

TRUenergy COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP

MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 2010

MEETING	TALLAWARRA COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP MEETING		MEETING NUMBER	1/2010
HELD AT	TRUENERGY TALLAWARRA SITE, WOLLONGONG		DATE	17 FEBRUARY 2010
PROJECT	TALLAWARRA			
ATTENDEES	Doug Prosser Cheryl Lappin Chris Brandis Rita Webb Andrew Knowlson Werner Steyer Rhonda Werner John McIntyre Anthony Savenkov Lloyd Townsend Con Hristodoulidis Steve Rossiter Mel Ronca	Lake Illawarra Authority Shellharbour Council Illawarra Bird Observers Club Dapto Chamber of Commerce Duck Creek Catchment Group Illawarra Bicycle Users Group Illawarra Community Services, Dapto TRUenergy TRUenergy TRUenergy TRUenergy Elton Consulting (Facilitator) Elton Consulting (Note-take)		
APOLOGIES	Doug Prosser Graham Towers Graham Dowers Brendan Blakeley	Lake Illawarra Authority Department of Planning TRUenergy Elton Consulting		
DISTRIBUTION	To all invitees			
ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	ACTION	DATE	
1.0	Welcome & Introductions – Steve Rossiter, Elton Consulting			
	<i>The meeting commenced at 4.30pm. Steve Rossiter welcomed all to the meeting and asked members of the group to introduce themselves around the table. Con Hristodoulidis was introduced the CLG. Con is acting temporarily in Sarah Stent's Corporate Affairs role.</i> <i>Apologies were received from Doug Prosser, Graham Towers, Graham Dowers and Brendan Blakeley.</i> <i>The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted; adoption was moved by Rita Webb and seconded by Chris Brandis.</i>			
2.0	Power Station Works Update – John McIntyre, TRUenergy			
	John McIntyre made the following key points:- <ul style="list-style-type: none">The Tallawarra A power station continues to run well. Minor control systems issues experienced earlier have been resolved.There was an inspection of the gas turbines completed in March 2009. An issue arising from this inspection was the some of the coating on the turbine blade is lifting off. TRUenergy is monitoring this condition.Since the November CLG meeting there have been no environmental incidents, lost			

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	<p>time events or safety issues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A secure oil store is currently being built. • TRUenergy plans to relocate the security office for the power station closer to the front gate of the site. • Power station operations were shut down over the Christmas / New Year period to complete a statutory pressure vessel inspection. Congested rotating disc screens on the salt water intake system were cleaned. These screens catch marine flora and fauna, which then gets returned back to the Lake alive, ensuring that they do not enter power station plant equipment. The rotating section of the screens was also found to have been installed incorrectly; the rectification has improved the functioning of the rotating chain. • We have not noticed any jellyfish infestation in the Lake this year, unlike in previous years. <p><u>Questions and comments</u></p> <p>CLG member: Does the way the wind blows affect the amount of weed entering the inlet canal and therefore coming in contact with the screens?</p> <p>John McIntyre: Yes, changes in the wind can lead to weed build up on the screens as the winds affect the direction weed moves in the Lake.</p> <p>CLG member: Can an anti-fouling paint be used on the screens to prevent weed and marine growth build-up?</p> <p>John McIntyre: To avoid using anti-fouling agents, which may affect Lake water quality, the screens are manually cleaned regularly.</p>		
3.0	Site Maintenance Update – Lloyd Townsend, TRUenergy		
	<p>Lloyd Townsend made the following key points:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following the Christmas period feral pigs have again been found on the site. TRUenergy have resumed activities in conjunction with the Rural Protection Board to trap and remove the feral pigs. • Illawarra Vocational Services have continued to mow around the site. • TRUenergy is investigating a way of further reducing the environmental risk profile of the power station by routing storm water entering the power station retention pond into the artificial wetland and polishing pond system. • Conservation Volunteers Australia (CVA) are spending 2 days every 4 to 6 weeks onsite weeding. This represents an additional day to what the funding initially allowed; the day is being used for weeding by National Green Corps Team. • The trees planted by CVA to date are growing very well. • CVA's plans for 2010 include the planting of ground cover plants, weeding and weed spraying. • As part of the weeds management programme, some lantana clearing has been carried out on the northern side of site. • The new telecommunications tower being erected to replace the adjacent existing tower is almost complete. • The Rural Fire Service conducted a site visit to update their emergency plans and 		

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	<p>ensure suitable access for fire service vehicles is possible to all relevant parts of the site.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The wildlife rescue service WIRES was recently called to help rescue a grey-headed flying fox found tangled in the barbed wire of a site fence. • There have been road repairs conducted in conjunction with Council to repair a badly damaged section of Yallah Road. • TRUenergy's annual support of Clean Up Australia Day will occur this year on Saturday 7 March 2010. We would like to invite the participation of the community in collecting rubbish on the site from 9am to 11am. The day will begin at Tallawarra boat ramp at 9am and move along Yallah Bay Road and the spit. Rubbish collection will be followed by a BBQ. <p><u>Questions and comments</u></p> <p>CLG member: Is illegal dumping of rubbish still occurring along some of the site boundaries?</p> <p>Lloyd Townsend: Yes, 16 tyres and a large amount of other rubbish was recently collected. Rubbish is also sometimes left on the foreshore by fishermen.</p> <p>CLG member: Are there bins near fishing spots/wharves for fishermen to use?</p> <p>TRUenergy: With approval of the Lake Illawarra Authority (LIA), TRUenergy have recently installed a large dumpster type bin down by the spit for the use of fishermen. The aim of providing this bin is to attempt to reduce the amount of rubbish left on the site, especially in the children's play area.</p>		
4.0	Tallawarra Power Station Stage B – Anthony Savenkov, TRUenergy		
	<p>Anthony Savenkov made the following key points:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In August 2009 the submission process following public exhibition of Tallawarra Stage B plans received 10 submissions (from government agencies). In December 2009 TRUenergy lodged to the Department of Planning a report in response to these submissions. • The key issues that were raised in submissions involved the release of cooled water into the Lake and air quality. These issues appear to have been resolved in discussions with the NSW Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water (DECCW). • In relation to the query regarding TRUenergy's contact with the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) from the previous meeting: an assessment of the plume rise from the Stage B power station has been conducted. The findings of this assessment are currently being considered by CASA and Air Services Australia (ASA). TRUenergy wish to meet with CASA and ASA representatives to discuss the assessment findings. <p><u>Questions and comments</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheryl Lappin: Shellharbour Council may also be interested in the assessment of the plume rise from the Stage B power station. The name of Council's relevant consultant can be provided to TRUenergy. • CLG member: Is the issue of noise being further assessed? • Anthony Savenkov: We continue to work to ensure that potential noise impacts from the power station on Tallawarra Lands are minimized. 		

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6.0	Tallawarra Lands Update – Anthony Savenkov		
	<p>Anthony Savenkov made the following key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TRUenergy is assembling a team of experts to conduct studies and assessments in a variety of speciality areas for the Environmental Assessment of the Tallawarra Lands Concept Plan. • TRUenergy will be engaging consultants in the following speciality areas:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Flora and fauna. ○ Riparian zone planning. ○ Acoustic assessment and management. ○ Flood risk and mitigation. ○ Open space area planning. ○ Ecologically sustainable development. Although all consultants engaged will cover ESD in their respective specialty, an expert ESD consultant will also be engaged to support the project team in this area. ○ Traffic, transport and accessibility. ○ Drainage, including for example, water sensitive design and water quality. ○ Ground water. ○ Climate change. ○ Coastal processes/ coastal impact assessment. ○ Environmental and residential amenity, which will be considered as part of overall urban design. ○ Economic impact assessment. ○ Historical and Aboriginal cultural heritage. ○ Bush fire risk and management. ○ Geotechnical and potential contamination. ○ Urban design. ○ Developer contributions planning, including for example, the identification of social and recreational assets that required on or around site as a result of the development of Tallawarra Lands. ○ Utilities, including for example, water, electricity, etc. ○ Visual impact assessment. ○ Landscape design. • The expert team will be able to draw on the numerous studies already conducted for earlier stages of the project, and will undertake more detailed studies/report in their relevant speciality area. • A community information and feedback session is being planned for the consultant team to share their thinking and to obtain input and feedback from the local community. • Additionally, TRUenergy would like to invite relevant experts to brief the CLG on their studies, and seeks feedback as to which study specialities will be of most 	Yes, see below item 6 for details.	

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	<p>interest to the group.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On completion these studies will be lodged as reports with the Department of Planning for consideration by government agency experts, review for adequacy, and public exhibition. <p><u>Questions and comments</u></p> <p>Steve Rossiter asked CLG members to nominate consultancy areas on which they would like to have the consultant present at a CLG meeting. CLG members showed the greatest interest in hearing from consultants in the following areas:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flora and fauna. Riparian zones. Foreshore: conservation of foreshore, provision of public open space. ESD. Traffic & transport. Drainage including WSUD measures and water quality. Utilities i.e. water, power, etc. Visual impact assessment. <p>CLG member: The Lake Illawarra Authority is currently working on a climate change and sea level rise assessment, there may be potential to connect this assessment with that of TRUenergy's consultant/s.</p> <p>CLG member: Will there be a site specific Development Control Plan (DCP)?</p> <p>Anthony Savenkov: Design controls are a component of the urban designer's scope.</p> <p>CLG member: Why has TRUenergy chosen to take the Tallawarra Lands project through a Part 3A major projects application process?</p> <p>Anthony Savenkov: As outlined in the statutory planner's preliminary assessment submitted to the Major Projects office, the size of the Tallawarra Lands project and issues such as environmental sensitivity related to its location on Lake Illawarra, means that the site lends itself to a Major Projects application.</p> <p>CLG member: Do you know when Wollongong Council's Local Environmental Plan will be gazetted?</p> <p>Anthony Savenkov: No, but presumably this it will occur very soon, as we understand that all prerequisite matters have been satisfied.</p> <p>Action: CLG members may provide comment on the specialty areas being assessed for the EA. Comments received will be forwarded to the relevant consultant. Use the attached form and submit to mel@elton.com.au.</p>		
7.0	Program for 2010 and Discussion of CLG activities and operation		
	<p>Steve Rossiter advised that the following dates are tentatively planned for 2010 CLG meetings:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 21 April 16 June 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18 August • 17 November <p>(CLG members will be notified in advance if changes are made to these dates).</p> <p>Steve Rossiter invited discussion among CLG members on the operation and activities of the CLG. Discussion is summarised below.</p> <p>CLG member: It is extremely positive that the CLG has been supported by TRUenergy for so long. How does TRUenergy see the CLG continuing? What is the value of the CLG to TRUenergy?</p> <p>TRUenergy: CLG involvement in the project has been valuable to the Tallawarra projects. There are no plans to discontinue the CLG.</p> <p>CLG member: It would be good to invite new members into the CLG.</p> <p>CLG member: It would be good to have Haywards Bay residents represented. In the future, when development on the site is complete, the CLG may morph into a local residents group but until the development has taken place it should continue to be a forum for stakeholder group representatives from the broader community.</p> <p>Further comments:</p> <p>CLG member:</p> <p>TRUenergy and its EA consultant team for Tallawarra Lands should be aware that a draft biodiversity corridor strategy is being prepared by with the councils of Wollongong, Kiama and Shellharbour. The report will be made publicly available once finalised.</p>		
9.0	Close – Next meeting		
	<p>The meeting was closed at 6.00pm.</p> <p>Next meeting: 4.30pm Wednesday 21 April 2010, on site.</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>			