

General sentiments re wind farms/wind industry

No RET = no build

Long time frame

Good for community

Wonderful to use wind – interested in the environment

Happy it is wind and not coal seam gas

Question if some processes re legislation is fair

Actual good community consultation (within wind industry) doesn't exist – power is with the Government and company

NSW Govt (Office of Environment and Heritage) has an interest in genuine, shared benefit in the community.

I'm 'for' the wind farm. It's good to do something for the planet. We need to rise above problems.

Engagement By Ratch to date

Consultation has been ad-hoc

Would have liked to have seen co-design of the turbine map

Would like to have seen use of (IAP2) engagement spectrum (Inform, Consult, Involve, Collaborate, Empower)

Will Ratch be open about/recognize 'we got it wrong'

Should look to mining for how to engage in communities

To some, any engagement with Ratch is seen as negative

Would like to see Ratch's financial modeling

Apology (by Ratch) that expectations (of community re engagement) have not been met.

Ratch need to be more open and transparent.

Community Consultative Committee

Confused as to the direction as a forum (CCC).

Never had an agreed set of values as a CCC e.g. transparency

What are these (CCC) meetings for? What solid legal documentation will come out of it?

What has it been about so far (CCC meetings)? Is it nothing more than a tick-the-box.

Some people feel it is a waste of time (the CCC).

*Is this the cart before the horse (working on the community engagement plan)?
What do we have a forum for (CCC)? (Need to establish this first).*

Development Community Engagement Plan

Want to see the process

What is the purpose of this meeting?

*Would like to see a community site visit to turbines and tour of proposed wind farm.
Many people probably haven't seen the project*

What is the 'destination' of this journey?

*This forum (the meeting to discuss the community engagement plan) was not
advertised widely enough and members of the forum (CCC) should take responsibility
for sharing information*

Proposal for ACT? Is this an effort by Ratch to get paperwork ready for this?

Will we be used or misrepresented through this?

*Why weren't we informed about this (meeting to create an engagement plan)
earlier?*

*There was no mention of this meeting (at earlier meetings) so it looks as though this
is not transparent.*

*What community engagement activities is Ratch needing to fulfill from here?
Surprised we are doing this (having this meeting re engagement strategy).*

Re Ratch's legal requirements there are four conditions of consent. One is to 'inform the community'. Ratch's intention now is to go beyond simply informing the community.

This process was always in our (Ratch's) plans, the timing is coincidental, it would have happened regardless (of the ACT bid).

*This (group here tonight) is **not** representative of the community.
This (group here tonight) is representative of the community.
(alternate views about it)*

Lots have chosen not to, or feel unable to contribute through formal engagement activities. Want to ensure that we get everyone's contribution through this engagement plan.

Expect that we would have an agreed set of values and apply the engagement spectrum at each activity.

What is the purpose of the engagement?

What can we actually have input into that becomes legal?

A zillion decisions yet to be made (by Ratch), many very trivial. There are bigger ones too such as road routes, water use, traffic management, fire management, waste management, noise hazards, biodiversity.

Some things Ratch can't control going forward. Ratch's primary concern is now until construction.

We (the community) want a plan so that there is no surprises.

Council Concerns

Mayor attended the meeting as a representative of Council

Let's get traffic management plan agreed before construction starts.

How is a community represented in a traffic management plan? How to balance views?

Council wont compromise on road standards (they need to be up to standard from the outset).

Wind farms are not rated/zoned as industrial

Community Enhancement Fund

How will this help the community?

This is an arranged marriage. The community is not a consenting party. Where is the dowry?!

We also need to look at how \$200k is used, are there other goals we should be working towards? e.g. investing for better return versus purchasing things for community.

The CEF could become a good news story. Is the per turbine \$ model too simple? Could it be more equitable?

What will we use the money for? Can it complement the pumpkin festival?

Could CEF 'price' have been developed with community? Could landowners (with turbines) share more wealth? Could community have more involvement in the modeling?

Re CEF: Ratch management is looking at a reward without risk arrangement as per the stated preference of the CCC