Since it could not be built within 5 years of approval, it is clearly not an economic proposition and the Government was misled about its prospects at the time of approval. Consent time limits on any major project need to be adhered to and not changed because someone made a bad commercial decision.	3.1
59	<p>I object to an extension of time for this project.</p> <p>Five years was ample time for Infigen to commence this windfarm especially given that their other windfarm has been operational for several years now, presumably providing profit and support to expand.</p> <p>The excuse that technology changes prevented the construction in this 5 year period is highly questionable - there are technology changes all the time, it's not going to stop. So will infigen be in the same position in another 5 years and again seek an "extension" because technology still doesn't suit them then?</p> <p>Infigen has a demonstrated propensity to sit on its proverbial hands - take their non existant solar farm in the same area as an example - will infigen be asking for an extension on this too?</p> <p>Additionally the lease area for Infigens solar farm bordering Tarago Road has been irresponsibly left to grow thousands of Noxious weed (serrated tussock) which will soon seed and infect neighbouring farms.</p> <p>Land management aside, in the intervening 5 years many things beside technology have changed. For example Lake George is now well on its way to being full again - an event which attracts large numbers of migratory birds and other wildlife. Given that this project puts turbines close to the edge of lake George and given a previous modification approval with potentially bigger blade area, what effect will increased numbers of wind turbine have on the increased numbers of wildlife.</p> <p>Infigen appear to be corporate fence sitters, waiting for grants and government support to progress projects that they cant fund themselves. Thats fine if that's how they want to work but what if the situation remains unchanged for the next five years, do Infigen simply get another extension? How many extension will this then run to -3? 4? 10?</p> <p>There is no good reason for Infigen to be granted an extension, if they seriously want to build (and that's not obvious from their submission) then Infigen should go through the full process again and address properly the current considerations rather than relying on historic and potentially outdated requirements and considerations.</p>	3.3
60	The approval for the Capital 2 wind farm should be allowed to lapse because the Queanbeyan/Palerang LGA has contributed its fair share of wind renewables.	3.1

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61	Please see the attached submission	3.3, 3.4, 3.5
62	I object to the extension of time for this wind farm. I have attached a submission	3.4
63	<p>The approval for the Capital 2 wind farm should be allowed to lapse because</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Infigen has shown an inability to attract investors and there is no indication that this will change.</li> <li>- NSW has ample approved but yet to be developed wind farms</li> <li>- change has not been addressed; community attitudes, noise and health and the importance of the landscape including Lake George.</li> <li>- the Queanbeyan/Palerang LGA has contributed its fair share of wind renewables.</li> <li>- wind farms should not be built so close to a capital city.</li> <li>- wind farms should not be built so close to residential and rural residential areas</li> <li>- the community is not being given the time to review the deficiencies of the original Environmental Impact Statement</li> <li>- the wider community has not been advised of this far reaching modification</li> <li>- Infigen has not addressed the visual impacts of a wind farm on the landscape built on the shores of a full lake George</li> <li>- Infigen has not addressed the avi-fauna issues of a full Lake George</li> <li>- we have no confidence that a "\$2" company called Capital Wind Farm 2 Pty Ltd (the proponent) will be adequately funded to carry out its decommissioning responsibilities</li> <li>- Infigen has submitted three pages of deception and worse. For example, the Capital 2 wind farm is not "approximately 17 km from the Bungendore township". More likely half of that to the town icon, the bakery and even less to the edge of the built up area.</li> <li>- the Department has abrogated its responsibilities by releasing a case for an extension that is clearly not ready for community review</li> <li>- the community has already suffered from five years of stifled investment. Bungendore and surrounds, as a dormitory suburb of the ACT, should be booming.</li> <li>- Infigen presented only one side of the economic argument, ignoring the economic impacts of Capital 2; devalued properties, the property development losses that uncertainty causes and not the least, continually rising electricity prices.</li> </ul>	3.3, 3.5
64	I am opposed to an extension of time for the approval of the Capital Wind Farm 2. The approval should be allowed to lapse due to the fact that Infigen has presented only one side of the economic argument. They have ignored the economic impact to local property owners and our devalued properties as well as the visual impact with wind towers on our door steps.	3.4

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65	<p>I object very strongly to this proposed wind farm, and object to any extension of time for the lapsing date. This project needs to be stopped now, and to subject a very large number of residents to another five years of having their properties and their lives and their families' lives effectively burdened while EPYC continues to try to find a way to make a seriously flawed proposal work is unacceptable and cruel.</p> <p>Seven of the proposed towers (all right on the eastern boundary of our western neighbour's much larger property) are less than or little more than one kilometre from my house; the neighbour's main house is down and away from the proposed sites. They were displayed in a photo that was taken from the EPYC website before they took it down; it was described as "a typical wind farm view".</p> <p>The human residents are not the only ones to suffer such blight and concern from the proposal. The wildlife refuge corridor which runs all the way from the Tarago end of the impacted area all the way to the coast will be so severely interrupted in many locations by the proposal that it will be effectively destroyed.</p> <p>This project should be stopped now. It should not be granted another five years for the developers to wear down residents so that they don't care or can't care.</p> <p>Again, I object to the proposal, and to any extension of time to the lapsing</p>	3.4
66	<p>I object to any extension of time for this wind farm. Infigen presented only one side of the economic argument, ignoring the economic impacts of Capital 2; devalued properties, the property development losses that uncertainty causes and not the least, continually rising electricity prices.</p>	3.4
67	<p>I am attaching an objection to Modification 4 to Capital 2. regards Jane Keany</p>	3.4, 3.5
68	<p>I don't believe they don't deserve another 5yrs. This isn't fair on the people in the area and definitely not worth the stress on these people who are currently already opposed to the wind farms.</p> <p>This project already had 5 years to submit everything and put things in place. I find it very insulting to grant another 5 years. As like any other project that has a time line. Once you reach the point of not be able to deliver, you shouldn't get another chance to prove you cannot handle time management.</p> <p>This isn't about the out come of them being able to have more time, it's about the continuance of negative impact it's having on those surrounding the areas of this project.</p> <p>Stop looking after those who destroy the greatness of communities. Start looking after those who are looking after you!!!!!!!!!!!!!!</p>	3.1

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69	<p>Dear Sir,  I oppose the project, there should be no extension of time and further turbines should not go ahead until the recommendations of the Senate Inquiries into wind farms have been implemented.  I object from personal experience having lived near the CBWP for 8 years. The problems of noise, vibration and sensations caused by the wind farm have never been resolved despite a co-operative acoustic study being undertaken in my home by the generator, an independent expert acoustician, Steven Cooper. This study confirms problems do exist and that further investigation is required. I have closed the door on our mortgaged home and farm and now live elsewhere until a resolution is found.  I see no reason to continue building more turbines until the proper research into the health, social and economic impacts are heeded. South Australia is a prime example of the ineffectiveness of renewables as an energy source. The intermittency and expense of this system along with ruining local environments makes it unacceptable.  I am willing to provide further details if needed in support of my views above.  Yours Sincerely,  Melissa Ware</p>	3.3
70	Please see attached submission	3.2, 3.3, 3.5
71	<p>I object to the extension. Further details to be supplied to the PAC meeting however, my family have waited in turmoil since moving here and finding out about this windfarm proposal three years ago. We would never have bought knowing our next door neighbour planned to host 15 turbines.  Investing in our property has been placed on hold until we know either way what is happening. It has impacted us financially and emotionally. As direct neighbours to a host we deserve to know an answer. We have waited three years. We do not wish to wait another five so we can begin to plan or replan our lives.</p>	3.4
72	I object to an extension of time for this wind farm. Infigen has shown an inability to attract investors and there is no indication that this will change.	3.1
73	<p>I object to any extension of time for this wind farm. New information on the Bent-wing bat's presence in the affected area raises questions about the thoroughness of the original EIS for this project. The environmental impact study may well be out of date and not incorporate the latest findings.  More detailed grounds will be provided to a PAC hearing</p>	3.3
74	<p>My family has 6 members and we are against the placement of a turbine farm within such a close vicinity to our property. We only recently purchased this property for the seclusion and the peacefulness and the views. All of which will be disrupted greatly if the turbines go in. The traffic will increase, the quality of the roads will decrease and need constant work/maintenance, the sound during construction and post construction will increase and our views will be damaged. I find it very difficult to understand why such a densely populated area was the choice location for new turbines going in?  We had some representatives from the turbine company visit us - once. They could not answer all of our questions and they said they would be in touch via email to give us the answers and send us information that we requested, which several months later we have not received or even heard back from them.  We also have vulnerable wildlife on our property that would likely be impacted should the turbines be installed. These include gang gang birds, frogs and bats.  We are against the turbine farm going in. For the reasons stated plus a multitude more.</p>	3.3

Submission Number	Submission Comments	Proponent Response is addressed in Section
75	Objection attached below.	3.2
76	<p>I am opposed to any extension of time for the construction of the Capital 2 wind farm because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Infigen has shown an inability to attract investors and there is no indication that this will change.</li> <li>* NSW has ample approved but yet to be developed wind farms</li> <li>* change has not been addressed; community attitudes, noise and health and the importance of the landscape including Lake George.</li> <li>* the Queanbeyan/Palerang LGA has contributed its fair share of wind renewables.</li> <li>* wind farms should not be built so close to a capital city.</li> <li>* wind farms should not be built so close to residential and rural residential areas</li> <li>* the community is not being given the time to review the deficiencies of the original Environmental Impact Statement</li> <li>* the wider community has not been advised of this far reaching modification</li> <li>* Infigen has not addressed the visual impacts of a wind farm on the landscape built on the shores of a full lake George</li> <li>* Infigen has not addressed the avi-fauna issues of a full Lake George</li> <li>* we have no confidence that a "\$2" company called Capital Wind Farm 2 Pty Ltd (the proponent) will be adequately funded to carry out its decommissioning responsibilities</li> <li>* Infigen has submitted three pages of deception and worse. For example, the Capital 2 wind farm is not "approximately 17 km from the Bungendore township". More likely half of that to the town icon, the bakery and even less to the edge of the built up area.</li> <li>* the Department has abrogated its responsibilities by releasing a case for an extension that is clearly not ready for community review</li> <li>* the community has already suffered from five years of stifled investment. Bungendore and surrounds, as a dormitory suburb of the ACT, should be booming.</li> <li>* Infigen presented only one side of the economic argument, ignoring the economic impacts of Capital 2; devalued properties, the property development losses that uncertainty causes and not the least, continually rising electricity prices.</li> </ul>	3.5
77	Capital 2 Wind Farm Modification 4_ extension of lapse of approval. The Infigen Group's 16 September 2016 request for an extension to the Capital 2 Wind Farm lapse date (1 November 2016) by another 5 years cannot be sustained based on the reasons put forth by Infigen to justify the modification. I object to any extension to the lapsing date for the Capital 2 Wind Farm. Detailed reasons will be provided to a PAC hearing.	3.1
78	I object to any extension of time for this wind farm. More detailed grounds will be provided to a PAC hearing.	3.1
79	I object to any extension of time for the Capital 2 wind farm. Five years is long enough - do not allow this company to hold the community to ransom for another 5 years or longer.	3.1
80	I believe the developers have had sufficient time to organsie the proposed delepment. Allowing a further five years will set a precedent that wind farm developments be allowed unfairly expanded time frames that does not meet the original application on which the first approval was made. I strongly object to the department approving this modification.	3.1
81	I object to any extension of time for this wind farm. Wind farms should not be built so close to residential and rural residential areas.	3.1



Submission Number	Submission Comments	Proponent Response is addressed in Section
82	<p>An application by Infigen energy for Capital windfarm II lapses on 1 November 2016. I understand Infigen has now lodged a "modification" request for a 5 year extension of time.</p> <p>I strongly oppose any approval to extend the application process for Infigen, alternatively the issue should be returned to the PAC for determination immediately.</p> <p>Bungendore, Tarago and surrounding areas are prime agricultural districts that need to be protected for primary food production.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. There is no effective fire control plan when wind turbines catch fire.</li> <li>2. Roads and infrastructure to support turbines are dotted across the landscape which add to the infestation of weeds into agricultural communities.</li> <li>3. There is a visual impact .</li> <li>4. Noise impact to local residents.</li> <li>5. Flicker from trubines impact on local residents.</li> <li>6. The effects of Infra sound has not been determined as safe for humans.</li> </ol> <p>Please accept my objection to the extension sought by Infigen in the strongest possible terms. This issue needs to go the PAC committee.</p>	3.3
83	<p>Dear Sir/Ms,</p> <p>The approval for the Capital 2 wind farm should be allowed to lapse because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- it has been independently established by a registered valuer (Geoff McInerney) commissioned by Palerang Council, that this proposed development, if it proceeded, will, lower the value of adjacent real estate properties by a minimum of 20%. This has been ignored by the proponent and further demonstrates the unsuitability of this proposed development.</li> <li>- Infigen has shown an inability to attract investors and there is no indication that this will change.</li> <li>- on current projections by independent Government authorities, including the Federal Wind Farm Commissioner Andrew Dyer, NSW has 75% more approved wind farms than will be developed. This is mainly due to Federal Government RET limits and energy security policies combined with changing economic circumstances through the greatly improved - and now superior economic performance to wind - of other renewable energy alternatives (especially solar energy). Maintaining the currency of this obsolete development approval is thus wasting NSW taxpayers funds - the Department of planning should instead be investing in more viable renewable energy projects.</li> <li>- the ecological impact of the development on the landscape including Lake George under changing conditions associated with high rainfall years has not been adequately addressed.</li> </ul>	3.2
84	<p>I would like to register my objection to the extension applied for by Infigen for the proposed Capital 2 wind farm. Infigen has shown little regard for the local community and the issues raised by a vast majority of residence within the project and surrounding areas. Visual, health and noise issues have not been adequately addressed and an extension of a further 5 years only aggravates the uncertainties for local land owners who have seen substantial property devaluations. I believe if Infigen can not complete its project within the allotted time frame then Infigen must apply for a new development application or have the development completely rejected.</p>	3.5
85	<p>I object to any extension of time for this wind farm. More detailed grounds will be provided to a PAC hearing.</p>	3.1
86	<p>I object to an extension of time being granted for this wind farm.</p>	3.1
87	<p>Attached objection to Capital 2 Wind Farm - Modification 4. Submissions attached.</p>	3.2, 3.3, 3.5

# APPENDIX C - CCC MEETING MINUTES 29/09/2016

## CAPITAL COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

### Quarterly Review of Sponsorships (Q2 FY17)

Thursday September 29 2016

#### MINUTES FOR THE FIRST QUARTER SPONSORSHIP APPLICATION REVIEW

<b>Location:</b> Woodworks Café Bungendore		<b>Invitees:</b> - Jane Osborne (JO) - Judy Alcock (JA) - Broughen Richardson (BR) - Sarah Hyles (SH) - Claudia Williams (CW)	<b>Apologies:</b> - Jane Osborne (JO) - Sarah Hyles (SH)
1.	<b>Opening / Welcome (5 min)</b>		BR
BR introduced CW as acting Site Manager CREP. Apologies noted.			
2.	<b>Review sponsorship applications (40 min)</b>		All
Six applications in total. Final voting to be advised after contacting absent members. See Page 2 Sponsorship applications (final voting via email).			
3.	<b>Update on previous projects (5 min)</b>		All
No updates to provide at this time.			
4.	<b>General Business (10)</b>		All
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CW standing in as acting Site Manager until replacement for CREP commences in October.</li> <li>- See update re Capital 2 Project emailed to all members (present and absent) 29/9/16.</li> </ul>			

#### TIMELINE AND BUDGET

Quarter	Applications due	Meeting time	Approved	Remaining of FY17 budget (\$42,000)
Q1	31 May 2015	July 2016	<b>\$9,000</b>	<b>\$33,000</b>
Q2	31 August 2016	September 2016	<b>\$11,000</b>	<b>\$22,000</b>
Q3	30 November 2016	December 2016		
Q4	28 February 2017	March 2017		
<b>Total:</b>			<b>\$20,000</b>	<b>\$22,000</b>

## 2. SPONSORSHIP APPLICATIONS (FINAL VOTING VIA EMAIL)

	Project	Amount requested	Amount Approved	Approved	Decision
1)	Bungendore Spring Ball	\$5,000	\$3,500	Yes reduced amount.	SH – Yes JO – yes JA – Yes – reduced amount CW – Yes – reduced amount
2)	The Legacy Club of Goulburn – Legacy Annual Appeal	\$2,000	\$0	Declined – too far from area and large organisation that has ability to raise funding without aid of CCC	SH – No JO – No JA – no CW - No
3)	Bywong Community Incorporated - Bywong Community Hall Playground Project	\$30,000	\$1,000	Approved for \$1,000 pending proof of other funding raised. Q's – Are they getting any other funding? Would Infigen be purchasing the wooden structure and the rest is paid for?	SH – Yes JO- No JA – Yes CW - Yes
4)	Tarago Sporting Association - Rec Area	\$3,000	\$3,000	Yes full amount	Sh – yes JO – yes JA – yes CW - yes
5)	Between the Lines - The Earth Festival	\$5,000- \$10,000	\$0	No – too far from local area and outside CCC scope	SH – unsure JO- no JA – no Cw - no
6)	Bungendore Country Music Muster	\$3,500	\$3,500	Yes – Full amount.	Sh – yes JO – unsure JA – yes Cw - yes
<b>Total Requested \$ 53,500</b>				<b>Total Approved \$ 11,000</b>	

### 3. SUMMARY OF FY17 SUCCESSFUL SPONSORSHIPS

	<b>Community Group</b>	<b>Requested</b>	<b>Approved</b>
1.	Bungendore Pony club - Cross Country Jump Course	\$6,000	\$6,000
2.	Bungendore Rodeo Association Incorporated - Rodeo Events and Barrel Racing	\$1,000	\$2,000
3.	Bungendore Spring Ball	\$5,000	\$3,500
4.	Bungendore Primary School - World Book ( Computer Program for Library)	\$0	\$1,000
5.	Bywong Community Incorporated - Bywong Community Hall Playground Project	\$30,000	\$1,000
6.	Tarago Sporting Association - Rec Area Outdoor Gym Equipment	\$3,000	\$3,000
7.	Bungendore Country Music Muster	\$3,500	\$3,500
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11.			
12.			
13.			
<b>Total Approved</b>			<b>\$20,000</b>

**RESPONSES TO APPLICANTS**

	Contact	Response
1)	<p>Bungendore Spring Ball</p> <p>Haidee Whiteley</p> <p>E: <a href="mailto:bungendorespringball@gmail.com">bungendorespringball@gmail.com</a></p> <p>Ph: 0408873733</p>	<p>Dear Haidee,</p> <p>Thank you for submitting your sponsorship application to Infigen Energy. Infigen supports various community groups that play an important role in making life better, healthier and safer for individuals and their communities.</p> <p>Your application on behalf of Bungendore Spring Ball for the amount of <b>\$5,000</b> in support of the Bungendore Spring Ball 15<sup>th</sup> Oct 2016, was recommended by the Committee for approval for the reduced amount of \$.</p> <p>Processing payment</p> <p>A purchase order will be emailed to you. In receipt of this, please email an invoice with the approved amount directly to <a href="mailto:accounts.payable@infigenenergy.com">accounts.payable@infigenenergy.com</a>. It is important that you include 'Bungendore Spring Ball 2016' on the invoice you provide. Please contact me if you have any further questions about this.</p> <p>To ensure that your organization receives payment an invoice will need to be sent through within 90 days of receipt of this email. If at the end of the 90 day period an invoice has not been received your organization will be notified that the amount allocated will be returned to the Community Fund. In this notification your organization will also be invited to reapply through the normal channels during the next financial quarter, whereby they will be considered as part of the regular quarterly review process.</p> <p>Marketing</p> <p>For advertising purposes we would request that the sponsor be referred to as Infigen Energy, and the fund as Capital Community Fund.</p> <p>We can send you different versions of the logo depending on the background or photos of wind farms. I have attached two logos to this email; the Gradient Logo is for use on a white background while the Keyline logo can be used on a coloured background.</p> <p>When mentioning Infigen's support on your organisation's social media pages Infigen can be tagged as <i>@Infigen</i>.</p> <p>Evaluation</p>

		<p>Please also note that once the project is complete, we would like you to fill in and return an Evaluation and Acquittal form for our reporting on community engagement and future references.</p> <p>Thank you again for your application and congratulations.</p> <p>Kind Regards,</p>
<p>2)</p>	<p>The Legacy Club of Goulburn – Legacy Annual Appeal</p> <p>Linda Marchet</p> <p><a href="mailto:goulburnlegacy2@bigpond.com">goulburnlegacy2@bigpond.com</a> Ph: 02 48212451</p>	<p>Dear Linda,</p> <p>Thank you for your application for funding from the Capital Community Committee.</p> <p>The committee has met to review the applications received for Q2. I am writing to advise that in this instance your application has been unsuccessful.</p> <p>The committee decided to split the funds available for Q2 between four local community organisations where the funding would have a larger impact.</p> <p>If you have any questions please do let me know.</p> <p>Thank you,</p>
<p>3)</p>	<p>Bywong Community Incorporated - Bywong Community Hall Playground Project</p> <p>Merle Ketley</p> <p><a href="mailto:blackbird@inet.net.au">blackbird@inet.net.au</a> Ph: 0262380417</p>	<p>Dear Merle,</p> <p>Thank you for submitting your sponsorship application to Infigen Energy. Infigen supports various community groups that play an important role in making life better, healthier and safer for individuals and their communities.</p> <p>The Capital Community Committee reviewed your application on behalf of Bywong Community Incorporated for the amount of <b>\$30,000</b> in support of the Bywong Community Hall Playground Project.</p> <p>The Committee has advised that they would be happy to contribute <b>\$1,000</b> to your project on the provision that the remaining funding is raised.</p> <p>The Committee have suggested that their may be Sport and Recreational funding available for this project, and that the remaining funding allocated for Q2 would have a greater impact if split between four other local applicants.</p> <p>Once you have successfully raised the amount of funding required for the project please send through the details of approval along with an invoice for the approved funding to <a href="mailto:Broughen.richardson@infigenenergy.com">Broughen.richardson@infigenenergy.com</a>. within 90 days of receipt of this email and Infigen Energy will be able to release the funds.</p> <p>If at the end of the 90 day period this has not been received your organization will be notified that the amount allocated will be returned to the Community Fund. In this</p>



		<p>notification your organization will also be invited to reapply through the normal channels during the next financial quarter, whereby they will be considered as part of the regular quarterly review process.</p> <p>If you have any questions at all please do let me know.</p> <p>Thank you again for your application and congratulations.</p> <p>Kind Regards,</p>
<p>4)</p>	<p>Tarago Sporting Association - Rec Area Outdoor Gym Equipment</p> <p>Gill Shepherd</p> <p><a href="mailto:gill.shepherd@gmail.com">gill.shepherd@gmail.com</a></p> <p>Ph: 0419639254</p>	<p>Dear Gill,</p> <p>Thank you for submitting your sponsorship application to Infigen Energy. Infigen supports various community groups that play an important role in making life better, healthier and safer for individuals and their communities.</p> <p>Your application on behalf of TSAI for the amount of <b>\$3,000</b> in support of 'Rec area outdoor gym equipment' was recommended by the Committee for approval for the full amount of <b>\$3,000</b>.</p> <p>Processing payment</p> <p>Please email an invoice with the approved amount directly to <a href="mailto:accounts.payable@infigenenergy.com">accounts.payable@infigenenergy.com</a> and CC <a href="mailto:Broughen.richardson@infigenenergy.com">Broughen.richardson@infigenenergy.com</a> It is important that you include 'TSAI –Rec Area Equipment' on the invoice you provide. Please contact me if you have any further questions about this.</p> <p>Marketing</p> <p>For advertising purposes we would request that the sponsor be referred to as Infigen Energy, and the fund as Capital Community Fund.</p> <p>We can send you different versions of the logo depending on the background or photos of wind farms. I have attached two logos to this email; the Gradient Logo is for use on a white background while the Keyline logo can be used on a coloured background.</p> <p>When mentioning Infigen's support on your organisation's social media pages Infigen can be tagged as <i>@Infigen</i>.</p> <p>Evaluation</p> <p>Please also note that once the project is complete, we would like you to fill in and return an Evaluation and Acquittal form for our reporting on community engagement and future references.</p>

		<p>Thank you again for your application and congratulations.</p> <p>Kind Regards,</p>
<p>5)</p>	<p>Between the Lines - The Earth Festival</p> <p>Joanna Chalker</p> <p><a href="mailto:jochalkergmail.com">jochalkergmail.com</a></p> <p>Ph: 042959940</p>	<p>Dear Joanna,</p> <p>Thank you for your application for funding from the Capital Community Committee.</p> <p>The committee has met to review the applications received for Q2. I am writing to advise that in this instance your application has been unsuccessful.</p> <p>The committee decided to split the funds available for Q2 between four local community organisations where the funding would have a larger impact.</p> <p>If you have any questions please do let me know.</p> <p>Thank you,</p>
<p>6)</p>	<p>Bungendore Country Music Muster</p> <p>Winston Masters</p> <p><a href="mailto:bungendorecountrymusicmuster@outlook.com">bungendorecountrymusicmuster@outlook.com</a></p> <p>Ph: 0418697028</p>	<p>Dear Winston,</p> <p>Thank you for submitting your sponsorship application to Infigen Energy. Infigen supports various community groups that play an important role in making life better, healthier and safer for individuals and their communities.</p> <p>Your application on behalf of Bungendore Country Music Muster for the amount of <b>\$3,500</b> in support of the 2017 Country Muster was recommended by the Committee for approval for the full amount of <b>\$3,500</b>.</p> <p>Processing payment</p> <p>Please email an invoice with the approved amount directly to <a href="mailto:accounts.payable@infigenenergy.com">accounts.payable@infigenenergy.com</a> and CC <a href="mailto:Broughen.richardson@infigenenergy.com">Broughen.richardson@infigenenergy.com</a> It is important that you include 'Bungendore Country Music Muster 2017' on the invoice you provide. Please contact me if you have any further questions about this.</p> <p>Marketing</p> <p>For advertising purposes we would request that the sponsor be referred to as Infigen Energy, and the fund as Capital Community Fund.</p> <p>We can send you different versions of the logo depending on the background or photos of wind farms. I have attached two logos to this email; the Gradient Logo is for use on a white background while the Keyline logo can be used on a coloured background.</p>

		<p>When mentioning Infigen's support on your organisation's social media pages Infigen can be tagged as <i>@Infigen</i>.</p> <p>We can send you some merchandise to use as give aways on the day if you would like? Please let me know the best address to send these items to.</p> <p>Evaluation</p> <p>Please also note that once the project is complete, we would like you to fill in and return an Evaluation and Acquittal form for our reporting on community engagement and future references.</p> <p>Thank you again for your application and congratulations.</p> <p>Kind Regards,</p>
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## **NEWSLETTER AND MEDIA UPDATE - DRAFT**

### **Capital Community Committee report**

#### Sponsorship

The Capital Community Committee met in Bungendore to review the quarterly sponsorship applications received by Infigen Energy.

The Committee received six applications in total and approved \$11,000 to be shared between:

- The Bungendore Spring Ball
- The Bungendore Country Music Muster
- The Bywong Community Inc –Community Playground Project
- Tarago Sporting Association – Rec Outdoor Gym Equipment Project

The next quarterly review will take place in December 2016. If you wish to submit your application, please fill in the forms available at <http://infigenenergy.info/sponsorships/> by 30 November 2016.

#### Community Update

Update provided to Capital Community Committee members via email; Capital 2 project. See page 10 : Email: Capital 2 Project.

If you wish to become a member of the Committee, please express your interest by emailing at [wind@infigenenergy.com](mailto:wind@infigenenergy.com).



**EMAIL: CAPITAL 2 PROJECT**

**From:** Claudia Williams  
**Sent:** Thursday, 29 September 2016 12:55 PM  
**To:** Broughen Richardson <[Broughen.Richardson@infigenenergy.com](mailto:Broughen.Richardson@infigenenergy.com)>; Jane Osborne <[lakelands1@icloud.com](mailto:lakelands1@icloud.com)>; Sarah Hyles ([sarobhyles@hotmail.com](mailto:sarobhyles@hotmail.com)) <[sarobhyles@hotmail.com](mailto:sarobhyles@hotmail.com)>; Judy Alcock <[judy@taragorealestate.com](mailto:judy@taragorealestate.com)>  
**Cc:** Andrea Jou <[Andrea.Jou@infigenenergy.com](mailto:Andrea.Jou@infigenenergy.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: Capital Community Committee Meeting

Hi all,

It was lovely meeting you today Judy.

I just wanted to add a side note to the meeting, and since Sarah and Jane you weren't able to make it, I thought I'd just email it around.

The Capital 2 project has recently submitted a modification to the Department of Planning requesting an extension of the project's approval. This is purely an administration modification as the original project approval expires on the 1<sup>st</sup> of November 2016. This request will extend project approval by another 5 years. The application is publically exhibited from the 23<sup>rd</sup> September until the 10<sup>th</sup> of October. It is on the Department's website as well as their information centres in Sydney, the Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council's offices in Bungendore and Queanbeyan and the Nature Conservation Council.

Submissions are welcome and can be made to the Department of Planning and Environment.

Kind regards  
Claudia



**Please note my mobile number has changed.**

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## APPENDIX D - LETTERS OF SUPPORT

**Andrea Jou**

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**From:** John Reardon <lakoona@activ8.net.au>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 25 October 2016 8:26 AM  
**To:** Andrea Jou  
**Subject:** Capital 2 Wind Farm MOD 4

Dear Andrea

We strongly support the 5 year extension of the Capital 2 Wind Farm MOD 4. We live to the north of the existing Capital Wind Farm and have no objections to wind farms. We have lived on this property for over 50 years. Two of our neighbours host turbines.

They cause no disturbance to our farming activities, and neither of us have any health effects from living so close to the turbines.

Infigen have contributed generously to our local Taylors Creek Fire Brigade and also funded through Palerang Council the upgrading of several kilometres of our local road from dirt to bitumen.

Infigen have a Capital Community Committee which has contributed generously to local projects in both the Bungendore and Tarago regions.

A Wind Farm creates jobs in the area, particularly during the construction period, and then continuing employment for maintenance and running of the turbines.

Your faithfully,

John and Jean Reardon

146 Western Leg Rd  
Tarago  
T 0248446222

# ARO Australia Pty Ltd

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BATHURST NSW 2795  
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24<sup>th</sup> October 2016

Department of Environment and Industry

To whom it may concern:

ARO Australia owns the property Kullingrah at Tarago.

We are aware that recently there have been negative submissions to the Capital Wind farm 2 project proposal.

We are of the opposing view as we believe we cannot continue to pump many tonnes of Co2 into the atmosphere causing irreversible damage to the climate.

We understand that Capital Wind farm 2, if commenced, will save approximately 400,000 tonnes of Co2 being put into the atmosphere.

We believe that the short sightedness of the objectors to the project is both shellfish and one day their views will have a profound negative impact on future generations - i.e. their children and grandchildren- which nobody wants!

In addition to this there are many benefits with the project proceeding - being employment of up to 120 full time staff and the significant financial input to the Bungendore and Tarago communities which otherwise would not be forthcoming.

We trust that these comments will be taken very seriously as climate change is a VERY real threat to future generations' and should not be ignored due to short-sighted negativity.

Yours sincerely



Neville V McMichael CPAg. (Director ARO Australia Pty Ltd)





## Letter in support of Capital 2 Wind Farm Modification 4 - Extension of Lapse of Approval

The Australian Wind Alliance is a community advocacy group for wind energy, comprising around 650 members who are a mix of farmers, wind workers, local businesses and environmental supporters. Around 40 Infigen employees as well as some of the landholders under Capital 1 Wind Farm are AWA members.

We would like to write in support of Infigen's application to extend the lapse date for the Capital 2 Wind Farm project. We would have submitted as part of the formal submission process but were unaware of the process at the time.

The last four years have been a time of regrettable uncertainty for wind energy in Australia with federal and state governments seeking to curtail the development of new wind farms. Onerous planning regimes at the state level and attacks on federal legislative instruments that promote wind energy, such as the Renewable Energy Target, Clean Energy Finance Corporation and Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA) introduced significant investment uncertainty and halted new projects. In this environment, dozens of viable wind projects across Australia that offer considerable greenhouse gas savings and local community benefits have been on hold awaiting the return of investment certainty. Capital 2 is just one such victim of this delay.

At the same time, advances in turbine technology have seen wind projects apply for a series of modifications to ensure that projects are able to use the most up to date machines.

Capital 2 remains a valuable project that will contribute to NSW playing its part in Australia's 33,000 GWh by 2020 Renewable Energy Target. It promises to bring considerable employment to Bungendore and surrounding towns and increase the benefits that flow to the local community through sponsorships of community groups and events, as Infigen's involvement in the area over recent years has demonstrated.

I hope the Department will approve an extension to the project of five years as requested.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew Bray".

Andrew Bray  
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