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TRUenergy Tallawarra community update

Following the recent completion of the Tallawarra A power station, TRUenergy has now put forward a plan to develop an additional power station, Tallawarra Stage B. This power station would be located next to Tallawarra A and would provide an additional source of clean, reliable electricity for NSW homes and businesses at times when demand for energy is high.

Both projects could not have progressed without rigorous assessment of air quality and noise to ensure the power stations have no discernable impact on the local environment and meet strict government requirements. These assessments, as well as preliminary plans for the type of power station we may build are included in our Environmental Assessment, which is now on public exhibition.

We look forward to discussing Stage B with you in person at the upcoming Community Information Session, and encourage you to invite your family, friends and neighbours to join us. Please read on for more information about how you can contribute to this project.

Anthony Savenkov, Project Manager, Tallawarra Lands

Council approval of Local Environmental Plan

Wollongong City Council recently adopted the Wollongong Local Environmental Plan (LEP) in response to extensive public feedback. This plan incorporates the Tallawarra Lands site and guides its future use in terms of employment, housing, recreation and conservation.

As part of the LEP public consultation process, TRUenergy also provided feedback, recommending an increase to the amount of green space surrounding its power generation site. We suggested that additional land is needed to provide a suitable buffer around the power station and to reduce any possible impacts on neighbouring properties.

TRUenergy's proposed amendment was accepted by Council. As a result, the total area of Tallawarra Lands currently zoned for open space, environmental, and recreational purposes will increase by about 40 hectares, to around half of the entire Tallawarra Lands site.

Wollongong Council has now submitted its LEP for the Minister of Planning's approval.

Two new community partnerships

TRUenergy has recently partnered with two further community programs, Australian Seabird Rescue South Coast, and the Dapto Police Community Youth Club's Healthy Eating in Schools program.

Both programs are run by tireless volunteers and aim to tackle critical issues important to the local community. With our help, both organisations have been able to launch successful new educational campaigns aimed at schoolchildren; one to improve awareness of marine life, the other to encourage healthy eating and exercise amongst kids.

Opposite: Local school children take part in the launch of the Healthy Eating in Schools program at the Lake Illawarra Centre



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Community Information Session

We welcome you and all other members of the community to take part in a Community Information Session on TRUenergy's plans for the **Tallawarra Stage B** power station.

The casual, drop-in session will provide an opportunity for you to find out more about our plans for Tallawarra, and to share your thoughts on the Stage B project with us.

The session will be held as follows:

Date: **Tuesday 25 August**

Time: **Anytime between 6pm and 8pm**

Venue: **The Laurel Room, Dapto Ribbonwood Centre, 93-109 Princes Hwy, Dapto**
(Enter from rear of building via Heininger Street)

Your feedback is important to us and we look forward to meeting with you at the session. A BBQ and light refreshments will be provided.