

TRUenergy COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP

MEETING MINUTES: ADPOTED 18 APRIL 2007

MEETING	TALLAWARRA LANDS CLG MEETING	MEETING NUMBER	1/2007
HELD AT	TRUENERGY TALLAWARRA SITE, WOLLONGONG	DATE	21 FEB 07
PROJECT	TALLAWARRA CLG MEETING		
ATTENDEES	<div> <div> Doug Prosser Andrew Knowlson John Osseweyer Cheryl Lappin Chris Brandis Anthony Savenkov Michael Knez Graham Dowers Lloyd Townsend Ruth Murphy Brendan Blakeley </div> <div> Lake Illawarra Authority Duck Creek Catchment Group Scout Association of Australia - South Coast Region Shellharbour City Council Illawarra Bird Observers Association TRUenergy TRUenergy TRUenergy TRUenergy Elton Consulting (Note taker) Elton Consulting (Facilitator) </div> </div>		
APOLOGIES	<div> <div> Graham Towers Geoff McEntee Rita Webb Jon Bridge </div> <div> NSW Department of Planning TRUenergy Dapto Chamber of Commerce Wollongong City Council </div> </div>		
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1.0	WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS – Brendan Blakeley, Elton Consulting		
1.1	<i>The meeting commenced just after 4.30pm. Brendan welcomed all those present. Apologies were received from, Graham Towers, Jon Bridge, Rita Webb and Geoff McEntee.</i>		
1.2	<i>The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted with the following amendments suggested by Doug Prosser:</i>		
	Item 2.1 <i>Last sentence before landscaping----- Add "previous thermal" before power station.</i>		
	Item 2.1 <i>Third paragraph after landscaping----- Insert after Princess Highway "at the nearby Oak flats interchange where striped panels were used."</i>		
	Item 2.1 <i>Questions & Discussions----- Insert after attended the "sod turning ceremony for the new power station held on 27 October 2006" and commented etc.</i>		
	Item 2.3 <i>Questions & Answers. Third paragraph, second line---- Delete second sentence & insert "TRUenergy has already made a contribution to the creation of a foreshore park with picnic shelters & a children's playground."</i>		
	<i>Chris Brandis moved and Doug Prosser seconded the minutes of the last meeting.</i>		
2.0	Anticipated Programme for 2007 – Anthony Savenkov & Graham Dowers TRUenergy		
	Anthony introduced the anticipated programme for 2007 and outlined the following information.		
	Timing for Lands Development – Anthony Savenkov		
	Council intends to consider the planning documents for endorsement in the first week of April.		
	It is anticipated that Wollongong Council will exhibit the LEP following gaining permission from the Department of Planning. LEP's have a minimum 28 day exhibition period, but the exhibition process is run by Council.		
	It is anticipated that the rezoning will be finalised by the end of the year.		
	The Voluntary Planning Agreement contributions plans have not changed and this process continues; we aim to conclude an agreement with Council following exhibition of the LEP.		
	Timing for Stage B of Project – Graham Dowers		
	Graham gave a Powerpoint presentation overview of Tallawarra Stage B. This included a series of slides and photographs outlining the development and location of buildings.		
	Graham explained that TRUenergy is planning to seek permission for an additional smaller peak power plant on the site, now that Stage A is well under construction. He explained the reasoning behind this was based on demand growth in NSW projecting a need in 2009 for additional peak capacity in NSW. In order to achieve the forward planning for permitting and linkage to the system the planning process for Tallawarra Stage B will need to start now.		
	Graham provided an outline of the Stage B plans.		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stage B consists of 2 open cycle gas turbines that could generate between 300- 		

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	<p>400 megawatts. These would be of a similar style to the existing plant but without the steam turbines and heat recovery steam generators.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stage B will be located adjacent to Stage A. • It is anticipated there would be 2 stacks, however at this point design and location are very preliminary. • Operates for a low proportion of the time. • Designed to utilise existing assets and resources. • Underpins TRUenergy's strategy of NSW retail entry. • Stage B is expected to be completed by 2009. <p>The station would generally run on natural gas but because it is operated intermittently; gas supply would be purchased from the spot market rather than a contract basis. Liquid fuel would be made available for back up supply, and used to manage potential disruptions/shortages to the gas supply. The fuel is similar to aviation kerosene or diesel fuel used in trucking..</p> <p>The plant would need to comply with all legislative requirements for emissions and noise, and would not be licensed unless these could be met.</p> <p>SKM are the environmental engineers advising on the process, which is likely to be a state significant project assessed under the Part 3A Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979. The planning process, including the concept design phase will be run over the period from now until the end of Quarter 3. The process allows steps for revision as part of the public process and the government's review. All going to plan the completion of the Part 3A process and the Minister's decision is expected late in Quarter 3.</p> <p>Graham noted TRUenergy would keep the CLG informed on the process and undertake public consultation regarding Stage B. As with all parts of Tallawarra Lands, TRUenergy is committed to providing opportunities for stakeholders in the local area to be aware of what is being proposed.</p> <p>It was outlined that as part of the expansion there is a need to extend the switch yard and gain additional approvals. Preliminary earthworks would be required in order to extend the switchyard, and it was seen as prudent to do it now with other current earthworks. Addition works would also include the removal of the old workshop and running a Stage B supply line from the distribution valve that terminates the trunk line. Approval for demolition is currently being sought.</p> <p>Brendan Blakely asked would Stage B provide the same number of jobs?</p> <p>The construction of Stage B will be smaller and therefore will not have the same requirements as Stage A. The final estimated number will be included in the Environmental Application process; however it will result in a significant boost to local employment.</p> <p>He explained that there won't be any substantial increase in the number of people needed to run the plant beyond what will be employed operating Stage A, as it is largely an automated process to get the second plant online. However there will be ongoing maintenance which still requires a large number of people to overhaul the plant machinery.</p>		

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It was agreed that the CLG will be updated on progress as required, and that when the concept plan has been finalised and preliminary environmental assessment undertaken that the engineers would be invited to update the CLG meeting.

3.0 Power Station Works Update – Graham Dowers and Michael Knez - TRUenergy

Michael Knez noted the following in his update on the Tallawarra Power Station Works:

- Currently on target to commissioning at the end of 2007.
- There have been no reportable injuries or environmental incidents during the construction period.
- Columns, footings and foundations are now formed.
- The largest concrete pour to date was undertaken on Monday of approximately 500 cubic metres.
- Formwork, foundation and steelwork is ongoing, switchyard earthworks have commenced.
- Gas pipeline workshop and meetings have commenced with NACAP (have formed and alliance partnership).
- Test drilling has commenced along the gas pipeline route.

Brendan Blakely asked when the works on the pipeline would commence.

Graham responded that June has been set as the approximate time for commencement.

4.0 Site Maintenance Update – Michael Knez & Lloyd Townsend - TRUenergy

Lloyd Townsend the new Manager of the Tallawarra Lands was introduced. Lloyd explained some of the key events that have taken place on the site over the past few weeks:

- Wollongong City Council has undertaken surface repair works on Yallah Bay Road.
- Noxious weed control has been undertaken in spraying Duck Creek for Alligator Weed and Water Hyacinth.
- Illawarra Vocational Services have been mowing the grassed areas and maintaining the fire breaks.
- Enquiries have been made with several design companies to put forward proposals to redesign the Bowling Club as a staff recreation and visitor centre.
- There is a need to review security in the isolated areas of the site as vandalism occurred over Christmas.
- The Wetlands are in a healthy condition from recent rains.
- Fences and spray irrigation area all in good condition.
- The Rural Protection Board will maintain the existing vermin control programme. They will set up baits to control the rabbits with calicivirus.
- There was a scrub fire on 17th January at approximately 6 o'clock behind ash dam 2. There was no damage, but burnt a couple of hectares. The fire

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service indicated that it was due to an individual lighting a fire, who possibly accessed the site via boat during the school holidays. However, it has drawn attention to the problem of large fire vehicle access and water availability on site. Trees, overhanging branches and fire trails will be better maintained as a result.

- Soil test drilling started along route of gas pipeline. For thoroughness, these go deeper than what is simply required as a safety factor, especially the route along Duck Creek. Little compaction will be visible on the surface. There will be under-boring beneath the freeway, Duck Creek and the railway line, the rest is trenching at around a metre deeper than required.

A CLG member raised a question about easements for the pipeline.

It was confirmed that easements are being created over privately owned land traversed by the pipeline.

- TRUenergy is partnering with Council for in the next Clean Up Australia Day. Community members are invited to meet at 4th March 2007 along Yallah Bay Road, at the Tallawarra Boat Ramp. 9:00am start with BBQ breakfast provided. The event is expected to end approximately 11:00am. A confirming email will be sent to CLG members.

5.0 Tallawarra Lands Update – Anthony Savenkov – TRUenergy

Willana (with the input of numerous sub-consultants) have prepared a draft Tallawarra Lands Local Environmental Study, which is being reviewed by Council.

An extra layer of oversight is provided through the Process Control Group, which includes Council, Department of Planning, Premier's Department and TRUenergy. The PCG have finalised their supervision/review of the draft LES, and passed it back for Council to finalise their review.

The Tallawarra Lands LES shall inform the Tallawarra Lands LEP being prepared by Council.

Once Council prepares the draft LEP, the preliminary master planning work can continue. Cox urban designers are preparing the master plan. Philip Graus from Cox has presented some very initial structure plan concepts to the group previously.

A CLG Member if there was any indication of the Council's timeframe?

Anthony replied that it is anticipated that it will be considered at Council's Planning & Environment Committee Meeting to be held in the 1st week of April.

The Tallawarra Lands site is not currently included in LGA wide LEP.

A CLG member asked if the LES was available to view?

It is unlikely the full document itself will be available until Council places it on public exhibition; it is hoped that exhibition will occur soon.

6.0 Discussion and Next Steps – Brendan Blakeley, Elton Consulting

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6.1 Other Business

A CLG member raised the issue of moved earth and dumped material from the switchyard in the repository.

Michael responded that another cell has been opened up and will be for a week or two, it is not capped.

A CLG member questioned the speed limit on Yallah Bay Road as it was deemed too fast for the area.

Michael replied that limit was set by Wollongong Council.

7.0 Close – Brendan Blakeley, Elton Consulting

7.1 Brendan Blakeley thanked all attendees and closed the meeting.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: 4.30 pm Wednesday 18 April 2007 at Tallawarra Site Offices.

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

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