

TRUenergy COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP

MEETING NOTES FEBRUARY 2011 - ADOPTED 20 APRIL 2011

MEETING	TALLAWARRA COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP MEETING	MEETING NUMBER 1/2011
HELD AT	TRUENERGY TALLAWARRA SITE, WOLLONGONG	DATE 16 FEBRUARY 2011
PROJECT	TALLAWARRA	
ATTENDEES	<div> <div> Doug Prosser Chris Brandis Rita Webb Renae Riviere Rhonda Warner Kevin Cassanego Anthony Savenkov Brendan Blakeley Lucy Greig </div> <div> Lake Illawarra Authority Illawarra Bird Observers Club Dapto Chamber of Commerce Conservation Volunteers Australia Careways Community Inc Lighthouse Community Care TRUenergy Elton Consulting (facilitator) Elton Consulting (note-taker) </div> </div>	
APOLOGIES	<div> <div> Bob Dowd Graham Dowers Graham Towers Andrew Knowlson Cheryl Lappin </div> <div> Conservation Volunteers Australia TRUenergy Department of Planning Duck Creek Catchment Community Group Shellharbour Council </div> </div>	

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ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	ACTION	DATE
1.0	Welcome & Introductions – Brendan Blakeley, Elton Consulting		
	<p><i>The meeting commenced just after 4.30pm. Brendan Blakeley welcomed all to the first meeting for 2011.</i></p> <p><i>Apologies were received from Graham Towers, Graham Dowers, Bob Dowd, Andrew Knowlson (and shortly after the meeting) from Cheryl Lappin.</i></p> <p><i>The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted without amendment. Adoption of the minutes was moved by Doug Prosser and seconded by Chris Brandis.</i></p>		
2.0	Tallawarra B Update – Anthony Savenkov, TRUenergy		
	<p>Anthony gave an update on the status of the planning process for Tallawarra B. He made the following key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TRUenergy has welcomed the NSW Government's recent planning approval for 'Tallawarra B', a second power station development on the existing power station site at Tallawarra. A final investment decision on the timing for the new power station will depend on a number of factors including a detailed study into the future electricity demand of TRUenergy's customers and the energy market in NSW, and policy settings such as any carbon price signal. The market demand study is currently being undertaken. Some further work is also required to complete the complete the electricity network connection agreement. 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TRUenergy was one of several bidders in the NSW Government's recent privatisation of the State's energy assets. As a successful bidder, TRUenergy has purchased potential power station sites, including those located in Marulan. Whilst permitted for both open cycle gas turbine configuration as well as combined cycle configuration, Marulan seems better suited to open cycle. Tallawarra on the other hand is more suited to a closed cycle configuration. <p>Questions and comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chris Brandis: Will the lack of water be a problem for the proposed Marulan power station? At present, water needs to be piped water from the Highlands. Anthony Savenkov: We are carrying out a concept study to assess the development constraints and potential of the site. Rita Webb: Will Tallawarra B be located immediately adjacent to the existing power station? Anthony Savenkov: Yes, and it will use much of Tallawarra A's existing infrastructure. <i>Anthony to report back to the CLG regarding the precise number of stacks proposed and their height.</i> [Response: The most likely configuration will require a stack similar to that of Tallawarra A]. Rita Webb: Has the aviation issue regarding Tallawarra B's exhaust plume been resolved? Anthony Savenkov: Yes, for the combined cycle configuration of Tallawarra B. For the open-cycle option, TRUenergy must demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority, the station would not have an adverse impact on aviation at Illawarra Regional Airport. Rhonda Warner: Is the problem with the plume that it is not visible? Anthony Savenkov: The perceived impact relates to the possibility of an aircraft being affected by turbulence from the exhaust stack plume if the flight path took it over the power station. 		
3.0	Tallawarra Lands Update – Anthony Savenkov, TRUenergy		
	<p>Anthony Savenkov made the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An Environmental Assessment has been prepared for lodgement with the NSW Department of Planning for adequacy review. Following adequacy review, it will be publicly exhibited. <p>Questions and comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rita Webb: Will TRUenergy develop the site itself or will it be developed by another developer? Anthony Savenkov: A final decision has not been made. Our current primary focus is the Concept Plan development application. Brendan Blakeley asked the group whether there are any other aspects of the Concept Plan studies they would like further 		

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	presentations on. (There were no other areas identified.)		
4.0	Discussion – All		
	<p>General discussion – questions and comments</p> <p><u>CLG members' activities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brendan Blakeley: What are some of the projects CVA will be working on in 2011? How many volunteers are currently involved in the Tallawarra projects? • Renae Riviere: TRUenergy and Conservation Volunteers Australia (CVA) have agreed to continue to work together for a further 12 months. Onsite works will be undertaken in the Duck Creek area and between the creek line and Yallah Bay Road. Extensive weeding has been conducted to date and continued weed removal is planned. Regular volunteer teams and trainees will be involved in a series of regular volunteer days and staff days throughout the year. The regular Monday / Tuesday team involves between 10-15 volunteers mostly from Corrimal and Wollongong, with a smaller number from Dapto. • Doug Prosser: The new boat ramp facility established on the Lake Illawarra foreshore is increasingly being well utilised and recognised as a good facility. It acts as a drawcard bringing more people to the area, which will also contribute to the safety of the area. The Lake Illawarra Authority is soon to continue the shared pathway, from the Gilba Road area. An initial 2km stretch was proposed, however there are three locations where there may be Aboriginal heritage items which were necessarily excluded from the current shared pathway proposal. While there may be some criticism that the shared pathway will be a 'path to nowhere', appropriate connections may be established in future as needed. • Rhonda Warner: Careways Community Inc (Careways) is the new name for the former Illawarra Community Services (which Rhonda represents). The organisation will be providing a range of services in 2011 for a wide range of community members from infants to older people. Careways is interested in the Tallawarra Lands site as development of the site will impact on future demand for social infrastructure in the local area. Planning for community facilities is important as demonstrated by the Ribbonwood Centre, where current use is exceeding projected demand. • Kevin Cassanego: The Lighthouse Church owns the former woolshed and adjacent house. The church runs a number of community initiatives including a youth housing service, weekly food program and Computer Bank Illawarra. It has long term plans for the woolshed, of which it took ownership in late 2009. For instance, the church's existing congregation may move to Yallah. • Chris Brandis: The Illawarra Bird Observer's Club recently did a bird watching walk of the site and identified a flock of Plume Whistling Ducks. 		

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5.0	Other matters		
	Other business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brendan Blakeley referred group members to the tentative meeting dates proposed on the meeting agenda, to take place on the third Wednesday of every second month (with a longer break between the last two meetings for 2011). <i>The meeting dates were noted by group members.</i> Brendan invited group members to email any suggestions for presentations to the CLG throughout the year to brendan@elton.com.au or lucyg@elton.com.au Clean Up Australia is scheduled for 5 March. Brendan will advise the CLG if John McIntyre is organising a TRUenergy team and seeking volunteers. 		
6.0	Close and next meeting		
	<i>The meeting was closed at approximately 5.30pm.</i> <i>Next meeting: 4.30pm 20 April 2011, commencing at Conservation Area (corner Yallah Bay Road and Princes Highway), then onsite.</i> <i>Brendan Blakeley thanked all members of the CLG for their input.</i>		
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			