

FINAL MEETING NOTES

Tallawarra Community Liaison Group Meeting	
Time	5.00 – 6.20 pm
Date	01 June 2026
Attendees	Community members: - Gleniss Wellings National Parks Association - Ian Fitzgibbon Business Dapto - Ralph Stadus Illawarra Birders - Darryl Goldrick Illawarra Bird Observers Club EnergyAustralia: - Ivan Currie - Dave Simpfendorfer - Shane Corney Chair: Brendan Blakeley
Apologies	- Michelle Rower Illawarra Birders - John Payne Lifehouse Church - Greg Spain Woolshed
Venue	Tallawarra Site Offices

Item	Discussion summary
1. Welcome	- The meeting commenced at 5.00 pm. - The Chair welcomed all and acknowledged Country. - The Chair noted apologies as above.
2. Minutes and Matters Arising	There were no comments on the previous minutes.
3. Station Operations Update	Overall operations The meeting commenced with the announcement that Ivan would be taking up a new role within EnergyAustralia, and that Shane Corney from Mt Piper station would be taking up an acting lead role at Tallawarra for the foreseeable future. The group members congratulated Ivan and welcomed Shane. Ivan noted the following: - There have been no injuries onsite in 2026. Tallawarra is now at 539 days without an injury. - No community complaints have been received. - There has been one environmental incident so far in 2026; this was an administrative issue with the weather station and a carry-over from 2025. Market context Ivan noted the following: - Solar is now contributing a large component of the overall energy mix during daylight hours. - Wind also makes a relatively consistent contribution. - Battery storage is becoming increasingly prominent.

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- Gas power is used to meet peak demand when wind and solar drops off.
- Tallawarra is being used less frequently due to the growing contribution of renewables and batteries. Both stations are still critical to providing reliability to the overall grid across the eastern states.

Tallawarra A

- Is operating very reliably and had 27 starts.
- The May outage was successfully completed, and the station will not need another scheduled outage until 2027.

Tallawarra B

- Tallawarra B is also operating very reliably and performing better than expected.
- It is only starting up when there are spikes in demand and has had 15 starts this year.
- The planned outage for September 2026 has been postponed until April 2027 as work is due on one of the generation units at Mt Piper in the coming months.

Projects

- Ivan noted the planned inlet canal bridge repair will occur before the end of 2026.

CLG members' questions and comments:

- *Ralph asked to what extent vehicle batteries were being used to discharge into the grid when there is a need for additional power?*
- Ivan replied that this technology isn't widespread yet but will likely to be part of the future mix. The household battery program is very popular but as these systems are behind the meter, they currently remain a bit of an unknown. Over time we should start to see a more predictable pattern emerge of how home batteries interact with the system.
- *Darryl asked whether the plant is in idle mode all the time to allow for hot starts?*
- Ivan replied that both stations are designed to be shut off and go cold. With gas as fuel, they can start up very quickly from a cold state.

Environmental update

Ivan noted the following:

- Dam management activities are ongoing, with a recent dam repair being completed on the north part of the buffer lands.
- The southern dams are in good condition.
- It is EnergyAustralia's responsibility to maintain the integrity of the dams on the property.
- Weed management is active and ongoing.
- A round of pest management will commence soon.

CLG members' questions and comments:

- *Darryl asked about the pest profile and the pest consultants EnergyAustralia has contracted.*
- Ivan noted that the main pests are foxes and some deer. EnergyAustralia does a survey of feral pests and then works out the best approach to pest management

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using a hierarchy of control, ranging from trapping to baiting to hunting. Ivan said he would come back via the minutes as to the pest consultancy. **ACTION**

Community update

Dave Simpfordorfer noted that 2026 Round 1 community grants had been awarded to the following organisations:

- Gawura Aboriginal Corporation
- PCYC Bulli
- Illawarra Birders
- Wollongong Meals on Wheels.

Ivan added that while there were a large number of applications, not very many of these were from local Dapto /Albion Park organisations.

Dave continued:

- The next round of applications will open in September.
- Approximately \$25,000 is available this round.
- Brendan will advise CLG members when the grant round is advertised.

ACTION

- Around 2,500 copies of the newsletter were distributed to local households in February 2026.

4. Workshop session

Dave and Ivan outlined the purpose of the session as being to seek stakeholder input into how EnergyAustralia could address the issue of access and safety across Tallawarra Lands. There were no firm proposals yet, but current arrangements will need to change, particularly in view of increased residential development and growing numbers of people accessing the lake via Yallah Bay Road. They emphasised that:

- The buffer lands including the eastern section of the large southern portion of the site are still operational land.
- Input from stakeholders is one of many factors that will influence the eventual approach.

There were several drivers for this review including:

- Safety and a focus on preventing injury / death.
- Regulatory and duty of care obligations – Tallawarra Lands and station operations are subject to multiple regulatory frameworks.
- Protect biodiversity and the environment. Bike use causes erosion and disturbs the habitat of many species. It also increases risks of bushfire, littering and vandalism.

Outcomes of the process will help EnergyAustralia to:

- Define safe areas for controlled access by the public, and areas that can only be accessed by EnergyAustralia.
- Reduce environmental and safety risks.
- Control access to inducted visitors and legitimate groups who respect the site.
- Limit visitor numbers.
- Have an understanding of who is on site at all times, the routes they will be using, and their timeframes for accessing Tallawarra Lands.
- Allow for emergency access.

Ivan noted the importance of looking at a number of factors relevant to access beyond just onsite fencing.

Group members agreed that some of the key impacts of unauthorised access that they are aware of include:

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- *Rubbish*
- *Degradation and damage caused by motor bike and mountain bike tracks*
- *Noise and habitat disturbance*
- *Invasive species*

Members agreed controlled access was critical to:

- *Secure the environmental integrity of Tallawarra Lands which had some very sensitive ecological areas*
- *Ensure ongoing access for groups that have legitimate reasons for visiting the site, such as those engaging in bird watching and plant surveys.*

Members suggested that controlled access could include:

- *Registration of approved user groups and visitor guides/leaders*
- *A formal agreement with approved user groups*
- *Induction and site orientation for all visitors*
- *Scheduling and preapproval for visits*
- *Not permitting external visitors unaccompanied on the site with:*
 - *a suggested minimum group size of 3 or 4;*
 - *and a suggested maximum group size ranging from 12 to 20*
- *Large groups should have a number of guides who are very familiar with the site and the access agreement*
- *Behaviours on site should be modelled on basic National Park etiquette.*
- *In addition to being pre-approved, each visit would need to be registered with details of people visiting, where they were going and how long they plan to be on site.*
- *Access may also need to be weather dependent (i.e. when very boggy) and prohibited at times of pest control, bushfire management or high bushfire risk.*
- *Visitors should use only agreed pathways with:*
 - *one access loop suggested around the ash dam area; and*
 - *another loop heading east of the ash dams toward the lake edge*

In return for access, visitors should:

- *Provide information to EnergyAustralia on the species on site*
- *Report any emerging risks or safety concerns*
- *Report any observed weed or pest infestations*
- *Report any evidence of misuse or unauthorised access.*

Other suggestions to manage uncontrolled access included:

- *Not highlighting publicly or through marketing materials that some groups have access*
- *Regular perimeter signage, noting that the site is private property and operational land. However, it was noted that signage can also serve as an invitation.*
- *Replacing the current fencing with fencing that has low visual impacts and can be readily repaired. There was a suggestion that fencing needs to allow for ground dwelling animals to migrate, but this could also enable feral animals to enter the site. Fencing used by nature conservancy projects could be investigated.*
- *Responding quickly to dumped rubbish, which can encourage further dumping even if left for a short time*
- *Regular and visible security patrols*

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	• <i>CCTV could be upgraded</i> • <i>Education program for nearby residents about why specific areas may be unsafe and or not accessible to the public</i> <i>Current risks include:</i> • <i>The 4 metre deep concrete culvert may need rails or fencing</i> • <i>Keeping people well clear of the asbestos repository</i> • <i>Places where bikes riders are trying to set up access.</i> • <i>Boggy areas</i> • <i>Best solution is to define pathways and require visitors stay on them</i> <i>Other considerations:</i> • <i>Longer-term program to deal with overgrown vegetation and weeds around the boundary</i> • <i>Long term agistment of a small number of horses may not be compatible with environmental values but currently doesn't seem to be an issue. Wouldn't like to see cattle agistment return.</i> • <i>Access arrangements may also need to vary with the seasons; springtime is when a lot of birds are nesting.</i> • <i>Groups need to act responsibly and not publicise bird sightings</i> • <i>Also need to consider connectivity - fences may impede migration of wombats and echidnas which have been found on site.</i> • <i>Highlighting environmental values can sometimes be counterproductive and create a demand for access or vandals can see it as an opportunity.</i> • <i>Mountain bike riders - some are responsible but it is growing sport with very few places to for people to ride.</i> • <i>EnergyAustralia should set the rules as to reasonable and responsible access, it has to work for them.</i> • <i>Induction and understanding protocols will be essential</i> • <i>Consider an updated flora and fauna survey to understand what needs to be protected. Seasonal studies will be needed to capture species using the site at different times of the year.</i> In closing Dave and Ivan thanked members for the productive discussion. They noted that this feedback would be incorporated into a "What We Heard" Report. They also stated they would come back to the CLG to test more developed ideas /options once these have been worked through. ACTION
5. Next meeting	Dave Simpfendorfer from EnergyAustralia noted: - the next CLG meeting is likely to occur in October or November 2026. - The team will report back on the findings of the Tallawarra Lands Safety and Risk Management review. - EnergyAustralia will stay in touch with CLG members via the CLG Chair. Brendan's contact for CLG members is brendan@elumni.au
6. Meeting close	Brendan thanked members for attending the meeting. The meeting closed at 6.20 pm.

Tallawarra Power Station Community Liaison Group Meeting

1 June 2026



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Agenda

1. Welcome – Acknowledgement of Country – Introductions
2. Tallawarra operations updates
 1. Tallawarra A Operations
 2. Tallawarra B Operations
 3. Tallawarra Projects
 4. Community
 5. Environment and Lands
3. Tallawarra Lands Safety and Risk Management Workshop
4. General discussion
5. Meeting Close

Acknowledgment of country

Tallawarra power station is on the traditional Country of the Dharawal peoples.

We respect and acknowledge their continued connection to Country, culture and community.



1. Welcome and introductions

Tallawarra leadership

Ivan Currie has moved into a new role in EnergyAustralia, effective 29 May 2026.

Thanks to Ivan for over 5 years as Tallawarra Site Leader. In that time Ivan

- Kept Talla A running efficiently while Talla B was being constructed
- Integrated Talla B into the Tallawarra operations
- Oversaw the Talla A turbine upgrade

Shane Corney has stepped into the Tallawarra Site Leader role, reporting to Kevin David, on an interim 3-month basis while a recruitment process progresses

2. Tallawarra Operations Update

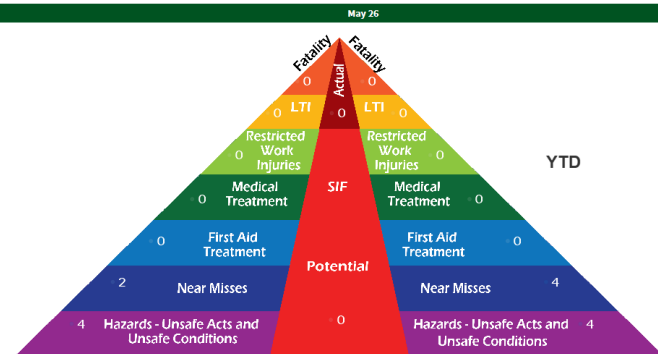


Tallawarra Power Station – June 2026

- HSE Update

- **No injuries in 2026**
- **No community complaints**
- **1 environmental incidents in 2026**
 - **Weather Station (administrative) carry over from 2025**
- **539 Days since last injury**

Safety Triangle



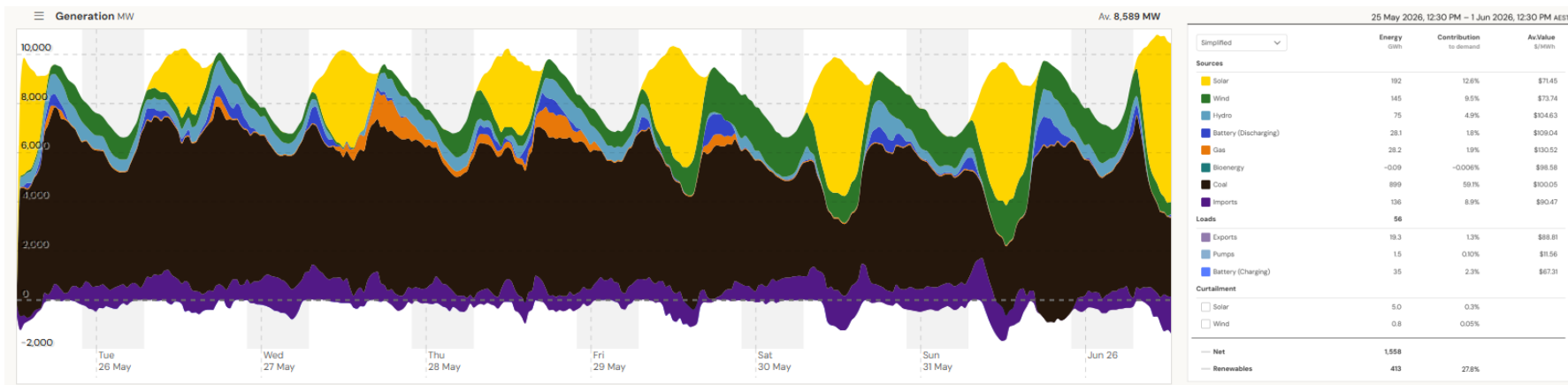
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Days Between Injuries

Most Days Between Injuries	Days Since Last Injury
1,263	539

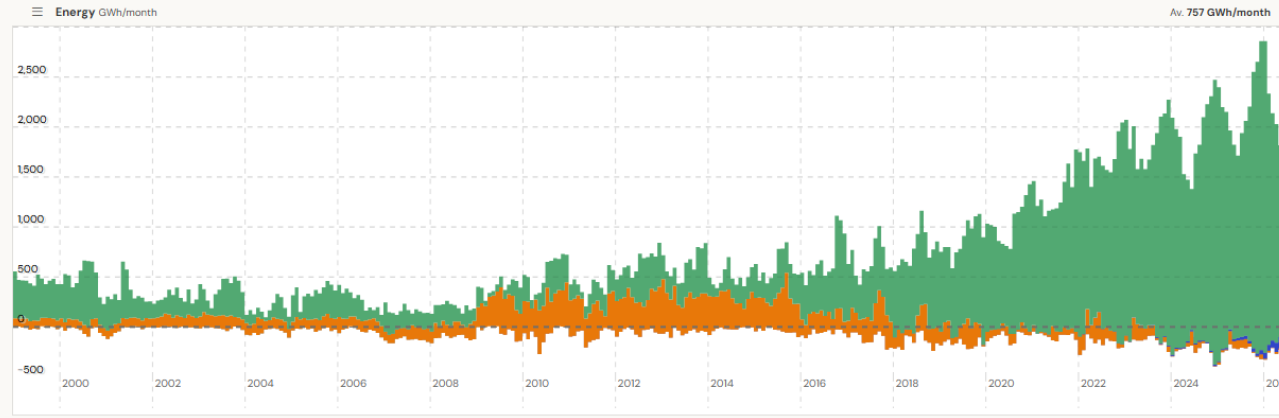
Tallawarra Power Station – June 2026

NSW Energy Mix – Last Week



Tallawarra Power Station – June 2026

The rise of renewables...and here come the batteries.



Jan 1999 – May 2026

	Energy GWh	Contribution to demand	Avg. Value \$/MWh
Sources			
Renewables	222,534	11.2%	\$86.12
Battery (Discharging)	875	0.04%	\$203.00
Gas	55,840	2.8%	\$94.64

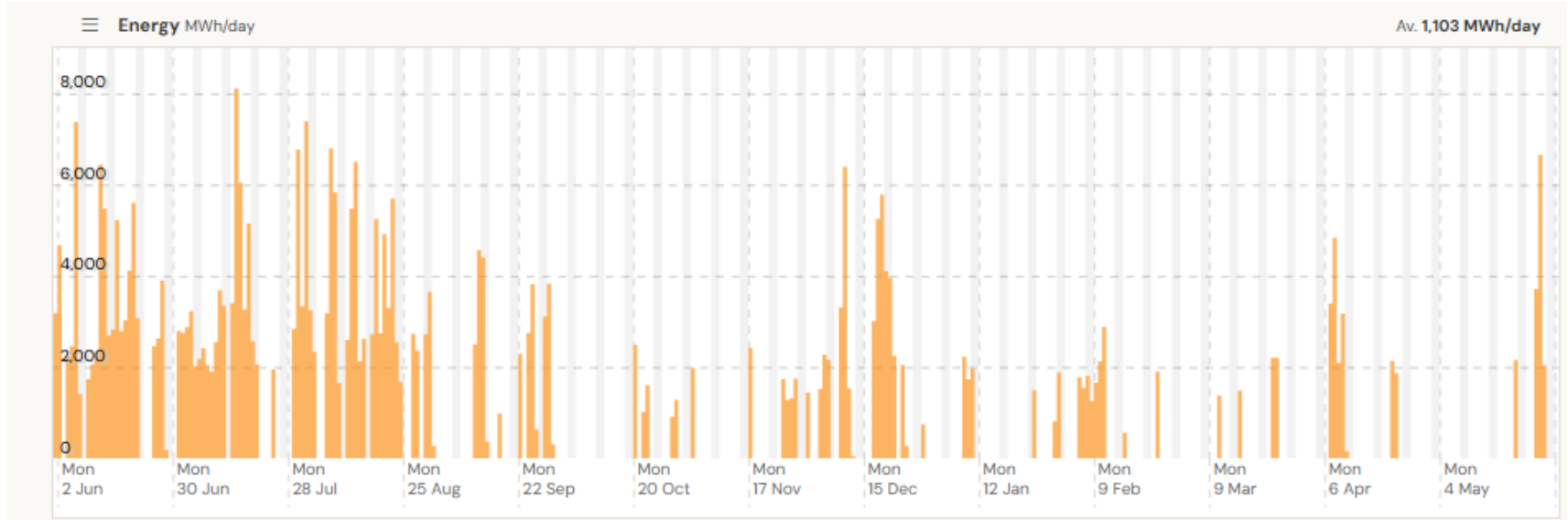


2.1 Tallawarra A operations



Tallawarra A – 2025

Energy produced



Tallawarra A unit has been operating reliably, supporting periods of volatility and network constraints in NSW.

Tallawarra A

- **May 2026 Outage Completed**

- Outage extended by 7 days to rectify issues identified during inspections
- No Injuries - Great safety leading indicator performance
- Next Outage will be in 2027

- **The Unit is operating reliably**

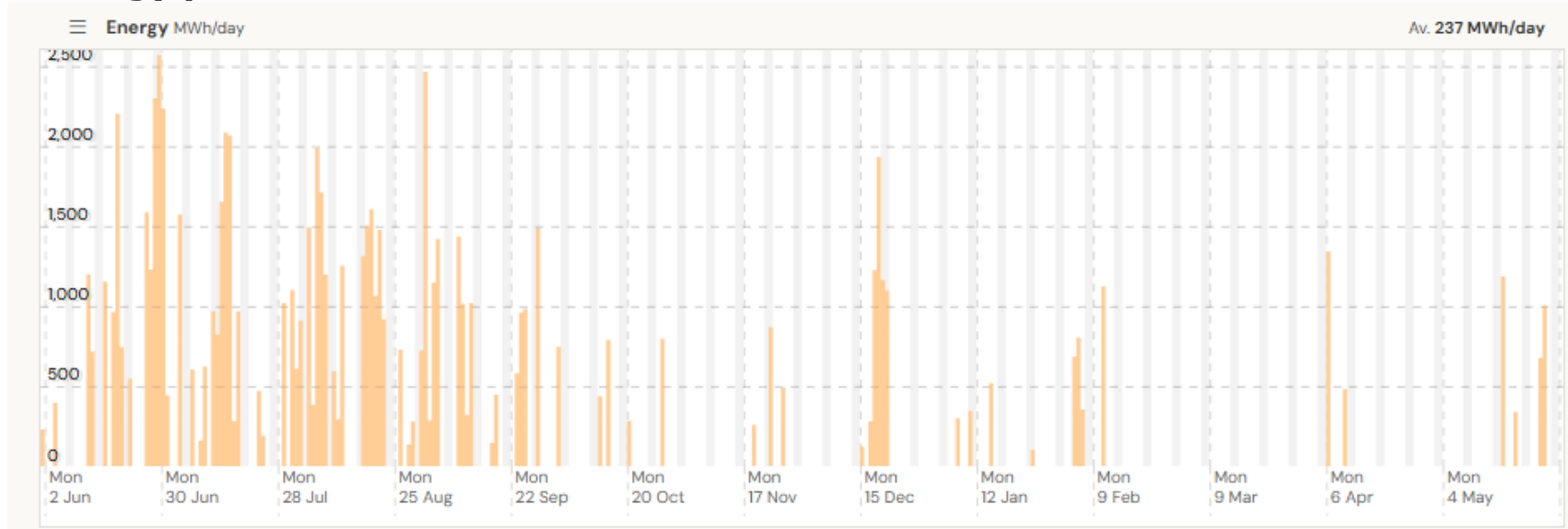
- Tallawarra A has completed 27 starts this year

2.2 Tallawarra B operations



Tallawarra B – 2025

Energy produced



Tallawarra B unit has been operating reliably and has started during unexpected spikes in demand.

Tallawarra B

- **Upcoming September 2026 Outage has been deferred**
 - Outage scope has been optimised to 8 days
 - Outage has been deferred to April 2027 to improve market risk management and align with site maintenance planning.
- **The Unit is operating reliably**
 - Tallawarra B has completed 15 starts so far in 2026.

2.3 Tallawarra projects



Projects

- **Inlet Canal Bridge**
 - o No update – plan still to execute repair work in 2026.

2.4 Tallawarra Environmental and Lands



Lands Maintenance Work

- **Dam** management activities are ongoing, with a recent Dam repair being completed on the buffer lands.
 - **Weeds** management active and ongoing
 - **Pest** management activities will commence soon
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2.4 Tallawarra Community





TALLAWARRA GRANTS 2026

Congratulations to our round 1
community grant recipients



Gawura Aboriginal Corporation

Construction of a men's Yarning Circle



Illawarra Birders

Printing 10,000 copies of 'Where to go
Birding in Illawarra' brochure



PCYC Bulli

Energy-efficient LED lighting upgrade for the
indoor court spaces



Wollongong Meals on Wheels

New industrial refrigerator to cater for
increasing demand for services



Community Grants

2026 Round 2 Grants open for applications 1-30 September

- Up to \$25,000 available for the Illawarra area



Pursue objectives that benefit the local or regional communities in which EnergyAustralia operates;



Deliver projects that address our selection criteria and align with our focus areas; and



Require funds for the project up to a maximum of \$10k

Newsletter

- The first 2026 newsletter was issued in February.
- The next community newsletter issue is planned for August 2026
- Each issue will be letterboxed to around 2500 local residents in Dapto, Koonawarra & Haywards Bay areas

Notifications

- Annual gas pipeline notification issued to local landowners having a pipeline easement



3. Tallawarra Lands Safety and Risk Management

Safety – Talla Lands

Purpose of this session

An early review is being driven by:

1. The need to prevent serious injury or death
2. The need to meet regulatory and duty of care expectations
3. The need to protect biodiversity

The intent is to:

- Help define safe vs unsafe areas
- Reduce long term environmental and safety risks
- Ensure access is only granted to formally inducted visitors
- Ensure that visitor numbers are limited and controllable
- Ensure that visitor group locations, planned routes and timeframes are known

CLG is being consulted to:

1. Provide local knowledge
2. Identify sensitive interfaces with the community
3. Influence how – rather than whether – further safety measures are implemented

Certain elements (legal, safety, security requirements) are not open to change through consultation.

How we'll use your feedback:

1. With the meeting minutes: a "what we heard" report
2. Next meeting/s: update on "how have decisions been influenced by CLG"

This session is about protecting sensitive land and keeping people safe, while hearing your views on how this is done locally.

What do we know now?

Perimeter

Regulations

Government Level	Key Policy / Law	Relevance to Tallawarra Land Security
Local	Wollongong LEP & consent conditions	Controls fencing, access, land use
Local	Lake Illawarra CMP	Limits impact of security works near foreshore
NSW	Critical Infrastructure Resilience Strategy	Requires physical protection of energy assets
NSW	Critical State Significant Infrastructure (CSSI) approval framework	Elevated security & compliance expectations
NSW	Work Health & Safety Act 2011, WHS Regulation 2025	WHS regulations including visitors to site
Federal	Security of Critical Infrastructure (SOCI) Act 2018	Mandatory physical security & incident reporting
EA	HSSE policy	Public safety, employee safety

These (and further) regulations cover the various legal, regulatory, and safety obligations under which Tallawarra operates



What do we know now?

Known risks

Risk Category
Physical Injury Risks
Environmental Interaction Risks
Security & Criminal Behaviour Risks
Water & Hydrological Risks
Volunteer / Ecological Group Risks
Bushfire Risks
Reputational & Community Risks
Governance, Legal & Compliance Risks

Environmental & Biodiversity Context

Lands surrounding Tallawarra support high biodiversity values (currently under early assessment), including native vegetation, fauna habitat, and environmentally sensitive areas.

Portions of the land contain ecologically fragile areas where disturbance can lead to long-term degradation.

Informal access has the potential to:

- Damage vegetation and soils
- Create informal tracks
- Increase erosion
- Pollute soils and waters
- Disrupt wildlife movement and breeding

Environmental protection obligations apply to EnergyAustralia regardless of whether land is formally accessible

The opportunity for CLG

The CLG has an opportunity to **contribute local insight and help shape how safety and risk mitigation is implemented**, ensuring it reflects community interfaces while addressing safety, environmental, and operational risks.

While key regulatory and safety requirements are fixed, CLG input may influence practical design choices, communication approaches, and how boundaries are defined between safe and restricted areas.

1. Public safety & community interface

Current observations	Questions
Areas within the Tallawarra Southern Lands pose significant safety, security and/or environmental risks	A. What safety and risk mitigation design features matter most to the community? B. How can we balance safety with maintaining some level of controlled public access?

2. Environmental protection measures

Current observations	Questions
We currently observe: • Disturbance of habitats or protected species by motor bikes, mountain bikes, joggers • Illegal dumping causing contamination	A. Where should protection be prioritised most strongly? B. What environmental impacts must be actively avoided? C. How do we best balance protection of the environment and controlled access for the public?

3. Local amenity

Current observations	Questions
If EA were to implement new perimeter security controls: • New fencing or safety controls may impact local amenity, particularly along Haywards Bay Drive	A. What would 'good' look like in terms of visual amenity? B. What impacts must be actively avoided from a community perspective?

4. Implementation approach

Current observations	Questions
If EA were to implement new perimeter security controls: • Timing and staging of works to reduce impacts on wildlife breeding seasons • Construction practices that limit disturbance to sensitive land areas	A. What would a 'good' perimeter security implementation process look like? B. Are there timing or staging considerations we should prioritise from a community perspective?

5. Engagement and education

Current observations	Questions
Communication with the community about changes to Lands safety	A. How should we best communicate changes and their rationale to the community? B. What information would you want to see reported back as we move forward?

6. Security, risk, & regulatory requirements

Current observations	Questions
Tallawarra remains under regulatory & legislative requirements including: • Mandatory security standards for critical energy infrastructure • Requirements to prevent unauthorised access to dangerous or high-risk land • State and federal environmental, planning, and security frameworks • Directions from regulators or emergency management agencies	A. What is the single most important issue for EnergyAustralia to consider while meeting these requirements? B. What level of visibility or explanation of regulatory requirements would be most useful to the community?

What We Heard

Topic	Summary of feedback	Who it came from	Why it matters	Status	Reason
Public safety & community interface				Accepted Under consideration Rejected	
Environmental protection measures				Accepted Under consideration Rejected	
Local amenity				Accepted Under consideration Rejected	
Implementation approach				Accepted Under consideration Rejected	
Engagement and education				Accepted Under consideration Rejected	
Security, risk, regulatory requirements				Accepted Under consideration Rejected	

4. General Discussion

Next CLG meeting

5:00pm Wednesday 25 November 2026

Tallawarra Power Station

Thank you