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TRUenergy Tallawarra community update

Welcome to the April update for the TRUenergy Tallawarra project. By now, there's a good chance you may have noticed developments taking place on the site. But what more is to come? In the coming months, Wollongong Council will exhibit its draft rezoning plan for Tallawarra Lands, the 565 hectare area surrounding our power station development. This step will provide you with the opportunity to review what has been planned to date and what options are available for the development of this site going forward. Please do consider participating in this process - your feedback is important as it will help to ensure Tallawarra Lands are developed in a sustainable, economical and environmental way. In the meantime, read on for news of what has been happening around the site in the past few months.

Anthony Savenkov, Project Manager, Tallawarra Lands



Clean Up Australia Day

In a colossal effort to clean up the Lake Illawarra foreshore, 96 volunteers and TRUenergy employees helped out at our annual Clean Up Australia Day event, removing four tonnes of rubbish and planting 200 new trees and shrubs. Congratulations to all the wonderful volunteers that helped out on the day, your collective effort to clean up the foreshore has further improved an up and coming recreational area for the local community.

One million hours

Power station construction workers have now clocked up a massive 1 million hours of work onsite to complete the power station in time for summer. During this time health and safety has been, and will continue to be, a key focus to reduce the risk of injury. In coming weeks work will focus on building boundary fences around the power station site.

Pollies come to visit

Tallawarra recently hosted a visit by the Premier, Morris Iemma, who was keen to inspect the progress of NSW's newest power station. Describing TRUenergy's development of Tallawarra as an investment in the future of NSW and the region, Mr Iemma also welcomed the news that the project had generated over 600 new jobs.

Local Member, Lylea McMahon, also took time out of her busy schedule for a site tour and project update.

Ms McMahon was particularly interested in the environmental performance of the new power station and how our community consultation plan was proceeding. Federal Member, Jennie George has also visited our site. Many thanks to all visitors for dropping by to find out how our project is going.

Engaging with the community

In addition to site tours, TRUenergy also holds formal bi-monthly meetings with a Community Liaison Group to gather feedback and discuss development ideas for the site.

This group, which has been meeting now for five years, represents a broad cross section of the local community. Invitees include the Wollongong and Shellharbour Councils, Dapto Chamber of Commerce, Lake Illawarra Authority, Scouts, Landcare, Illawarra Bird Observers Group, the Local Aboriginal Land Council and community representatives.

This group has raised many important matters that have then been incorporated into plans for the site.

Examples include: -

- One third of the site will be retained and redeveloped as green space, including two environmental 'corridors' that will cross the entire site, to connect Lake Illawarra to Mt Brown.
- Ridgelines on the northern section of the site right down to Elizabeth Point will remain as green spaces while potential housing below this will be designed to reduce visual impact.
- The lake foreshore will be developed to provide more public recreational facilities like walking tracks and parklands.
- Space for development will also be included to encourage businesses and jobs for local workers.

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