

TXU COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

MEETING		MEETING NUMBER	1/2005
TXU CLG MEETING			
HELD AT		DATE	9/2/05
TXU TALLAWARRA SITE, WOLLONGONG			
PROJECT			
ATTENDEES			
John Osseweyer	Scout Group		
Doug Prosser	Lake Illawarra Authority		
Andrew Knowlson	Duck Creek Catchment Group		
Ray Chapman	Winten Property Group		
Kara Lamond	Wollongong City Council		
Stewart Russell	University of Wollongong		
Graham Dowers	TXU		
Nicola Ryan	TXU		
Ian Kinlough	TXU		
Rita Webb	Dapto Chamber of Commerce		
Daryl Goldrick	DIPNR		
Brendan Blakeley	Elton Consulting		
Sharon Burke	Elton Consulting		
APOLOGIES			
Graham Towers	DIPNR		
Glynis Cummins	Dapto District Heritage Society		
Greg Newman	EPA		
Ben Grounds	Healthy Cities		
Chris Brandis	Illawarra Bird Observers Club		
Mike Betts	Wollongong City Employment and Training		
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1.0	WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS		
1.1	<i>The meeting commenced at 5.00 PM. Brendan Blakeley welcomed all those present. On behalf of TXU Brendan thanked all those present for their ongoing commitment to the CLG process. Apologies were received from: Graham Towers Glynis Cummins Greg Newman Ben Grounds, Chris Brandis and Mike Betts.</i>		
1.2	<i>The previous minutes were accepted. They were moved by DP and seconded by RW.</i>		
2.0	Plant Update – Graham Dowers TXU		
	GD: A consultant team have been preparing the technical specifications document which is close to being in final draft form. It should be ready by the end of the month.		
	We are setting up a contract development area in anticipation of releasing the technical specifications document.		
	We are finalising the communications tender document. We need to bring the communications cable into the plant for a new exchange. We have a meeting on Thursday to move that along and it should be released by the end of March.		
	The work on the gasline lateral continues, the reports indicate that it is going along OK. We are talking with suppliers concerning gas, talks are also underway concerning the supply of products.		
2.1	NSW Govt Energy Paper – Graham Dowers TXU		
	GD: We need to respond to the NSW Govt Energy Paper by the end of February, there is a lot of work going on for that to ensure that the NSW Govt is aware of the benefits a plant like Tallawarra can deliver.		
3.0	Site Maintenance Update – Ian Kinlough TXU		
	IK: Moss Vale Rural Lands Protection Board were undertaking Fox control during December 2004 using a Bait Station replacement technique to work out the best areas to bait. Two clutches of Hooded Plover chicks were indicative of a reduction in numbers. There will be additional baiting undertaken in February/March and again in September after breeding (see attached document).		
3.1	IK: The electrical workshop is being repaired after vandalism.		
	CLG: <i>When did that occur?</i>		
	IK: In the school holidays.		
3.2	IK: There are some noxious weeds on site, so I have contacted David Pomeroy (from the Noxious Weeds Authority) to inspect the site and a program to eradicate the weeds will be in Q2.		
	CLG: <i>Removing alligator weed is very difficult, we also need also to look at other things such as blackberries.</i>		
	IK: The priority at the moment is the aquatic weeds.		

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3.3	<p>IK: The fire break maintenance work will be carried out shortly. We need to get our Bush Fire Hazard reduction certificate for 2005.</p>		
4.0	<p>Duck Creek Report – Nicola Ryan TXU</p> <p>NR: The weir was removed Thursday/Friday (3/4th February). Milly Hobson from NSW Fisheries was there to oversee the work. The work was undertaken in accordance with the 3A permit from DIPNR. It was reported there were fish moving upstream immediately after the crossing was removed, and the creek has reportedly been rehabilitated back to a near natural condition.</p> <p>NSW Fisheries and TXU are currently putting together a case study on the process. NSW Fisheries and TXU are very happy with the outcome.</p> <p><i>Pictures of the process were shown to the meeting.</i></p> <p>CLG: Have you thought about putting an article about the weir removal in the Lake Times?</p> <p>NR: Milly (from NSW Fisheries) and I are talking about preparing something.</p> <p>CLG: The paper would need the article ASAP.</p> <p>NR: Agree, Milly and I have already made a start on this to maximise our exposure of this initiative.</p> <p>CLG: The other possibility would be the Mercury?</p> <p>CLG: The Lake Times would have a better exposure to the community around here.</p> <p>GT: We had someone here today from the Mercury to talk to us about doing an article about the site from a business perspective.</p> <p>BB: Would there be anyone at the University that would be interested in the project as a case study Stewart?</p> <p>SR: Yes possibly, I'll pass the details on.</p>		
5.0	<p>Alternate Land Use Update – Nicola Ryan TXU</p> <p>NR: TXU has been exploring at a broad level, potential opportunities for alternate land use for the Tallawarra site. At this stage we are looking at opportunities and constraints on the use of the site – it is all part of the preparation for the pre rezoning submission for Council. We would like to involve the CLG in this process to understand your expectations and ideas for the site.</p> <p>It is a long process and it won't happen overnight. We would like to suggest we hold a planning workshop with the CLG with our consultant group present to provide expert information on planning, legal, engineering, and consultation.</p> <p>At this workshop we would like to talk about the vision for the site. The purpose of the pre rezoning submission to Wollongong City Council is to give us an indication if we are on the right path. It is like an issues paper – a 'lead in' document.</p> <p>BB: The workshop will act as an input into the pre rezoning submission and it is an</p>		

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	ideal opportunity to include the CLG perspective.		
	CLG: <i>What is the timescale for the rezoning process?</i>		
	NR: We'd like to submit it to Council in the 2 nd quarter of this year. It is anticipated that the whole rezoning process will take 18-20 months.		
	CLG: <i>Is that just the foreshores or the whole site?</i>		
	NR: The whole site. In order to ensure we have an integrated outcome we will look at the whole package rather than to break it down into bits at this stage.		
	CLG: <i>With the new Haywards Bay development there will be 500 families moving in close by so I can see a demand for employment generating lands, the tourism aspect, and the lakeside uses for active/passive needs.</i>		
	NR: We are also conscious of the planning process underway for West Dapto and looking at possible synergies.		
	CLG: <i>Do you still have the information from Pacific Power?</i>		
	NR: We have the information from the Environmental Impact Statement.		
	CLG: <i>They had a Strategic Planning Conference which brought the government departments together (Pacific Power).</i>		
	NR: We will have a look in the documents and see if we can get access to the information. (Strategic Study Report from August 1997 has since been found and read by TXU)		
	CLG: <i>The problem is that if you are going through the LEP process you need current information.</i>		
	TXU: It's all good background information though.		
	CLG: <i>To what extent is the information that we discuss in the workshop confidential?</i>		
	NR: The expectation is to come up with a vision, it is OK for it to be shared, it is just collective thoughts. We want the process to be as open and comfortable as possible.		
	CLG: <i>In terms of the known constraints on the site, can any information be passed on to the CLG beforehand?</i>		
	NR: We are looking to have the key consultants there on the day to provide comments and information related to the site and planning process.		
	CLG: <i>Council is currently reviewing its LEP 1990 – could TXU put a suggestion for rezoning changes or is it purely a Council process?</i>		
	CLG (KL, WCC): <i>The review is not tied up with this, there are so many issues here and we could not hold up the LEP review process to consider them.</i>		
	BB: The suggested date for the workshop is 21 st or 23 rd February? We need 2.5-3 hours. We'd like to encourage as many of our invitees to come as possible. We are suggesting a 4pm start? The workshop will consist of a visioning exercise and an opportunity to gather information about opportunities and constraints.		

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	<p><i>The date was discussed amongst the group and Wednesday 23rd February 4pm decided upon.</i></p> <p>CLG: <i>Will the aerial map of the site be available?</i></p> <p>NR: We will have them there for people to look at as part of the visioning process.</p> <p>CLG: <i>It would be good to see the contours of the site.</i></p> <p>NR: We shall issue a set of maps prior to the workshop.</p> <p>CLG: <i>We should stress the importance of this workshop to attendees.</i></p> <p>CLG: <i>What will be produced at the end of the CLG workshop to go to WCC?</i></p> <p>GD: We want the high level visions –collective thoughts, general feelings. We are trying to find the range of uses that might be possible.</p> <p>BB: It is the first touch in a protracted process; it doesn't have to be consensus. You don't have to feel locked in to the initial vision – it is a scoping exercise.</p> <p>CLG: <i>I am concerned that with the short time frame we don't have time to get collective views about the issues – it will be more my opinion. Should I be bringing the broader views?</i></p> <p>NR: Both – individual and your understanding of the views of those in your groups.</p> <p>BB: We will seek to turn the material around immediately so that you have time to take the outcomes back to your wider groups to test it out and feed comments to TXU before the submission is finalised.</p> <p>CLG: <i>Could we push the timeframes back at all?</i></p> <p>NR: We are working to a tight timeframe to get the submission in, but it won't be your only opportunity for input.</p> <p>CLG: <i>Can we have a copy of the current zoning on the day?</i></p> <p>NR: Yes, we will send around with pre workshop pack with the zoning map as well.</p> <p>CLG: (DG,DIPNR): <i>I need to clarify that I am still the appropriate person to represent DIPNR.</i></p> <p>GD: We went through the process of checking the CLG representation late last year but if you need to check with your department who should be attending, that is fine.</p> <p>CLG: <i>If this is a vision should we be ignoring current zonings?</i></p> <p>NR: I think you're right. Although people might want it as background information.</p> <p>CLG: <i>Is there a problem with bringing people along?</i></p> <p>BB: To stay focussed we would like to keep it to a maximum of 25 people.</p> <p>CLG: <i>You must have had a lot of discussion internally, to what extent are those views available?</i></p> <p>NR: We don't want to influence your thoughts.</p>		

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CLG: Perhaps after the workshop you could tell us whether your ideas are compatible with ours?

NR: We are happy to do that.

6.0 Foreshore Update –Nicola Ryan TXU

NR: We are continuing our work on the Foreshore in partnership with the LIA.

CLG:(DP,LIA) The foreshore project has begun. The excavations are taking place for the shelter sheds. Vandalism/theft is a problem. After the Xmas party someone broke in and stole the microwave and fridge. We aren't sure how they got in.

GD: Do the police come down here at all on patrol?

CLG: I doubt it, the police have no time.

CLG: Could you call to explain the problems we are having? Could that come from TXU?

GD: Yes no problem. It would be good for Ian to get someone down here and show them the problems we are having, to raise the profile of the site.

DP: It's worth a try.

DP: In other news, we have made an application for a State Govt Grant to upgrade the boat ramp.

GD: And how is the lake opening project going?

DP: The environmental impact statement is ready and we are having an open day at the entrance next Saturday for public comments / submissions. The consultants will be there to answer questions. In April/May we will be starting the work on the ground. We are working with the Illawarra Bird Observers group.

8.0 Next steps/meeting dates: Brendan Blakeley

Brendan thanked all those present for their participation in this evening's meeting.

The meeting closed at 7.10pm. **NEXT REGULAR MEETING: 20 April 2005, 5.30pm. Following the CLG visioning workshop on Wednesday 23 February, a meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday 16 March at the Tallawarra site at 4:30pm for a summary presentation on the pre rezoning submission.**

If you have any questions in relation to these minutes please contact Sharon Burke at **Elton Consulting.**

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