

TRUenergy Mid North Wind Farms Community Liaison Group (CLG)

Purpose

As the new owners of the Waterloo wind farm and Stony Gap wind energy development project (proposed south of Burra), TRUenergy is keen to listen to what the community has to say.

In November 2011, we will establish a TRUenergy Mid North Wind Farms Community Liaison Group (CLG), to encourage and support constructive dialogue between the local community and our wind farm employees.

Role of the Group

Meeting once every two months, the CLG will:

- receive regular, timely updates on our operating wind farms
- participate in relevant decision making processes related to new TRUenergy wind farm developments
- agree on what are the key issues and topics of interest to the community
- hear scientific and technical expert presentations on these key issues and topics
- work through matters of social and/or environmental concern to both TRUenergy and the local community
- agree on plans for sharing information about these issues and topics with the wider community
- share ideas and discuss opportunities for how TRUenergy can support the local community
- provide TRUenergy with a greater understanding of local views and opinions in a constructive way; and
- give community participants' a greater sense of ownership of and pride in regional wind farm assets.

Background

TRUenergy officially acquired the Waterloo wind farm in July, 2011. Prior to this, TRUenergy had involvement in Waterloo via its parent company, the CLP Group.

At the same time as acquiring Waterloo, TRUenergy also took over management of two proposed wind energy development projects, the Stony Gap wind farm near Burra and another site near Robertstown, as well as one other operating wind farm, Cathedral Rocks, near Port Lincoln.

TRUenergy understands the value of building strong relations with its neighbours and stakeholders. Community consultation, including the TRUenergy Mid North Wind Farms CLG will play a key role in helping TRUenergy gain a greater understanding of community opinions, priorities and expectations.

Scope

The TRUenergy Mid North Wind Farms CLG will focus on the operation and management of the Waterloo wind farm and the proposed development of the Stony Gap wind farm project. Plans to develop a wind farm near Robertstown will be considered at a later stage. Should this situation change, the CLG will be briefed accordingly.

From time to time, CLG members will also be briefed on the wider corporate activities of TRUenergy.

Membership

Membership of the TRUenergy Mid North Wind Farms CLG is open to all members of the community who have a clear interest in or connection to TRUenergy Waterloo and Stony Gap wind energy projects.

The TRUenergy Mid North Wind Farms CLG aims to represent a broad range of local community interests and views. Ideally members of the CLG will bring a range of backgrounds and interests in the environment, community, business, education, health, tourism, cultural heritage, transport and emergency services.

Community groups, organisations or stakeholder groups with more than one person interested in attending are encouraged to nominate a representative. Membership is voluntary and members are encouraged to attend all meetings.

CLG Terms of Reference

Meeting format

All meetings will be chaired by an independent facilitator, Georgina House, of Aurecon. Additional support for the meetings will be provided by Aurecon and TRUenergy.

Meetings will be attended by members of TRUenergy Renewable Development Team and Operations and Construction Team.

As required, technical and scientific specialists, TRUenergy contractors and employees from the wider TRUenergy business will be invited to attend CLGs to address the group and/or participate in discussions.

Meeting agendas, papers and notes will be distributed to members 10 days prior to or following each meeting.

All questions asked during or in between meetings are to be directed via the facilitator. Questions without notice received during meetings will be addressed if possible, otherwise added to the agenda for a later meeting.

Conduct

All members and guests of the TRUenergy Mid North Wind Farms CLG are expected to act with integrity, objectivity, openness and honesty. In addition, members are requested to:

- agree to work within the CLG's Terms of Reference
- arrive on time and stay for the duration of meetings
- commit to attend all meetings or provide advance notice of non attendance
- respect the rights of other members to express their views, even if they are different from their own
- respect the confidentiality of items of business which TRUenergy may determine are confidential in nature
- agree to have their details published in materials relating to the CLG
- abide by the CLG's media and public speaking protocol; and
- abide by TRUenergy Occupational Health, Safety and Environment policies if attending a TRUenergy wind farm site.

The Meeting Facilitator may terminate the membership of members who do not respect the format, scope or conduct of the TRUenergy Mid North Wind Farms CLG meetings to renounce their membership and nominate an alternative.

Media and public speaking

All media enquiries should be directed to Sarah Stent, TRUenergy Corporate Affairs, on 03 8628 1676.

Members of the TRUenergy Mid North Wind Farms CLG approached to provide comment on the operations of TRUenergy or the CLG must make clear their response is a personal view, rather than the collective view of the CLG.

As a courtesy, members asked for media or public comment, should advise the meeting facilitator in advance of providing a response.

More information

More information on TRUenergy and its wind farm projects is available from www.truenergy.com.au