

Meeting summary

Central-West Orana REZ Steering Committee

Wednesday, 20 March 2024

10am to 11:30am

Online and in person Girinyalanha room, Dubbo Regional Council, Corner Church and Darling Streets, Dubbo

Attendance

Category	Attendees
Steering committee members	<p>Local Government:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Murray Wood, Chief Executive Officer, Dubbo Regional Council (DRC) (MW) Lindsay Mason, Acting General Manager, Warrumbungle Shire Council (WSC) (LM) - delegate for Roger Bailey <p>NSW Government:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ash Albury, Executive Director, Planning & Communities, EnergyCo (AA) Clay Preshaw, Executive Director Energy & Resource Assessments, Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) (CP) – delegate for David Gainsford Harriet Whyte, Executive Director Regional Development, DRNSW (HW)
EnergyCo representatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gerard Reiter, CWO Project Director, EnergyCo (GR) Cara Inia, CWO Director REZ Coordination, EnergyCo (CI) Kristen Lucas, Project Coordinator CWO REZ Coordination, EnergyCo (KL)
Other local and NSW government representatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Melinda Sukhla, Executive Director, Delivery and Assurance, Premier's Department (MS) Lisa Grisinger, Executive Assistant, DRC (LG)
Apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brad Cam, General Manager, Mid-Western Regional Council (MWRC) (BC) Roger Bailey, General Manager, Warrumbungle Shire Council (WSC) (RB) David Gainsford, Deputy Secretary Development Assessment, Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) (DG)

Agenda items

Item	Details	Responsibility
1	Premier's Department Update on the All of Government (AoG) approach	MS
2	Actions from previous meetings	MW and AA
3	Role of AoG and CWO REZ steering committee	All
4	Other business	All

Meeting minutes

Item.	Description	Lead	Updates
1	Premier's Department update on the all of Government (AoG) approach	MS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MS presented an overview of the AoG approach including that the Electricity Infrastructure Roadmap has been identified as a NSW Government strategic priority and the Premier's Department will support the whole of government coordination to successfully implement the Roadmap. A senior officials AoG steering committee will meet monthly and as required. MS shared that the AoG steering committee has been informed by the work carried out by the CWO REZ project to date including identification of priority areas and community and stakeholder feedback, and the CWO REZ steering committee draft project action plans. MS acknowledged the value of continuing the CWO REZ steering committee to inform the work of the AoG steering committee and help to inform community benefit and cumulative impact management initiatives for the CWO REZ.
2	Actions from previous meetings	MW / AA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AA provided an update on the Community and Employment Benefit Program (CEBP) including that the first grant application round is targeted for the first half of 2024. AA shared that EnergyCo is investigating funding opportunities for priority areas including training and skills and First Nations initiatives. The steering committee discussed the future of the project working groups and draft action plans and how the groups can continue to contribute to the work and outcomes of the AoG steering committee. The committee discussed opportunities and constraints for housing and accommodation including solutions for temporary workers' accommodation (TWA), water management, and roads and transport. ACTION: DPHI to lead TWA and housing and share proposed next steps at the next steering committee meeting noting deadline of 30 June 2024 for LGA TWA requirements to be published. ACTION: EnergyCo and TfNSW to brief the steering committee on the Port to REZ program at the next meeting. ACTION: DRC to brief WSC on local road transportation.
3	Role of AoG and CWO REZ steering committee	TW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MW suggested to revisit project working groups to ensure they are aligned to the AoG steering committee and the outcomes of EnergyCo's recent consultation carried out with stakeholders and the community for the development of the CEBP. The steering committee agreed that project working groups will monitor priorities and identify key actions for escalation with the AoG committee.

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Before the next steering committee meeting, EnergyCo will develop a master delivery program in line with AoG objectives which will include timing, key milestones and responsibilities for the CWO REZ steering committee. ACTION: EnergyCo to distribute master program to the steering committee prior to the next meeting. • MW will brief project group chairs to explain next steps including identifying priority deliverables and timelines to meet the targets of the master plan. ACTION: Project group chairs to review action plans to prepare for issuing of REZ key milestones, with actions to then be reviewed and dates for delivery of actions and prioritisation of actions to align.
4	Other business	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No other business.
5	Next meeting	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 16 April at 9am. • Meeting closed 11:30am.

Next meeting

Date: 16 April 2024

Time: 9.00am – 12noon

Venue: Online and in person – location to be confirmed.