

Blueskin Wind Cluster 2012 Exit Survey Report



Preparing to set up the 30 metre meteorological tower on Porteous Hill, 2013.

This report presents the exit survey results from community meetings held in 2012. Three separate community meetings on the Blueskin wind cluster project were held in Long Beach, Warrington and Waitati in November 2012 and the same feedback form was used at the A&P show day in Waitati in 2013 (with one response from that event).

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Executive Summary

On the 15th, 16th and 19th of November 2012, three community meetings were held in Blueskin settlements (in Long Beach hall, Warrington hall and Waitati hall respectively) to present the Blueskin Energy Project and the proposed Blueskin wind cluster. 38 forms were filled in over these three meetings, two emails on the proposal were received during the period of the meetings and one form was filled in at the Blueskin A&P show day in 13th April 2013. 88% of respondents supported the project and 12% did not support the project. These raw feedback forms constitute the body of this report.

We were particularly interested in the views of the people who came along to these meetings, asked questions, debated the issues and discussed among themselves the project. While the idea to build our own wind generation began at a community workshop in Waitati in 2006, work on making it happen was begun and has been managed by the Blueskin Resilient Communities Trust since 2009. Along the way BRCT Trustees, Staff, Volunteers and Friends have confronted the challenges of making that community dream real. The 2012 public meetings were all about reporting back on the work done, and explaining the evolution that was taking place as the project got closer to development, and we anticipated discussion and debate as we got into the pragmatic 'nitty gritty' of the proposed development

The Trust wanted reassurance that we still had the support of the community, particularly those members of the community who took an interest in BRCT work. The Trust also wanted to learn of any concerns members of the community might have, as we moved through pre-planning and had a clearer idea of what needed to be done. In short, the November meetings were a further opportunity for community engagement with the project, following the formal community engagement work that had been completed in October 2012¹.

At the close of each community meeting, community members were requested to fill out the exit poll form. Not every attendee filled out a form, and some attendees filled out one form per couple, but we are confident that we captured a truthful representation in those exit polls forms that were completed. This report provides those raw responses, with any identifiers removed. It also provides a simple analysis (below) and concludes with an assessment of the exit poll exercise and its value for BRCT.

¹ Blueskin People Power: a toolkit for community engagement, 2012, A report to the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority. Available online at www.brct.org.nz

Analysis

This report includes all responses from all of the public meetings.

This analysis section summarises whether people supported or didn't support the project and how they feel about greater resilience for Blueskin communities. It also highlights some of the key comments collected from the research.

Support

How do you feel about the proposed Blueskin wind cluster project?

Love the idea	Yeah, OK	No opinion	Um, probably not	Really dislike it
63%	25%		12%	

How do you feel about efforts to build greater resilience for Blueskin communities?

Love the idea	Yeah, OK	No opinion	Um, probably not	Really dislike it
89%	11%			

+ 1 comment = "*need more detail*"

In summary we note that 88% supported the project and 12% did not support the project, yet nearly everyone indicated they were supportive of greater community resilience.

Key Comments

The following is a grouped selection of key comments. They are separated into four key areas: positive and negative responses for the Blueskin wind cluster proposal and on efforts to build greater resilience for Blueskin communities.

Blueskin wind cluster proposal – positive

Go for it

This cluster of comments is all about taking the project forward as fast as possible, with comments such as "go for it", "proud", "enthusiastic", "fantastic", "impressed" and the offer of money.

Wind is our commodity

This cluster of comments is about the benefits of the wind cluster project, such as "good that it is community initiative not corporate", "community return", "investors are good", "Port Otago is good because it is local", and how this could be a "model for rest of country".

Increasing resilience

This cluster of comments is about greater resilience within Blueskin such as "I want to see the turbines", and "our resilience is increasing"

Blueskin wind cluster proposal – negative

Corporate influence

This cluster of comments focuses on concerns about corporate influence, such as "need more financial control", "keep it in-house", and "worried about corporate control".

Not increasing resilience

This cluster includes comments such as "doesn't increase resilience", and "not best investment".

Efforts to build greater resilience for Blueskin communities – positive

Solar

This cluster of comments focuses on the importance of solar, especially around assisting with making solar more affordable.

Transport and Food

These comments are about how transport or food are essential elements of building resilience, such as we want more "transport solution" and "food processing resources".

Community Control

Comments include "more control in the community" and "not moving away from community ownership" as being important to resilience.

Efforts to build greater resilience for Blueskin communities – negative

Solar

Similar to the above comments but instead of them positively reinforcing how solar can aid resilience and wind generation, these comments were more about solar as opposed to wind generation. They include comments such as "solar is what the community wants", "there is more support for solar" and "\$6million is better spent on solar".

Economic hard times

These comments focus on the negative impact of "economic hard times" and how it may be "better to wait for friendlier economic climate".

Exit Survey Responses

A&P Show - 13th April 2013



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Good to see initiatives being made by communities instead of large corporates.

Do you want to elaborate on efforts to build greater resilience for Blueskin communities?

A&P Show Day, 13th April 2013

Waitati – 19th November 2012

Waitati

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Because of difficulties of feeding back into the grid this project has morphed as was mentioned + this for me raises concerns esp re corporate influence + morphing further away from the community.

Increasing rate of change in technology can make changes in economic feasibility too.

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I think its a great idea - finances permitting!

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More control to our community is always good! 😊

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On Solar vs wind? or?
 ↳ Best return to building a structure,
 with power, that can create what the
 community wants.

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The community really needs to have more financial control for the project to work. This may not be possible with the financial limitations of the community.

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Try to keep it in-house as much as possible. Pioneer Generation would be more preferable as a gentailer than Trustpower etc.

Do you want to elaborate on efforts to build greater resilience for Blueskin communities?

We are 1000 consumers, using as much power as a large company (?) Could we do a deal with one power company to supply everyone with a good price for power, given our joint bagging power.

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~~the~~ may be the "business" of power generation
via the wind cluster needs more detail & honesty
to really facilitate BRCT's work
BEP is a business! ? and BRCT - the consultant organising
the sign players

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eg use BRCT to develop PV solar capacity
in the community

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agree with the notion of "widening"
 the idea, meaning making it possible
 to move along.

Do you want to elaborate on efforts to build greater resilience for Blueskin communities?

yes, it is a bit more "weighted"
 towards a money making exercise -
 nothing too far wrong with it,
 just moves it away from
 "community ownership".

I'll be hotly interested to see the
 constitution! Thank all of you!!
 for the efforts!!!

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Has always been a great idea, but it seems that the resistance to the proposal is actually increasing!

Do you want to elaborate on efforts to build greater resilience for Blueskin communities?

waitati

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PVS still too expensive.
 WIND GENERATION MAY GIVE
 INCOME FOR WATER ASSISTANCE
 FOR INDIVIDUAL PV SYSTEMS

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Do you want to elaborate on what you think about the Blueskin Wind Cluster proposal?

like the idea as presented, would love to see the turbines over at the hill generating power from wind.

investors from outside Blueskin would also like to invest in this opportunity and that would create more capital that does not come from big investors.

Do you want to elaborate on efforts to build greater resilience for Blueskin communities?

happy with all the schemes that are going at the moment.

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Look forward to an enterprise that achieves so many things in one project - community return, better energy source.

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- Transport solution of real interest to us
- Improved resources for food processing

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Impressed to see how far the thinking has gone to get us from a grand vision to a result

Do you want to elaborate on efforts to build greater resilience for Blueskin communities?

Blueskin is remarkable for the range and strength of the endeavours to create a sustainable, resilient community.

to: Scott Willis <waitatienergy@gmail.com>
date: 16 November 2012 19:42
subject: Re: BRCT Update: Special Notice
Community Meetings, 16th Nov 2012

Hi Scott

Just wanted to say, although I am not personally present at these meetings, I am there in spirit and completely supportive of a wind turbine for Waitati, including willing to contribute to costs of setting it up as I have previously indicated via online surveys, and of course pursuant to my own finances being up to it when you request funds (I guess the way to go is to give people some time window ie. a few months to contribute).

Good luck with the other meetings!

Waitati

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Do you want to elaborate on what you think about the Blueskin Wind Cluster proposal?

go for it
 the more wind mills in
 NZ the better

Do you want to elaborate on efforts to build greater resilience for Blueskin communities?

make solar panels more
 affordable

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I sincerely doubt that it will aid resilience.
 I can see the technology being superseded while it is being built.

Not convinced that it's the best investment of 6 mill in the community.

Not convinced that it is a "grant cake stall" at all, & more inclined to wonder how many windfarms actually make money.

Do you want to elaborate on efforts to build greater resilience for Blueskin communities?

Appropriate employment for the large numbers of unemployed & poor.

Fresh local food.

Electricity without the huge daily charges that we currently pay - household generation = more relevant scale, more resilience.

I think we might be better to WAIT until a friendlier economic climate for small generation.

I think a few dreams/vision with a lot of energy behind them, may have gone too far.

Waitati

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How do you feel about efforts to build greater resilience for Blueskin communities?

~~Need~~ Need more detail?

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Do you want to elaborate on what you think about the Blueskin Wind Cluster proposal?

Worried about corporate control
 of the company - it could
 lead to constitutional changes and even
 selling of the company.

Do you want to elaborate on efforts to build greater resilience for Blueskin communities?

yes, helping lower income people
 - families and the elderly -

Warrington – 16th November 2012

Not a survey

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Doesn't increase communities resilience →
long-term financial gain O.k. But our
current power source is clean & green.
Is this a group of guys being seduced
by power?

Do you want to elaborate on efforts to build greater resilience for Blueskin communities?

- ever widening work being done - but
seems that economic hard-times for
many just now.

Waitati

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If the wind cluster is the best idea for raising money for the B bay area - that's ok. (Think of it as a cake stall) - if we can directly save money on individual electricity accounts - essentially it's an investment opportunity - is it the best opportunity?

Do you want to elaborate on efforts to build greater resilience for Blueskin communities?

I think \$6m would be better spent on a scheme for solar supplementary power for every house in the community who would like to participate in the project. Solar power (while still on the grid) would benefit each house and truly contribute to energy resilience for every house in the community - In my opinion the initiative of BRCT should go into solar generation.

Wairarapa

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*MOVE FORWARD ANOTHER STEP THEN
COME BACK TO THE COMMUNITY*

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Do you want to elaborate on what you think about the Blueskin Wind Cluster proposal?

- ① - I doubt it is windy enough. (Porteous Hill)
- ② - Most electricity in the South Island is already environmentally friendly / clean. It is either large hydro or wind farm generated.

Do you want to elaborate on efforts to build greater resilience for Blueskin communities?

- more support for domestic resilience ideas
- PV, hot water solar, rain water collection,

Warrington

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Do you want to elaborate on what you think about the Blueskin Wind Cluster proposal?

Please contact all household which will be effected by a different view to avoid a nasty clash in the community. And this should be done EARLY in the process (a.s.a.p)

Do you want to elaborate on efforts to build greater resilience for Blueskin communities?

= forgot to mention that we have (only) 2 "neighborhood Support" groups in Warrington (Good in case of natural disasters)
- Also the Warrington Market would be an ideal place for the BRCT to have a stall with info. It needs to be more basic language maybe to include more people.

Warrington

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I feel that it is restricted by the way that the electricity companies are set up in NZ, but I'm sure that the proposal will ultimately benefit the community, probably in ways that haven't even been considered.

😊 Keep up the good work!

Do you want to elaborate on efforts to build greater resilience for Blueskin communities?

My opinion is that solar is probably the best way forward for energy resilience, coupled with ↑ understanding about energy saving & insulation.

The other projects are a great way for the community to work together.

Waiwaka

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enthusiastic and proud of being part of the community being so proactive

Do you want to elaborate on efforts to build greater resilience for Blueskin communities?

sdar panels are of great interest

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I like the social aspect of feeding money back into the community via BRCT.

Wind becomes Blueskin's commodity - easy to convert into dollars for the buy that then can

Do you want to elaborate on efforts to build greater resilience for Blueskin communities?

help build resilience via solar, PV education or whatever.

Disconnected-ness between communities could be a greater role for BRCT. → Waitati Longbeach Wairarapa et

Also wonder about the apathetic ~~people~~ who are uninformed - how can we better engage with these for

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Important part of our local resilience but also as a model for what other people could do throughout the country. Blueskin people could feel proud of contributing to a 'greater cause' as well — trying to turn the tide in green energy, local energy etc — if they saw what the implications were as a model or a seed that could grow elsewhere.

Do you want to elaborate on efforts to build greater resilience for Blueskin communities?

- Very important too but hard to galvanize people when there is no immediate crisis. We are good at jumping to respond and help out our neighbours, or folks stranded in the snow etc. But we all keep thinking a climate/oil crisis is either too far off, or too big / or too small? a threat maybe, to act - Managing to motivate people towards a positive, modern but 'earthed' future seems the way to go in building longer term resilience. I like that emphasis on positively doing; Also the references to reaching, talks etc via BRCT update — some of the information on the scary stuff is there, but it is not the face of BRCT, which is overwhelmingly positive.

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I think Port Otago is as 'local' as you could hope to get as an institutional investor. So that is a very positive start. This aspect should be promoted.

Do you want to elaborate on efforts to build greater resilience for Blueskin communities?

I think there is a risk of negative perceptions within the community if ^(retail) power prices are rising while there is a project on the hill generating power. It could be like rubbing salt into a wound. The resulting cynicism could be very negative to efforts towards building resilience, even counterproductive. You should be wary of unintended consequences and plan carefully to avoid them if they are at all foreseeable.

Long Beach – 15th November 2012

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Do you want to elaborate on what you think about the Blueskin Wind Cluster proposal?

It's fantastic to be even thinking about getting energy for this area. I support a community operated & owned as partly owned wind turbine. Well done to all the people who have persisted in following it up & continuing on a really positive process.

Do you want to elaborate on efforts to build greater resilience for Blueskin communities?

Need for good public transport.

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It's a model for the rest of the country to follow.

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How do you feel about efforts to build greater resilience for Blueskin communities?

Love the idea!	Yeah, OK	No opinion	Um, probably not	Really dislike it
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Do you want to elaborate on what you think about the Blueskin Wind Cluster proposal?

Go for it. Look forward to next update.

Do you want to elaborate on efforts to build greater resilience for Blueskin communities?

How do you feel about the proposed Blueskin Wind Cluster project? (tick)

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How do you feel about efforts to build greater resilience for Blueskin communities?

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Do you want to elaborate on what you think about the Blueskin Wind Cluster proposal?

Think it is brilliant - so much hard work and commitment & now it seems to be all coming together. Love it!

Do you want to elaborate on efforts to build greater resilience for Blueskin communities?

How do you feel about the proposed Blueskin Wind Cluster project? (tick)

Love the idea!	Yeah, OK	No opinion	Um, probably not	Really dislike it
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Do you want to elaborate on what you think about the Blueskin Wind Cluster proposal?

New to me - very interesting

Do you want to elaborate on efforts to build greater resilience for Blueskin communities?

How do you feel about the proposed Blueskin Wind Cluster project? (tick)

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How do you feel about efforts to build greater resilience for Blueskin communities?

Love the idea!	Yeah, OK	No opinion	Um, probably not	Really dislike it
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Do you want to elaborate on what you think about the Blueskin Wind Cluster proposal?

I like the idea about
 spin-off to community.

Do you want to elaborate on efforts to build greater resilience for Blueskin communities?

Hi Scott,

Appreciated your presentation tonight.

- The ideal way to invest for me would be to **buy a small amount of shares upfront as an investor, and sign up on a contract as a guaranteed power consumer.**

As an initial investor i would accrue loyalty bonuses in terms of shares issued and regularly decreasing power charges. hopefully you could use such consumer contracts as the guarantee for a significant loan to help achieve your 6 million.

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Conclusion

The quality of the exit survey feedback has been very informative for BRCT. In the 12 months since the exit survey was completed, BRCT has been able to advance the wind project substantially with robust wind data collection, solid planning, and work on the lease and the resource consent. This has all been completed under the management of the charitable trust. Now BRCT is ready to establish a company to control and manage development to achieve community objectives identified by the Trust, and informed by community feedback. Exit survey responses were very helpful in affirming the work programme, yet community participation and engagement remains essential to all we do, not simply the Blueskin wind cluster project.

The Trust of course maintains an open door policy, and provides regular community updates via regular and social media, but it is in more formalised process such as this simple survey that we are able to capture ideas and opinions to assist our work.

Many of the respondents' comments, both positive and negative have informed further Trust activity this past year, and have been enabled by increased BRCT staff numbers (from one permanent full time employee to one full time and one part time employee). Solar, climate change planning, energy advice, cosy homes: all have been added to BRCT's work programme in addition to our work on the Blueskin wind cluster, with very positive results.

BRCT works to achieve its Objectives, and has a strong Mission and ambitious Vision, but our true strength comes from the level of participation in our whole range of activities, including important feedback events such as this exit survey.