

Meeting Record

Name	Mt Piper & Wallerawang power stations	Meeting Date	29 May 2014
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Members:	Julie Favell, Jim Whitty, Alex Preema, Sue Graves, Rob Baigent.	
EnergyAustralia	Luke Welfare	General Manager EnergyAustralia NSW;
	Michelle Blackley	Commercial Manager.
Apologies	Boris Hunt, Jamie Giokaris, Ron Bidwell, Helen Riley,	
Minute Taker	Michelle Blackley	Commercial Manager.

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Business Arising:

A request was made at the last meeting to get more details relating to the end date of the contamination liability for Wallerawang under the Sales and Purchase Agreement.

Details were provided in the presentation to explain the liability for both EnergyAustralia and the State.

1. Operational Update

Mt Piper - Unit 1 & 2 in service with preparations underway for an upcoming outage.

Wallerawang – Unit 7 no longer in service and will soon be deregistered. Unit 8 remains on three month recall with no plans to generate at the moment. Future operations for Wallerawang Unit 8 will be a feature of the next round of business planning.

The early stages of planning for Decommission, Disassembly and Rehabilitation for Unit 7 are underway. Questions were asked about recycling materials present on site. It was explained that materials that can be used at Mt Piper will be relocated. Other items will be sold for re-use where possible. For example any turbine oil still on site will be recycled through Nationwide. This company recycles oils for reuse in power generation.

The 66/132kV Switchyard is all but gone with TransGrid contracting the demolition of this site.

Site Safety remains an operational highlight with no lost time employee injuries since July 2011 across both power stations. Work continues with updating our safety policies and procedures with full consultation with our staff and accreditation of our safety systems to the relevant Australian Standards.

2. Rail Unloader

There has been no change with the status of the rail unloader site with environmental monitoring and the agistment lease continuing.

3. Water Management

Oberon Dam is at 66.29% and the Western total active storage is 90.4 %.

An alert for Blue Green algae at Lake Wallace and Lake Lyell has continued since the last meeting but has been reduced to amber level.

The salinity level of Lake Wallace was discussed in some detail and questions arose about the involvement of the EPA and Centennial in ongoing arrangements for the lake's water quality. The meeting was advised that some discussions between the EPA and EnergyAustralia had highlighted the growing salinity issue in the lake but that EnergyAustralia had little or no impact on this issue since the Wallerawang units had been turned off. Any further discussions would have to be between the EPA and Centennial.

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4. Transition to EnergyAustralia

EnergyAustralia's announcement regarding the voluntary redundancy offered to staff was explained. Concerns were raised about the local level of unemployment and the local economy. It was reiterated that the 4 year guarantee of employment was still in place.

5. General Business

Where would the water allocation for Wallerawang power station once the station was not operating? We will retain our current water allocation to support our units in operation and on standby.

Pinedale's status at the moment is in care and maintenance awaiting the results of their development application. Pinedale's batter wall has had some further work done on it to improve the rehabilitation of that area.

Some questions relating to alternate coal sources were answered relating to Coalpac and the proposed Neubeck's project. It was perceived by the forum that EnergyAustralia was caught between the global coal market and competitive local energy market. Fuel supply is an ongoing issue for us and we may need to operate the remaining plant differently using some of these alternate coal suppliers.

It is perceived that some of the new projects would provide coal to the export market. The forum generally understood that Centennial had made big infrastructure investments with the view to get the local coal to the ports and the export market.

We were advised that only three households were still owned by the householders. The rest had been bought by Centennial.

Why did EnergyAustralia buy Mt Piper and Wallerawang given all the external pressures on their commercial position? They have a long term plan but on the shorter term the GenTrader Agreement was not commercial advantageous to them and they wanted to get away from that position.

There was some general discussion whether nuclear was an option.

Catherine Tanna's appointment was made known to the forum. Some background information relating to her business experience was requested.

Meeting closed at 6.30pm.

Next Meeting

Wednesday 27 August 2014 at 5 pm, venue to be advised.