

## Meeting summary

### Central-West Orana REZ Steering Committee No. 7

Tuesday, 16 April 2024

9am to 10.20am

Microsoft Teams and in person (Meeting Room 2, Western Plains Cultural Centre, 76 Wingewarra Street, Dubbo)

#### Attendance

Name	Organisation	Position	Attendance
<b>Steering committee members: Local Government</b>			
Murray Wood	Dubbo Regional Council (DRC)	Chief Executive Officer	
Brad Cam	Mid-Western Regional Council (MWRC)	General Manager	
Roger Bailey	Warrumbungle Shire Council (WSC)	General Manager	
<b>Steering committee members: NSW Government</b>			
Ash Albury	EnergyCo	Executive Director Planning and Communities	
Gerard Reiter	EnergyCo	Project Director, CWO REZ	
David Gainsford	Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI)	Deputy Secretary Development Assessment	Apology
Clay Preshaw	Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI)	Executive Director Energy & Resource Assessments	Attending on behalf of David Gainsford
Harriet Whyte	Department of Regional NSW (DRNSW)	Executive Director, Regional Development	Apology
Gerry Collins	DRNSW	Director Orana Far West + Chair Social services	Attending on behalf of Harriet Whyte
<b>Other</b>			
Melinda Sukhla	Premier's Department	Executive Director, Delivery and Assurance	
Lisa Grisinger	DRC	Executive Assistant	
Chris Godfrey	DRC	Manager Strategy Water Supply and Sewerage	
Cara Inia	EnergyCo	Director, REZ Coordination CWO	
Kristen Lucas	EnergyCo	Project Coordinator, REZ Coordination CWO	

Will Hammond	EnergyCo	Port to REZ Lead, CWO	
Steve Griffiths	EnergyCo	Port to REZ Technical Advisor, CWO	Apology
<b>Project group chairs</b>			
Adam Clarke	EnergyCo	Manager, Planning and Policy + Chair Transport and logistics	Apology
Thomas Watt	EnergyCo	Director, Planning and Policy + Chair Economic participation and development	Apology
Alison Van der Linden	EnergyCo	Manager Program Delivery, Planning and Communities + Chair Economic participation and development	Apology
Dan Cutler	DPE	Director, Housing supply policy + Co-Chair Housing and accommodation	Apology
Garry Hopkins	DPE	Director Western + Co-Chair Housing and accommodation	Apology
Julian Geddes	MWRC	Director Operations + Chair Environmental delivery coordination	

## Agenda items

Item	Details	Responsibility
1	Update from Co-Chairs	AA
2	Master program and next steps for project groups	GR
3	TWA planning update	CP
4	Port to REZ update	WH
5	Advanced wastewater treatment for construction water	CG
6	Other business	All

# Meeting minutes

Item.	Description	Lead	Updates
1	Update from Co-Chairs	AA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AA provided an update on EnergyCo and ACERERZ's visit to councils in the Central-West Orana (CWO) REZ. ACERERZ identified key shared priorities and the need for a coordinated approach to manage cumulative impacts. ACERERZ will meet again with councils in June and continue to work collaboratively moving forward.</li> <li>EnergyCo is working closely with ACERERZ on biodiversity requirements.</li> <li>Draft guidelines for the community and employment benefit program are now in review.</li> <li>EnergyCo is resourcing additional REZ coordination roles across the REZs to lead work between EnergyCo and the WoG.</li> <li>EnergyCo has been working closely with MS and the WoG to determine governance and process of working with the CWO REZ steering committee.</li> <li>BC provided an update that the RDA Orana Golden Highway Transport Study Project report has been completed. <b>ACTION:</b> RDA Orana transport study report to be distributed to the steering committee once received.</li> </ul>
2	Master program and next steps for project groups	GR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GR shared the draft summary program for CWO REZ which includes timelines to deliver the transmission project and REZ wide projects in line with the Roadmap. The summary program was discussed between steering committee members. <b>ACTION:</b> Draft CWO REZ summary program masterplan to be distributed to the CWO steering committee (commercial in confidence).</li> </ul>
3	TWA planning update	CP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clay provided an update on TWA planning including that DPHI is producing a housing strategy which will consider housing requirements and cumulative impacts and be used to assess projects in the REZ. <b>ACTION:</b> Housing strategy (including TWA) to be finalised September/October 2024.</li> <li>The steering committee discussed further work that needs to be carried out to collect and assess data to inform DPHI's housing strategy.</li> </ul>
4	Port to REZ update	WH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WH provided an update on the Port to REZ program including the overall scope of work and key milestones. The Port to REZ project is in the detailed design phase and EnergyCo is</li> </ul>

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			evaluating EOIs to carry out the program of work. Construction is due to begin before the end of 2024.
5	Advanced wastewater treatment for construction water	CG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CG presented on the Dubbo Wastewater Treatment Plant and provided an update on advanced wastewater treatment for construction water. <b>ACTION:</b> Meeting to be arranged with OLG and Murray Wood to discuss DRC PPP application for advanced wastewater.</li> <li>BC discussed construction water management options for MWRC. <b>ACTION:</b> Follow up on construction water offer from mining companies in MWRC LGA.</li> </ul>
6	Other business	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MW provided an update on the feasibility study being carried out to develop a training facility in Dubbo including the funding pathways being considered. <b>ACTION:</b> DRC REACT timelines for feasibility study to be distributed.</li> <li>AA informed the steering committee that EnergyCo is engaging with the EPA about opportunities and constraints for waste management across the REZ. <b>ACTION:</b> DRC to discuss waste and landfill from non-CWO REZ generators with DPHI.</li> </ul>
7	Meeting close	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The next meeting is scheduled for Friday 24 May at 3.30pm.</li> <li>Meeting closed 10:20am.</li> </ul>

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## Next meeting

**Date:** Friday 24 May 2024

**Time:** 3.30pm – 4.30pm

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