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TRUenergy Tallawarra Lands community update

It's been nearly a year since TRUenergy started building Tallawarra, Australia's most efficient gas-fired power station. This newsletter is designed to provide you with a quick update on our achievements so far and outlines important information relating to the development of Tallawarra Lands.

In the past few months, construction of the power station has been moving at a rapid pace. We have also drafted a Structure Plan that proposes one possible option for development of the surrounding Tallawarra Lands. This plan is based on extensive feedback from the community, gathered through formal consultations, meetings with stakeholders and public exhibitions.

Much of the work we do would not be possible without the kind support of so many local community, business and government representatives. TRUenergy is committed to engaging key stakeholders during development and also welcomes your input and ideas. Further opportunities for you to learn more about the Tallawarra project and contribute to this development will be scheduled in coming months.

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The stack being delivered to the Tallawarra Lands site.

Tallawarra power station update

Construction of TRUenergy Tallawarra is on track for completion in time for Summer 2008. In August, over \$100 million worth of world-class machinery, including Tallawarra's massive turbine, generator and emissions stack, was delivered to the site in three late night logistical exercises (see photo above).

At present, nearly 200 contractors and 14 TRUenergy employees work onsite. TRUenergy also recently recruited staff to operate and maintain the plant, with 90% of roles filled by candidates already living in the region. We will now run training for these new employees both onsite and overseas to ensure those managing the power station are highly qualified for the task.

Tallawarra Lands Water Management Plan

We are currently preparing a Water Management Strategy for Tallawarra Lands based on detailed stormwater quality and quantity modelling of the site.

This will ensure Tallawarra Lands' drinking water, storm water, recycled water, and waste water is developed and managed in a way that is "water smart" and sensitive to the local environment.

For instance, we are investigating using rainwater collected onsite for irrigation of public recreational areas.

Key objectives of this Water Management Strategy are to improve the quality of water draining into Lake Illawarra and to protect the area's natural water systems.

Planning update

A draft Tallawarra Lands Local Environmental Plan has been accepted by the Wollongong Council and included it in their city-wide planning control document, which will be exhibited for public comment prior to formal approval.

Both the Tallawarra Lands Environmental Plan and draft Structure Plan strive for a balanced mix of land uses. Over one third of Tallawarra Lands will be allocated for environmental and community uses.

Plans also aim to maximise economic and employment opportunities for the region as well as support the future housing needs of the community.

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