

TRUenergy COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP

MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 2007

MEETING	TALLAWARRA LANDS CLG MEETING		MEETING NUMBER	6/2007
HELD AT	TRUEENERGY TALLAWARRA SITE, WOLLONGONG		DATE	12 DEC 2007
PROJECT	TALLAWARRA CLG MEETING			
ATTENDEES	John Osseweyer	Scout Association of Australia - South Coast Region		
	Michael Barnes	Scout Association of Australia – South Coast Region		
	Rita Webb	Dapto Chamber of Commerce		
	Doug Prosser	Lake Illawarra Authority		
	Andrew Knowlson	Duck Creek Catchment Group		
	Cheryl Lappin	Shellharbour City Council		
	Jon Bridge	Wollongong City Council		
	Rhonda Warner	Resident		
	Anthony Savenkov	TRUenergy		
	Geoff McEntee	TRUenergy		
	John McIntyre	TRUenergy		
	Lloyd Townsend	TRUenergy		
	Lucy Greig	Elton Consulting (Note taker)		
	Brendan Blakeley	Elton Consulting (Facilitator)		
APOLOGIES	Graham Towers	Department of Planning		
	Graham Dowers	TRUenergy		
	Chris Brandis	Illawarra Bird Observers Association		
	David Green	Wollongong City Council		
DISTRIBUTION	To all invitees			

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	ACTION	DATE
1.0	<p>Welcome & Introductions – Brendan Blakeley, Elton Consulting</p> <p><i>The meeting commenced just after 4.50pm. Brendan welcomed all those present. Apologies were received from Graham Towers, Graham Dowers, Chris Brandis and David Green.</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 Rita Webb.</i></p> <p><i>Rhonda Warner and Andrew Knowlson were in attendance for part of the proceedings, after the close of the formal part of the meeting.</i></p>		
2.0	<p>Site Maintenance Update – Lloyd Townsend, TRUenergy</p> <p>Lloyd made the following key points;-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The design of the sewage treatment plant upgrade is complete. The works are underway. Wollongong City Council is reviewing the application for the power station's multipurpose centre at the former bowling club. Further information requested by Council is being prepared. Sprinklers have been installed in the repository area to support new plantings, and to minimise dust. HLA, the independent environmental consultant, regularly checks 		

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works undertaken in the repository area.

- Landscape architecture firm URS has designed the landscaping for TRUenergy at the power station site, using native species particular to this area. TRUenergy intends to soon engage local subcontractors to landscape the power station and repository area in accordance with the landscaping plan.
- Illawarra Vocational Services continues site maintenance works.
- There have been no reported incidents of vandalism since the last Community Liaison Group meeting.
- New power poles and Integral Energy poles have been erected on the site.
- As part of a weed management programme, weeds in the northern part of the site and around Duck Creek have been sprayed by the Illawarra Noxious Weeds Authority. Regular reporting has been undertaken on the type and amount of chemical spray being used.
- Following dialogue with the Lake Illawarra Authority, TRUenergy has installed signs and a chain fence to restrict workers at the Tallawarra site from parking on the LIA's foreshore land.
- A car appears to have been abandoned on the LIA's foreshore spit. Doug Prosser noted that he would inform the relevant person within the LIA of this matter.

3.0 Power Station Works Update – Geoff McEntee & John McIntyre, TRUenergy

Power plant

Geoff made the following key points:

- The power station workforce currently numbers approximately 550, including sixty mechanical and electrical workers who undertake shift work inside the power station building.
- Good progress has been made to date on the power plant works.
- Approximately 75% of equipment for the power plant has been delivered, with more to arrive between now and January 2008.
- The condition of the access road to the site has been identified as an issue by workers onsite.
- Although the switchyard works are progressing well, the switchyard will not be connected to power lines at least until the transformer is ready.
- The gas pipeline for the power station has been connected to the Eastern Gas Pipeline. TRUenergy awaits Alstom's confirmation regarding its preferred timing for the gas to be connected.
- Other minor works are progress including fencing, security fencing, landscaping, security building bids, cameras, etc.
- Geoff showed the group pictures of the site, identifying progress on the site since the last CLG meeting.

Power station operation

John made the following key points:

- Intensive training of operations staff is being currently conducted, both locally using a

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visiting trainer from Europe and with TRUenergy staff in France.

- As many as 90% of all personnel have been sourced from the local area, with a range of professional backgrounds. Some were workers in the former Tallawarra power station.
- There are 16 operator maintainers who will undertake day to day work in the power station. Major maintenance will be carried out by Alstom. Support and administrative staff will also be employed.
- The power station will be manned 24 hours per day.

Questions regarding the power station

- Cheryl Lappin commented on the visual impacts of the red and white markings located on the stack, noting that the rest of the Tallawarra Lands site does not currently present an adverse impact in terms of visual amenity.
- Geoff McEntee responded that the safety markings were the outcome of Alstom's intention to comply with aviation safety regulations and standards. TRUenergy envisages that over time the significant plantings to be undertaken around the power station will help soften the visual impacts of the plant and stack from surrounding areas.
- John McIntyre noted that when the stack is operational the paint will likely fade slightly and thus be less conspicuous.

4.0 Tallawarra "Stage B" Update – Anthony Savenkov (on behalf of Graham Dowers), TRUenergy

- Anthony recapped that TRUenergy has lodged a Major Project application with the Department of Planning (DoP) for permission to develop either an Open Cycle Gas Turbine or another Combined Cycle Gas Turbine unit.
- The design stage for Stage B is nearing completion.
- TRUenergy anticipates submitting the full Environmental Assessment in early 2008.
- Graham Dowers will provide a full update on Stage B at the next CLG meeting.

5.0 Tallawarra Lands Update – Anthony Savenkov, TRUenergy

- Storm Consulting has completed its Tallawarra Lands water management study and will make a presentation to the CLG at one of the upcoming meetings next year on the sustainability initiatives included in the water management strategy for the site.
- The draft Wollongong Local Environmental Plan has been reviewed by Council and endorsed for exhibition. This is currently with the Department of Planning. Once permission has been received by the Department, and the final round of consultation has been completed with other government agencies, the LEP will be publicly exhibited.

6.0 Discussion and Next Steps – Brendan Blakeley, Elton Consulting

- Brendan Blakeley asked whether TRUenergy might be able to take CLG members through the power station following completion.
- Geoff McEntee responded that a group tour of the power station facility will be organised close to the date of commissioning for group members.
- John Osseweyer asked whether the power station would be open for visits by Scout

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groups and others.

- Geoff McEntee: the intention is that the altered former bowling club building be used, among other things, to house information about the history of the area and the site, providing opportunities for local groups such as the scouts to learn more about the area and power station.
- Doug Prosser asked whether the new power station would include viewing platforms or the like to accommodate organised tour groups during its operation.
- CLG members supported opening the power station for educational purposes.
- Geoff McEntee responded that there would be enough space to accommodate small controlled group tours of the power station during the operational phase.
- Geoff McEntee noted that the NSW Premier will be visiting the site on 13 December 2007.
- On behalf of TRUenergy, Anthony Savenkov thanked all group members for their participation and contributions throughout 2007. He also wished group members a safe and happy festive season and welcomed them to stay and enjoy the end of year dinner.
- Brendan Blakeley also wished the group well on behalf of Elton Consulting.

7.0 Years End Dinner – Thank You to CLG Members

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: 4.30 pm Wednesday **20 February 2008** onsite.

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