COOLAH COMMUNITY CONSULTATION MEETING HELD IN THE COOLAH COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON 30 OCTOBER 2023 COMMENCING AT 5.30PM

AGENDA – Coolah Community Consultation Meeting

30 October 2023 commencing at 5:30pm

Welcome: Ambrose Doolan (Mayor)

Apologies: Lindsay Mason (Director Corporate Community Services)

Confirmation of Minutes

Business Arising from the Minutes

Agenda Items

A. Community Matters

Kathryn Reynolds

- 1. What will be the cumulative effects and loss of visual amenity in regards to Central West Orana Renewable Energy Zone (CWO REZ)?
- 2. Will Council oppose proposed increase in capacity of the CWO REZ?
- 3. Will Council support the local community seeking to stop EnergyCo's HV transmission infrastructure?
- 4. Will Council write to Ministers for Planning and Energy seeking a moratorium on the CWO REZ, including a pause in the acquisition process of easements?
- 5. Will Council object to CWO REZ Transmission project currently on exhibition with Dept. of Planning?
- 6. Will Council make a submission supporting undergrounding of power lines in the CWO REZ, in the NSW Legislative Council's Select Committee into the feasibility of undergrounding the transmission infrastructure for renewable energy projects (that closes 10 November)?
- 7. Will Council make a submission to the Minister for Planning that any decision of the CWO REZ Transmission project needs to be delayed until the undergrounding enquiry presents its findings (March 2024)?

Jo Murphy and Lee Doyle

- 8. Have the open/closed signs for the Coolah Tops National Park, to be placed on Vinegaroy Road, been approved by Council?
- 9. Tourism website upgrade.
- 10. How can Council support and protect the residents of Coolah and the district from the negative impacts of the multiple renewable developments and transmission lines?
- B. Council Updates and Information
- 1. REZ
- 2. Regional Drought Resilience Plan
- 3. Roads Restoration Program
- 4. Draft Public Gates and Cattle Grids on Public Roads Policy.
- 5. Entry to the Pools
- 6. Projects and Grants

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- 7. Budget Upcoming calls for submissions (External Budget Submissions, Annual Donations, Community Financial Assistance Donations)
- 8. Australia Day

General Business