

Meeting Record

Name	Mt Piper & Wallerawang power stations	Meeting Date	21 September 2016
Meeting / Subject	Community Reference Group	Recorded By	MB
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Members:	Julie Favell, Sue Graves, Rob Cluff, Helen Riley, Alex Preema, Jim Whitty	
EnergyAustralia	Dale Hogarth	Acting Head of Mt Piper
	Michelle Blackley	Support Services Leader EnergyAustralia NSW
	Peter Griffiths	Safety Leader EnergyAustralia NSW
	Coleen Milroy	Acting Environment Specialist EnergyAustralia NSW
Apologies	Boris Hunt, Ron Bidwell, Beverly Gilbert, Jamie Giokaris	
Minute Taker	Michelle Blackley	Support Services Leader

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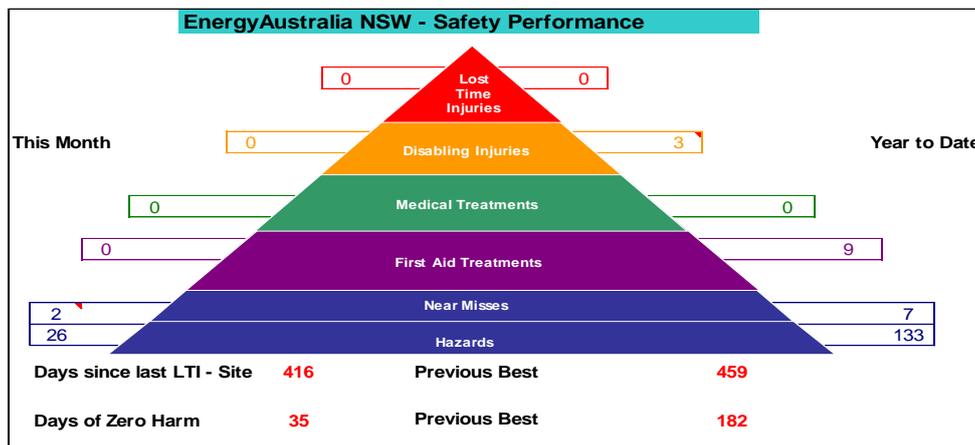
- Welcome to Country**

Welcome to Country was conducted by Helen Riley.

- Business Arising:**

Introductions were conducted for both Dale Hogarth and Coleen Milroy both newcomers to the Community Reference Group meetings.

- Site Safety**



Site Safety figures indicating year-to-date figures up to 31 August 2016 were displayed. So far this year we have only had 1 minor incident during the outage. It has been 419 days since the last lost time injury at Mt Piper and Wallerawang.

A recent incident that had some impact on our local community was that one of our trucks discharged Fuel on to the intersection of the Castlereagh Hwy and Boulder Rd near Mt Piper Power Station. A fuel seal broke in the truck which led to the leak. The Fire Brigade responded and in all 5 Government agencies such as the RMS, EPA etc were notified. We activated our pollution incident response management plan in response to this incident and all went well with the remediation of the spill.

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■ Market Update

Two power stations located about 6 kilometres south of the city centre of Port Augusta in South Australia have been closed in recent times. Northern in May 2016 and Playford in October 2015. have led to some increase in prices for the general market.

Also in the news the Bass Link between main land Australia and Tasmania was damaged late last year and the return to service has been protracted seriously affecting the availability of electricity for the State of Tasmania.

We have also heard that Alcoa is considering closing their smelters in the Portland area of Victoria.

Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) prices are on the increase in Queensland. Moomba has recently opened new gas lines to supply markets in South Australia and New South Wales as well as their existing lines to Queensland, Longford in Victoria is also experiencing high sales.

■ Operational Update

Mt Piper

Unit 2 is currently in service

Unit 1 Outage is well underway with work packages on Turbine efficiency improvements, Air heaters, Generator improvements, Digital Control System Upgrade completion and the PCR Redesign and installation. It is expected that in excess of 400 additional contractors will come on site during the outage. Obviously safety will be our primary focus during the outage.

Wallerawang Repurposing Project

As you know from our previous meetings, the Wallerawang Repurposing expressions of interest closed 15 August 2016. We have received 21 enquiries and 14 formal EOI applications. We are currently evaluating the applications. EnergyAustralia aims to finalise preliminary commercial agreements by the end December 2016.

The dismantling work at Wallerawang continues with the second package now complete. EA Auctions equipment packages have been amended in recognition of the repurposing project. A new third package is currently being programmed with EA Auctions and the fourth package is under development.

Discussions with Treasury continue to ensure the appropriate approval of our planning processes and activities for the continued dismantling of the site but also the ongoing operation of key systems. A major transaction with Treasury for approval is the order for deconstruction of Unit 7 Cooling Towers

The Owner's Engineer has been selected and approved by Treasury. Aurecon is due to start in October 2016.

■ Rail Unloader

There has been no change with the status of the rail unloader site with environmental monitoring and the agistment lease continuing. EnergyAustralia are continuing to assess our options.

■ Water Management

Oberon Dam's level has increased to 77.07%. Our Total Active Storage is at 99.5% with:

- Lake Lyell at 100% and spilling,
- Lake Wallace at 105.3% and spilling,

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- Thompsons Creek Dam at 98.5%.

An Amber Algal Alert applies to Lake Lyell for Blue Green Algae.

▪ Lamberts North

- Ash Placement Volume
- June to August 2016 =83,736 tonne
- Ash placement in Lamberts North to continue through September to November
- No complaints Received
- No incidents recorded
- 2015-2016 Annual Environment Management Report in development
- Biodiversity Offset Area Requirements
- Flora and Fauna Survey conducted
- The area will be fenced off by end of 2016
- Planting is planned for Autumn 2017

In response to an item raised in previous meetings the list of species to be planted at TCD are listed below. These plants were recommended by the review recently conducted by our consultant.

Common Name	Scientific Name
Snow gum	<i>Eucalyptus pauciflora ssp. pauciflora</i>
Narrow-Leafed Peppermint	<i>Eucalyptus radiata</i>
Broad-Leaved Peppermint	<i>Eucalyptus dives</i>
Scribbly Gum	<i>Eucalyptus rossii</i>
Stringybark	<i>Eucalyptus macrorhyncha ssp. macrorhyncha</i>
Brittle Gum	<i>Eucalyptus mannifera ssp. mannifera</i>
Red Stem Wattle	<i>Acacia spp.</i>

Julie Favell opined that the listed plants all preferred sandstone soils and as TCD had granite soils this proposed planting could return a poor result. The list did not contain shrubs to provide an under storey for small birds and animals.

- **ACTION:** Further information to be supplied to the committee at the next meeting.

▪ Joint EnergyAustralia NSW/Centennial Water Project

A request for tender for the water plant and pipeline was issued to the three preferred tenderers.

The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is now complete. The Dept of Planning have completed an “adequacy” review. The EIS will be on public display next week.

Ongoing commercial/financial/legal negotiations are being discussed between the Consortium members while technical design interactions continue to be developed within the Consortium.

Ms Favell asked about the discharge from Lamberts Gully being included in the project design. The conductivity of this discharge was high and could possibly be managed through a pipeline connection to the proposed project. It was recommended that this suggestion be put through the EIS process.

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■ Sponsorship Process

The first of the 2016 Sponsorship Grant Programs has been approved and disbursed. The recipients of the community grants program are listed below:

Applicant	Request	Reason	Proposed \$
Lithgow Pony Club	\$4,500	Amenities Block	\$4,500
Portland Colts Rugby League Club	\$1,000	Centenary Celebrations	\$1,000
Lithgow District Car Club	\$2,000	Amenities Block	\$2,000
Portland & District Olympic Pool	\$7,500	Solar Panels installation	\$7,500
COC Limited	\$5,000	Development of Rail Trail	\$5,000

The second program will be advertised in October and the application will be reviewed by this Committee in our scheduled November meeting. Another \$20,000 is available to be shared among the successful applicants

Media release on successful applicants will be sent out shortly

■ Infrasound Investigation

We have shared our report relating to Unit 1 with the complainant and we are awaiting their reply. We will continue to keep the Forum and the complainant informed of our progress on this matter.

■ Merging of Community Consultation Committees.

The merging of the Mt Piper/Wallerawang Community Reference Group and the Pinedale Community Consultative Committee was revisited to ensure the group understood the details of the proposed merge. The revised procedures from the Dept of Planning were provided at the last meeting. These include:

- An independent Chairperson, this position will be advertised and applications sought through the Dept of Planning. The Chair position is approved by the Dept of Planning.
- 3 to 5 community representatives including environment group representation. The membership positions are advertised and assessed through the Chair and endorsed by the Dept of Planning. Community representatives will be assessed on their ability to represent the concerns of significant interest group or have a variety of interests.
- 1 Council representative
- 2 to 3 EnergyAustralia representatives including a staff member from the Environment Team.

EnergyAustralia have discussed the merge with Dept of Planning. We are awaiting their formal response but it was received favourably in this discussion.

There is obviously a lot of work that needs to be put in place before the formation of the new consultative committee can be implemented. We hope to have this in place for the February 2017 meeting. Once again the members were encouraged to apply for the new Committee.

Julie Favell expressed her concern about merging the committees as she has found the Pinedale Committee to be unresponsive, uncommunicative and non-inclusive. She further advised that her

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questions were not included in the minutes of meetings. She has enjoyed her time on the Mt Piper/Wallerawang Committee as she believes her concerns were heard and accepted.

■ General Business

Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP)

The Forum was advised about the launch of EnergyAustralia’s RAP. It was launched in August with staff and other stakeholders.

Energy Australia are proud to add our voice to the call for a reconciled, just and equitable Australia. We know that inclusive and diverse organisations simply perform better.

Our RAP sets out the steps we will take to increase our engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, culture and communities. This includes improving the opportunities for Indigenous Australians to participate in our business as:

- employees,
- suppliers,
- customers,
- and partners

Our plan describes actions that we are now accountable for delivering. This is a continual improvement program to continue to make our contribution to reconciliation in Australia. A copy of the RAP was provided to each member of the Forum.

This led to discussions across the group relating to what was needed by the local indigenous community and how EnergyAustralia could assist. Mrs Helen Riley advised the project work that the Mingaan Wiradjuri Aboriginal Corporation were undertaking could use some funding but also in kind support to assist with the installation of bollards around Maiyngu Marragu to protect the important indigenous heritage site. The other group members expressed their concern about this important area being vandalised and further advised that they supported any community grant funding being provided to this project work and asked EnergyAustralia to investigate ways to assist with the protection of this valuable site.

The NuRock project is now reviewing the development of a smaller plant that EnergyAustralia has agreed to partly fund. The funding for a bigger plant was proving problematic and seriously affecting the progress of the project. EnergyAustralia believe in the project deliverables of reuse of the ash, potential local employment creation and the development of a sound product.

Meeting closed at 6:30 pm.

■ Next Meeting

The date for the next Forum meeting is Wednesday 30 November 2016.

■ Action List

Initiated	Action	Progress
August 2015	List of plant species to be used in the biodiversity offset project at TCD	Completed
March 2016	Tour of cooling tower dismantling works for May 2016 meeting	To be arranged and advised

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June 2016	Ring LCC re Trail Maps and Signage Funding suggestion	Completed
June 2016	Merging of Pinedale Community Consultative Committee and Wallerawang/Mt Piper Community Reference Group to be implemented	In Progress
June 2016	Response for Pinedale Mine Community Consultative Committee questions	Sarah Neville November Meeting
June 2016	Response for re use of Light poles and Lights for Wallerawang Football Field	Completed
June 2016	Response for use of Wallerawang Schoolhouse for Mens' Shed	In Progress