

Meeting Record

Name	Mt Piper & Wallerawang power stations	Meeting Date	26 November 2014
Meeting / Subject	Community Reference Group	Recorded By	MB
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Members:	Jim Whitty, Alex Preema, Sue Graves, Julie Favell, Helen Riley	
EnergyAustralia	Luke Welfare	General Manager EnergyAustralia NSW;
	Michelle Blackley	Commercial Manager.
Apologies	Boris Hunt, Rob Baigent, Ron Bidwell, Jamie Giokaris	
Minute Taker	Michelle Blackley	Commercial Manager.

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Business Arising:

General Business was answered at the previous meeting. The proposed tour of the Coalpac site was cancelled due to the recent decision from the Dept of Planning.

Operational Update

Mt Piper - Unit 1 and Unit 2 are in service and operating reliably.

Wallerawang – Both Unit 7 and Unit 8 are now part of the DDR project after the recent Board announcement. Both units will be deregistered. Stakeholder and community consultation on this change is currently underway.

The high value equipment, plant and furnishings will be sold as soon as tenders are fully evaluated. This could happen as early as the first quarter of 2015.

A development application for the dismantling of Wallerawang Power Station buildings will be submitted to the Department of Planning in due course. It would be expected that this will take some time, an estimated period of 18 months before the works would begin.

The new business planning cycle is continuing and future operational requirements will be discussed and finalised shortly.

Market Recap

Updated Market trends were illustrated to the forum with forecasts for high, medium and low annual energy usage up to the 2023/24 financial year.

An explanation of the price per megawatt was explained with the breakup of all costs illustrated.

Site Safety

Site Safety is very good at the moment with only minor incidents reported since the last meeting. Our safety system was successful in achieving accreditation under Australian Standard 18001. A lot of good work was realised in our recent audit and only some minor improvements were recommended in the report. The recommendations are being worked on at the moment.

Just a reminder that ZERO HARM is the target which means no injuries for anyone working or entering our sites.

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■ Rail Unloader

There has been no change with the status of the rail unloader site with environmental monitoring and the agreement lease continuing. EnergyAustralia are assessing their coal options which maybe more likely to be implemented.

Where would the coal come from the Hunter? It was discussed that via Dubbo was the only current available route as the Gulgong to Kandos route has been closed. The prices of the transport were discussed and that local tailings dams may be an alternate supply of steaming coal.

1. Water Management

Oberon Dam is down again from last report to 63.87%. EnergyAustralia NSW's total active storage is at 90.8 % which is a slight increase from our last report. There are no current algal alerts in any of EnergyAustralia NSW lakes.

The quality of water in EnergyAustralia NSW lakes was discussed in relation to the existing Centennial development applications for the local mines. Mr Welfare advised that we had responded to the development applications seeking any discharged water to be managed in accordance with ANZECC guidelines. It is understood that the environmental impact statements relating to these projects are not being accepted by the State and Federal Government bodies. At the moment all the mine water is going into Lake Lyell

2. Community Survey Results

A telephone survey of the local community was conducted in early October 2014. One hundred members of the community were selected at random, one focus group was conducted and one in-depth interview. All these activities were completed by a consultant and no staff were used in the information gathering process.

The survey objectives and results were presented in detail. It should be noted that the survey was conducted prior to the Angus Place closure announcement, the Coalpac Project decision and Wallerawang Unit 8 deregistration announcement.

3. General Business

Julie Favell asked if it was possible that the demand for electricity would turn around. All market trends would suggest that this is unlikely to happen.

Sue Graves asked if it was feasible that Mt Piper might stop running. This would depend on demand and coal supply but it was designed to run until 2040.

The sale of poles and wires was discussed. The government are in the process of putting a value to these assets. The sale process would take some time to be put into effect.

Meeting closed at 7.20 pm.

4. Next Meeting

Wednesday 25 February 2015 at 5 pm, venue to be advised.