

TRUenergy COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP

MEETING NOTES AUGUST 2012: ADOPTED 21 NOVEMBER 2013.

MEETING	TALLAWARRA COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP MEETING		MEETING NUMBER 3/2012
HELD AT	TRUEENERGY TALLAWARRA SITE, WOLLONGONG		DATE 15 AUGUST 2012
PROJECT	TALLAWARRA		
ATTENDEES	Chris Brandis Ken Davis Doug Prosser Rita Webb Werner Steyer Anthony Savenkov Brian Elton Georgie Wheadon	Illawarra Bird Observers Club CRED (Concerned Residents of East Dapto) Community member (former Chair Lake Illawarra Authority) Dapto Chamber of Commerce iBUG TRUenergy Elton Consulting (facilitator) Elton Consulting (notetaker)	
APOLOGIES	Graham Towers Garry Doughty Graham Dowers John McIntyre Brendan Blakeley	Department of Planning Illawarra Cycle Club TRUenergy TRUenergy Elton Consulting	
DISTRIBUTION	To all invitees and contacts		
ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	ACTION	DATE
1.0	Welcome & Introductions – Brendan Blakeley, Elton Consulting		
	Brian Elton from Elton Consulting opened the meeting at 4:36pm. Comments and amendments on the notes of the last meeting were sought from the group. The notes were accepted without amendment.		
2.0	Tallawarra A – Anthony Savenkov, TRUenergy		
	The power station has been running well. TRUenergy have just completed a minor maintenance program which involved a short outage.		
3.0	Tallawarra B power station – Anthony Savenkov, TRUenergy		
	In the short term the market does not warrant a new energy production plant. . CLG member: What has changed in the market? Anthony: Factors contributing to the change in the market include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a slow downturn in the demand for energy; climate conditions and the growing market share taken up by wind and solar based renewable energy; & gas prices and their connection to the global market. 		
4.0	Tallawarra Lands – Anthony Savenkov, TRUenergy		
	<i>General Maintenance and Repair</i> The Illawarra Noxious Weeds Authority continues to run a valuable program monitoring and removing weeds. Their latest report indicates the small amount of Water Hyacinth that remained has almost been eradicated. Alligator Weed will need to be followed up in the next weed program.		

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<p>CLG member: Is Fireweed included on the noxious weed list?</p> <p>Anthony: The question was taken on notice.</p> <p>[Response: Fireweed, a Weed of National Significance, does not appear on the current Regional list of declared noxious weeds; http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/agriculture/pests-weeds/weeds/noxweed]</p> <p><u>Concept Plan application</u></p> <p>TRUenergy has responded to feedback on its Concept Application and has lodged a Preferred Project Application with the Department of Planning & Infrastructure.</p> <p>This Preferred Project Application is currently on exhibition. It (and original Concept Application documents) are available for viewing at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the Department of Planning and Infrastructure website(http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au/index.pl?action=view_job&job_id=3362) Shellharbour Council Wollongong Council Department of Planning and Infrastructure – Wollongong and Sydney offices. <p>CLG member: Would it be worthwhile to hold another public meeting to display the Preferred Project Application?</p> <p>Brian Elton: Once the Concept Plan is submitted consultation processes are directed by the State Government. Further public meetings are unlikely.</p> <p>CLG member: Why is the path going around the lake marked as a 2.5m local access path, not a 3m shared path? A 3m path is needed.</p> <p>Anthony: [A diagram of the Concept Plan's cycling network was shown]. The Concept Plan includes an extensive cycle network. The foreshore path is envisaged as primarily a recreational path. It is supplemented by a dedicated express cycle-way (shown by the red line in the diagram) for commuting cyclists. The RTA's <i>NSW Bicycle Guidelines</i> have been applied in planning the network, and will be a valuable reference for future detailed designing.</p> <p>CLG member: I disagree that this path will only be a recreational path – not a shared path used by a variety of people.</p> <p>A CLG member queried how a shared path will be incorporated into the Yallah Bay Road bridge crossing over the power station outlet canal.</p> <p>Anthony: We look forward to considering this at the detailed planning and design stage.</p> <p><u>Other questions</u></p> <p>CLG member: Has there been any modelling of how the site will look?</p> <p>Anthony: Yes, visual perspective drawings are included in the visual assessment report – one of the specialist reports exhibited with the Tallawarra Lands Concept Plan application. [Direct links to the report's components are: https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/public/c1dd3cec78abf4aa172855a74</p>		
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5.0	Other matters		
	Brian Elton from Elton Consulting asked the group if there were any other issues for discussion. No further questions/comments were raised.		
6.0	Close and next meeting		
	Brian Elton from Elton Consulting thanked the group and closed the meeting at 5:26pm. The next meeting was set for 21 November 2012.		
<p>If you have any questions in relation to these notes please contact Georgie Wheadon at Elton Consulting. Tel: 02 9387 2600 Fax: 02 9387 2557 Email: georgie@elton.com.au</p>			