

# TRUenergy COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP

## MEETING NOTES APRIL 2011- ADOPTED 15 JUNE 2011

MEETING	<b>TALLAWARRA COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP MEETING</b>	MEETING NUMBER 2/2011
HELD AT	TRUENERGY TALLAWARRA SITE, WOLLONGONG	DATE <b>20 APRIL 2011</b>
PROJECT	<b>TALLAWARRA</b>	
ATTENDEES	<div> <div> Doug Prosser Chris Brandis Rita Webb Renae Riviere Andrew Knowlson Cheryl Lappin Anthony Savenkov Brendan Blakeley Lucy Greig </div> <div> Lake Illawarra Authority Illawarra Bird Observers Club Dapto Chamber of Commerce Conservation Volunteers Australia Duck Creek Catchment Community Group Shellharbour Council TRUenergy Elton Consulting (facilitator) Elton Consulting (note-taker) </div> </div>	
APOLOGIES	<div> <div> Graham Towers Bob Dowd Rhonda Warner Garry Doughty Graham Dowers John McIntyre </div> <div> Department of Planning Conservation Volunteers Australia Careways Community Inc Illawarra Cycle Club TRUenergy TRUenergy </div> </div>	
DISTRIBUTION	To all invitees	

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1.0	<b>Site Visit – Renae Riviere, Conservation Volunteers Australia / Welcome &amp; Introductions – Brendan Blakeley, Elton Consulting</b>		
	<p><i>The meeting commenced just after 4.30pm at the conservation area.</i></p> <p>Renae Riviera of Conservation Volunteers Australia (CVA) took group members on a short tour of the works undertaken by CVA in their first 12 months on the site. She also discussed future works planned for 2011.</p> <p>Renae made the following key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CVA first commenced work on the Tallawarra site in October 2008. To date more than 800 plants have been planted.</li> <li>A TRUenergy staff day was held onsite in May 2009 and around 400 plants were planted. These plantings have had a survival rate of approximately 95%, and are watered monthly.</li> <li>Around 12-14 volunteers regularly contribute their time to work with CVA on the Tallawarra site. Over the next 12 months, mulching and planting will continue on the site (including the entry slope area and part of the site which was recently cleared of lantana by flooding). CVA team members will also do some weed management.</li> <li>The organisation selects tree species in liaison with Landcare Illawarra, and all are grown from locally collected seeds.</li> </ul>		

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	<p><i>The meeting continued onsite. Brendan Blakeley welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies were received from Graham Towers, Bob Dowd, Rhonda Warner, Garry Doughty, Graham Dowers, and John McIntyre.</i></p> <p><i>The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted without amendment. Adoption of the minutes was moved by Doug Prosser.</i></p>		
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Tallawarra B Update – Anthony Savenkov, TRUenergy</b>		
	<p>Anthony gave an update on the status of the planning process for Tallawarra B. He made the following key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To assist with its commercial planning for Tallawarra B, TRUenergy is progressing its market study.</li> <li>TRUenergy is working to better understand the opportunities and constraints of its Marulan site, acquired in the recent NSW energy privatisation process.</li> <li>An important action item for Tallawarra B is to progress the connection agreement with Integral Energy and Transgrid. This details how Tallawarra B will connect to the electricity network.</li> </ul> <p><b>Questions and comments:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cheryl Lappin: The Tallawarra B approval was for a combined-cycle system. Is TRUenergy still pursuing a combined-cycle system?</li> <li>Anthony Savenkov: The development consent provides for either a combined cycle or open cycle configurations. As a condition of consent, there is the matter of 'plume rise' to be resolved in relation to an open-cycle configuration. TRUenergy would need to satisfy the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) that the station would not unduly impact on flight safety if an open-cycle power plant were to be pursued.</li> <li>Rita Webb: What is the most likely configuration for the Tallawarra B stack?</li> <li>Anthony Savenkov: A combined cycle configuration will require a stack very similar to that of Tallawarra A. An open cycle configuration will require two/three stacks – likely shorter than that of Tallawarra A's.</li> </ul>		
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Tallawarra Lands Update – Anthony Savenkov, TRUenergy</b>		
	<p>Anthony Savenkov made the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The environmental assessment report TRUenergy submitted for the Tallawarra Lands Concept Plan development application is undergoing Adequacy Review by the Department of Planning, to confirm that it meets the scope requirements prescribed by the Director General, and that it is therefore suitable for public exhibition.</li> <li>As Tallawarra Lands has been identified as a strategic asset that will support future employment growth in the Illawarra region, TRUenergy has commissioned SGS Economics and Planning (SGS) to undertake an Employment Strategy. This investigates industrial development opportunities for the site. It considers the economic</li> </ul>		

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	<p>conditions and policy framework in Wollongong and Shellharbour local government areas, along with local market dynamics and the competitive offer of the Tallawarra Lands site. It highlights opportunities and provides recommendations which will be one valuable input in guiding the planning and delivery of this development site in order to help it maximise its employment outcomes. Subject to the Department of Planning's approval, this document will be useful to add to the suite of specialist studies to be publically exhibited with the environmental assessment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There has been further vandalism of boundary gates and fences. These will be immediately replaced/repared.</li> <li>• The weeds program is continuing.</li> <li>• The Vegetation Management Plan prepared as part of the Environmental Assessment is a useful tool which will help strategically and technically guide future weeds management planning for the site.</li> </ul> <p><b>Questions and comments:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brendan Blakeley: Has there been any indication from the NSW Department of Planning regarding timing for Adequacy Review of the Environmental Assessment?</li> <li>• Andrew Knowlson: How are changes to Part 3A expected to affect the planning process (that is, now that some applications are assessed by the Planning Assessment Commission, some by Councils, and others may not be assessed under the current arrangements)?</li> <li>• Cheryl Lappin: Is the Environmental Assessment being referred to another Department?</li> <li>• Anthony Savenkov: TRUenergy understands that the NSW Department of Planning is currently completing their adequacy review. However the completion date has not yet been confirmed.</li> </ul>		
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Other matters</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elton Consulting intends to advise the CLG of the public exhibition dates for the Tallawarra Lands Environmental Assessment. We will also be distributing a newsletter to communicate the exhibition process in the wider community.</li> <li>• Andrew Knowlson advised that he will be an apology for the June CLG meeting.</li> </ul>		
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Close and next meeting</b>		
	<p><i>The meeting was closed at approximately 5.00pm.</i></p> <p><i>Next meeting: 4.30pm 15 June 2011, onsite.</i></p> <p><i>Brendan Blakeley thanked all members of the CLG for their input.</i></p>		
<p>If you have any questions in relation to these minutes please contact Brendan Blakeley at Elton Consulting. Tel: 02 9387 2600 Fax: 02 9387 2557 Email: <a href="mailto:brendan@elton.com.au">brendan@elton.com.au</a></p>			