

Tallawarra Lands Community Update

No. 2 August 2006

Welcome to the second in a series of community updates to keep you informed of the planning process for Tallawarra Lands rezoning and the Tallawarra power station.

This very exciting project will see the creation of zonings to create a long term plan of mixed use developments including conservation, recreation and open space, residential and employment generating land on sections of the 600ha site at Yallah. The 400MW power station will be Australia's most efficient gas fired power station and site clearance works have begun.

We would like to thank all those who attended the first community consultation session held last month and look forward to meeting with you and other community members at the next session on Saturday September 2 at the Ribbonwood Centre, Dapto.

Nicola Wojcik
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PLANNING FOR TALLAWARRA LANDS

Now the power station is underway, TRUenergy, in partnership with Wollongong City Council with input from Department of Planning and Premier's Department, is preparing a study that will ensure appropriate planning for the remainder of the Tallawarra Lands.

There are two stages of the planning process. The first is a Local Environmental Study (LES) that is being undertaken by Willana Associates. This study will be used by Wollongong City Council to prepare a Local Environment Plan (LEP). At this point it is expected that the LES will be completed in September 2006 with a draft LEP to be exhibited in early 2007.

OUTCOMES OF THE JULY COMMUNITY CONSULTATION SESSION

In addition to the input from the long running Tallawarra Community Liaison Group (CLG), a consultation session to seek feedback from the broader community was held on 22 July. The take home messages from the consultation process with the CLG and broader community have consistent themes, and are summarised as follows:

- The ecological values of the site should be protected and enhanced particularly wetlands and remnant bushland.
- Development should not compromise water quality in Lake Illawarra.

- Protection of the scenic and visual amenity of Tallawarra Lands is critical, particularly the ridgelines.
- Full access to the foreshore, including paths and bikeways, should be provided along with recreational areas and amenities such as playgrounds and barbeques.
- Some concerns regarding the adequacy of infrastructure to support development, particularly roadways and water.
- Trees and landscaping should be endemic to this area and provide food and shelter for native birds and wildlife.
- Involvement of local young people in the revegetation of the site.
- The green corridor along Duck Creek, through the wetlands to the lake, should be restored and protected.
- Whilst some people held the view that there should be no development at all on the site, others indicated that development for a range of uses is appropriate if it is balanced with conservation objectives and ensures visual amenity from the lake and nearby areas.
- Any employment uses need to be environmentally friendly.
- A preference for any residential development to be lower density.

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This information has been passed onto Willana Associates, who were present at the community session, as an input into the local environment study that will set the framework for future planning of Tallawarra Lands.



Tallawarra Lands Community Information and Feedback Session, July 22, 2006

TALLAWARRA POWER STATION JOBS

We have received a number of enquires from people looking for contracting opportunities in the construction of the power station. This work is being undertaken for TRUenergy by Alstom. Companies interested in contract opportunities can contact Alstom's site contracts manager Steve Pigozzo by email to: steve.pigozzo@power.alstom.com

TRUenergy Tallawarra is recruiting permanent employees for the project and advertising these jobs in the Illawarra Mercury. If you wish to register your interest in working at TRUenergy Tallawarra, you can email your resume, cover letter, and area of interest to: tallawarra@truenergy.com.au

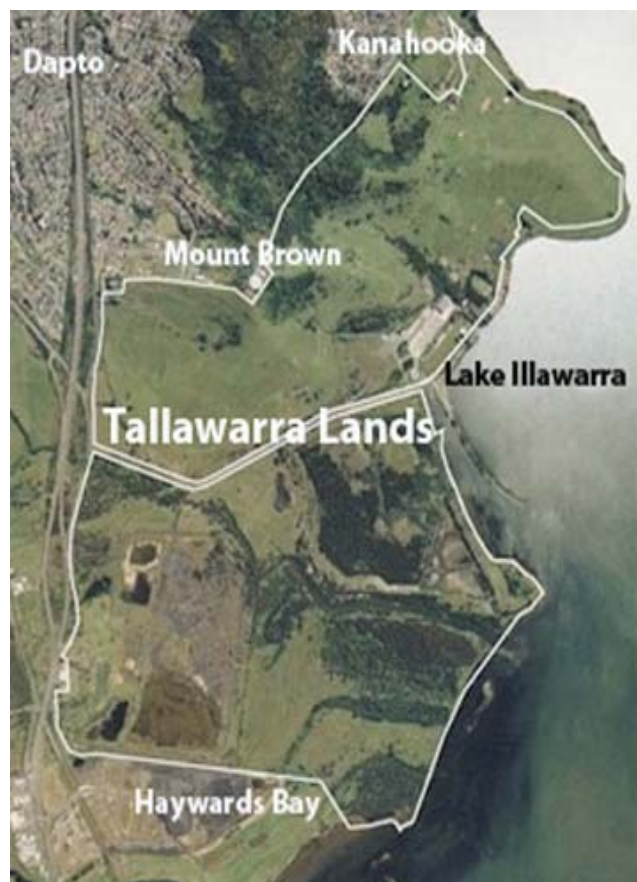
NEXT COMMUNITY INFORMATION & FEEDBACK SESSION

Details for the next consultation session are:

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| Time | 10.00 am - 12.00 midday |
| Date | Saturday 2 September |
| Venue | Kurrajong Hall, Ribbonwood Centre 93-109 Princes Hwy Dapto |

If you have any questions you would like to ask the project team about the new power station or the Tallawarra Lands planning process, or you have information about the site, it would be great to see you at the session.

We look forward to meeting with you on Saturday September 2, 2006.



CONTACT US

More information about the project is available at: <http://www.truenergy.com.au/Production/Tallawarra/Index.xhtml>

If you have any questions you would like to ask about the consultation process please contact Brendan Blakeley at Elton Consulting on tel. 9387 2600 or via email: brendan@elton.com.au

