

# TRUenergy COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP

## DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

MEETING	TALLAWARRA LANDS CLG MEETING		MEETING NUMBER	3/ 2006
HELD AT	TRUENERGY TALLAWARRA SITE, WOLLONGONG		DATE	21 JUNE 2006
PROJECT	TALLAWARRA CLG MEETING			
ATTENDEES	John Osseweyer Doug Prosser Chris Brandis Jon Bridge Rita Webb Andrew Knowlson Aapo Skorulis Graham Dowers Nicola Wojcik Ian Kinlough Stuart Harding Louise Tychsen Donna Bevan Vicky Critchley	Scout Group Lake Illawarra Authority Illawarra Bird Observers Club Wollongong City Council Dapto Chamber of Commerce Duck Creek Catchment Group University of Wollongong TRUenergy TRUenergy TRUenergy Willana Willana Elton Consulting Elton Consulting		
APOLOGIES	Graham Towers Rod Oxley Brian Elton Brendan Blakeley	DOP Wollongong City Council Elton Consulting Elton Consulting		
DISTRIBUTION	To all invitees			

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<b>1.0</b>	<b>WELCOME &amp; INTRODUCTIONS</b>		
<b>1.1</b>	<i>The meeting commenced shortly after 4.30PM. Donna Bevan welcomed all those present. Apologies were received from Graham Towers and Rod Oxley, and a welcome given to Aapo Skorulis, standing in for Stewart Russel who is going on a 12 months sabbatical. It is unclear whether Aapo will permanently act for Stewart Russel but this will be finalised shortly with confirmation to TRUenergy.</i>		
<b>1.2</b>	<i>The previous minutes were accepted with no amendments. They were moved by Doug Prosser and seconded by Rita Webb.</i>		
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Power Station Updates: Graham Dowers</b>		
<b>2.1</b>	<b>Engineering/Procurement/Construction (EPC) Contract</b> <p>A decision to proceed was announced today (June 21st) in Sydney by the NSW Premier &amp; the Managing Director of TRUenergy. This was reported in an article in the Illawarra Mercury newspaper.</p> <p>Anticipated completion by summer 08/09.</p> <p>The broader objectives of the project are to stimulate growth in the state/region as well as part of a plan to expand business and meet electricity growth.</p> <p>Alstom was officially awarded the tender today and is able to continue project design, procurement and plan site works. The project manager in Australia, Rob Jordan is Wollongong based and has relocated to Wollongong. TRUenergy look forward to introducing him to the CLG at the next meeting.</p> <p>A high priority is to finalise the Connection Agreement. Gas Lateral Permitting (Government owned corporation) has private landholder agreements in place and the final connection agreements are progressing. There is a need to connect generation until 08, 09. As a consequence foreshore powerlines which were to be removed will have to stay on-line until August/ September.</p>		
<b>2.2</b>	<b>Clearance Works</b> <p>Commenced on Feb 15, 2006, a major difficulty has been removing the heavy foundation. Blasting wasn't an option although we have received approval for low-impact blasting - Penetrating Cone Fracture (PCF) contact. There is an expectation that clearance works will be completed by end of July 06.</p> <p>The cleaning process is underway. The project team have identified capping as a last resort but this might have to be done. Throughout the cleaning process there has been extensive soil and contact testing.</p>		
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Site Maintenance Update: Ian Kinlough</b> <p>A water leak, approx. 1kl/day has been detected and controlled but as yet have been unable to determine its primary source.</p> <p>Water consumption increased markedly to 200kl/day to cater for dust suppression. Using</p>		

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potable water.

*Are you allowed to use lake water?*

Unclear, Doug Prosser will make investigations.

### 3.1 Land Management

Ash Dam 3 entrance gate has been moved to the edge of property boundary to prevent rubbish dumping, this is an on-going issue.

Weed Management:

Seasonal periodic spraying – 3 days

3 days on Bitou Bush & Pampas Grass

1 day Scotch Thistles

1 day serrated tussock

1 day aquatics

1 day Giant Parramatta Grass

3 days Blackberry & Lantana

*Noxious Weed Act has changed -- gazetted 2 months ago - 52 new weeds and lantana is now notifiable (it can't be transported - must be disposed on-site).*

The major implication for this site is that the grounds manager should contact the Noxious weed authority to notify them regarding the presence of lantana on-site.

There has been another round of fox baiting but not many were taken. However as a significant number of rabbits were detected, we have commenced baiting for them at the same time.

We have recently picked up signs of feral pigs (trap set up), as well as deer & goats.

Ian reported back regarding the use of the weed control method being trialled in Jamberoo. It is not appropriate for use in this area due to the lack of rainfall in the region.

### 4.0 Tallawarra Lands Update: Nicola Wojcik

Reported on the Key milestones to hit for the Local Environmental Study (LES).

The 2<sup>nd</sup> PCG meeting was held but no major decisions made yet still awaiting reports from Willana.

Also held a planning focus meeting with strong representation of Government Departments.

Nicola & Louise (Willana) gave presentations (also introduced Eco Logical – flora & fauna studies & Northrop Engineering).

The major issues that emerged were:

- To balance employment lands with residential & environmental zonings. A major outcome of the project is to provide opportunities for jobs growth in the region
- Potential Land use to explore use for large lot industrial.
- Lake Illawarra Authority expressed a desire to see foreshore land included in the LES. This was taken on notice and it will be determined soon whether the LIA land will be included in the LES process

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- Reinforcement of the need to consult indigenous groups.
- Other concerns were visual impacts and recreational/service planning issues
- Traffic & transport, the transport consultant is meeting with Council & RTA this week
- Flooding, particularly with regard to Section 117, Direction #15, will need to clarify the implications for TRUenergy and how that impacted decisions on future land uses.
- Management & funding of environmental lands
- Impact of development on Lake Illawarra

There was a common understanding that the meeting was an information opportunity and that the second PFM would provide more opportunity for feedback.

*Will the summary of what came out of the last meeting be available?*

Taking it on notice – Yes, a summary document will be provided to the CLG along with these minutes.

There was no discussion about the vision of the agencies as it was more geared to the information required for the studies. However large lot industrial zoning was raised as a priority by Premiers Department. It was stressed that this is an output of the LES process not an input to the LES process.

*Pleased that industrial/employment land a priority.*

Yes but not sure what form that will take. There were a lot of disparate issues that emerged, it will be a challenge to balance the land use requirements These will become more clear as progress is made with the LES.

### 4.1 The LES process: Stuart Harding, & Louise Tychsen - Willana

We have started the investigations, such as the social background & community issues. It has been identified that the region has higher unemployment rates then the rest of the state and this has been driving outcome expectations.

Flora & Fauna studies are taking place next week.

Outcome of all of the studies is that at the 19<sup>th</sup> July CLG meeting there should be a lot more information from the studies to be presented to the CLG for discussion and consideration.

Looking at calling an extra-ordinary meeting in July as well as the standard meeting in August.

*Are you going to identify the demand for the land use options?*

Will look at social, economic and environmental indicators for demand of particular land uses. We will also be looking at balancing employment, environment & social issues.

*Duck Creek is a category 1 creek and this needs to be taken into account, particularly with respect to flooding. Climate change has the potential to increase ocean levels by 0.4 metres and increase storm intensity. Has the agency looked at the potential impacts on flood liable land?*

Yes, definitely part of the considerations.

*Illawarra Regional Study might have been useful and this still needs to be part of the*

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	<i>exercise and the Yallah Calderwood Corridor may have been part of the study.</i> It is part of the Department of Planning (DoP) section 62 and Department of Environment & Conservation (DEC) response. Nicola spoke about moving into Phase 1 of the consultation process in July. CLG will meet again on 19 July meeting, prior to community feedback session on Saturday July 22. Draft consultation summary by August 10 ready for following CLG presentation on August 16. <i>Rural Mail drop with Australia Post could include flyer for information sessions. As none of the three newspapers get delivered to the rural landowners.</i> <i>Could also provide information via local radio.</i> An invitation was made to CLG members to contact the flora and fauna consultants – Beth Medway <a href="mailto:bethm@ecoaus.com.au">bethm@ecoaus.com.au</a> (e-mail address) <i>What input was she looking for?</i> For example the Bird Observer records, which have now been received by the consultants. <i>There is a management strategy for the Duck Creek Corridor.</i> The consultants would appreciate a copy.		

### 5.0a Other Business:

Site construction Manager, Jeff McEntee was to be introduced and is here but is currently unavailable. A biographical summary was presented on Jeff by Graham in his absence. Jeff is based in Wollongong.

### 5.0 Next Steps:

*Will the next meeting also discuss the power station or will it focus just on the LES.*  
It will probably include a brief update on the power station.

## EXTRAORDINARY MEETING: 4. 30pm July 19, 2006 at Tallawarra site

Apologies for July Meeting: Doug Prosser (will try and organise an alternate LIA representative)

## NEXT REGULAR MEETING: 4.30 pm 16 August 2006.

Meeting closed at 5.45pm.

If you have any questions in relation to these minutes please contact Brendan Blakeley at **Elton Consulting**.  
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