

TRUenergy COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP

MEETING NOTES AUGUST 2011: ADOPTED NOVEMBER 2011

MEETING	TALLAWARRA COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP MEETING	MEETING NUMBER 4/2011
HELD AT	TRUENERGY TALLAWARRA SITE, WOLLONGONG	DATE 17 AUGUST 2011
PROJECT	TALLAWARRA	
ATTENDEES	<div> <div> Doug Prosser Chris Brandis Renaë Riviere Andrew Knowlson Kevin Cassanego Anthony Savenkov Shane Wells Lucy Greig </div> <div> Lake Illawarra Authority Illawarra Bird Observers Club Conservation Volunteers Australia Duck Creek Catchment Community Group Lighthouse Church TRUenergy Elton Consulting (facilitator) Elton Consulting (note-taker) </div> </div>	
APOLOGIES	<div> <div> Graham Towers Graham Dowers John McIntyre Warren Smith Cheryl Lappin Rita Webb Ken Davis </div> <div> Department of Planning TRUenergy TRUenergy TRUenergy Shellharbour Council Dapto Chamber of Commerce Concerned Residents of East Dapto </div> </div>	
DISTRIBUTION	To all invitees	

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	ACTION	DATE
1.0	Welcome & Introductions – Brendan Blakeley, Elton Consulting		
	<p><i>The meeting commenced just after 4.30pm on site. Shane Wells introduced himself as the meeting facilitator in place of Brendan Blakeley and welcomed all to the meeting. Shane has considerable experience working in corporate communications and has played a key role in community and stakeholder consultation relating to major infrastructure projects such as the Cross City Tunnel and North West Rail Link. Apologies were received from Graham Towers, Graham Dowers, Warren Smith, Cheryl Lappin, Rita Webb, John McIntyre and Ken Davis.</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>		
2.0	Tallawarra B – Anthony Savenkov, TRUenergy		
	Anthony noted that Tallawarra B is progressing as discussed at the last couple of CLG meetings, with no further update. He welcomed any issues or questions from the group. There were no issues raised.		
3.0	Tallawarra Lands Update – Anthony Savenkov, TRUenergy		
	<p>Anthony Savenkov gave an update on the status of the Tallawarra Lands site. He made the following key points:</p> <p><u>Tallawarra Lands</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Botanist Anders Bofeldt who was involved (with others) in licensed native seed collection at Tallawarra Lands has recently passed away. 		

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	<p>TRUenergy wishes to acknowledge and remember him for his contribution to the project and the local environment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintenance/repairs – new gates have been added near the Mount Brown water reservoir to replace gates which were vandalised. • Minor fencing works will commence shortly at the boundary with Mount Brown Reserve. • In addition to the normal weed and mowing program, spot mowing and pruning works have been conducted near the residential area in Koonawarra and along the road on the western side of the site and adjacent to houses in the Mount Brown estate. Grass and weeds have been thriving with significant rain over last couple of months. • A member of the community recently advised TRUenergy through the project website's "Talk to Us" function about an area of overgrown grass and litter. This issue has been attended to by TRUenergy and we appreciate this type of community feedback which helps our team to effectively manage the Tallawarra Lands site. <p><u>Tallawarra Lands Concept Plan Development Application</u></p> <p>Anthony Savenkov made the following key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure has completed its adequacy review of the Environmental Assessment ("EA") report for the Tallawarra Lands Concept Plan development application. • The Department has confirmed the EA is suitable for public exhibition. It asked TRUenergy to make a number of minor amendments/clarifications to the application. • Assuming these minor revisions are acceptable to the Department, the EA is expected to go on public exhibition soon. When this occurs it will be posted on the 'Major Projects' page of the Department's website and will also be available for viewing at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Department of Planning and Infrastructure Information Centre, Sydney ○ Wollongong City Council, and ○ Shellharbour Council. <p><u>Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Protection Act</u></p> <p>Anthony Savenkov made the following key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TRUenergy has also referred the Concept Plan to the Federal Government Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Community for review, in relation to matters of national and international significance. This provides this Federal agency with a formal opportunity to provide feedback regarding the Concept Plan. • It has been exhibited on the Department's website and it is anticipated that determination will take place shortly. 		
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	<p><u>Questions and comments</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kevin Cassanego: What is the anticipated timing for the NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure's determination? Anthony Savenkov: We understand that the exhibition period is 30 days. This is followed by consideration/addressing the responses to the exhibition. This in turn is followed by assessment and determination. Chris Brandis: Is the Tallawarra B project expected to be impacted by a potential imminent shutting down of the local steelworks? Anthony Savenkov: This is unlikely to have a significant impact on TRUenergy's long term plans, but will take this question on notice and report back following discussion with development planning and industrial customer colleagues. Renae Riviere: Conservation Volunteers Australia has just completed 20 volunteer days at the Tallawarra Lands site, and just over 520 plants have been planted so far. Over the last eight months our team of volunteers has weeded and prepared the area of the site located near the Highway. Doug Prosser: What is the planting survival rate? Renae Riviere: Usually around 95% and slightly less in the heavy rains. Anthony Savenkov noted that the wet weather flood event also completely washed away a lot of lantana in that area which was very helpful. One of the issues raised in feedback on the EA from one of the government agencies was to take care when considering plantings for Duck Creek to make sure these do not exacerbate potential flooding issues. For instance, more dense forms of vegetation could impact on neighbours upstream. TRUenergy will be mindful of this. Chris Brandis noted that alternately, if there is not enough vegetation this could result in erosion issues. 		
4.0	Other matters		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An update on Tallawarra A will be provided at the next CLG meeting. 		
5.0	Close and next meeting		
	<p><i>The meeting was closed at approximately 5.15pm.</i></p> <p><i>Next meeting: 4.30pm Wednesday 16 November 2011, onsite.</i></p> <p><i>Shane Wells 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: brendan@elton.com.au</p>			