

Tallawarra Lands Community Update

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Welcome to the first in a series of community updates to keep you informed of the planning process for the Tallawarra power station and surrounding lands.

This very exciting project will see the creation of the most efficient gas fired power station within Australia and a long term plan to deliver environmental, recreational, residential and employment based activities on sections of the 600 hectare Tallawarra site at Yallah.

The aim is to create a significant regional amenity for the Illawarra, ensuring a sustainable development that enhances the natural and urban environment.

Since 2003 TRUenergy has been working closely with local community groups and is about to commence broader community consultation regarding the future of the site. We look forward to meeting with you and receiving your feedback and suggestions.

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TALLAWARRA POWER STATION

For many years the site on the shore of Lake Illawarra was home to the Tallawarra coal fired power station. The station ceased operations in the late 1980's. TRUenergy purchased the site in 2003 with development consent to construct a gas fired combined cycle power station.

Recently TRUenergy was pleased to join the Premier of NSW to announce the new Tallawarra power station will be constructed by Alstom, a world leader in innovative power technology. The \$350 million power station will provide an additional 400-megawatts of electrical capacity, enough energy for 200,000 homes. It will produce 50% less greenhouse gas emissions than other conventional power stations.

The power station is scheduled for commercial operation by late 2008. Development of the power station will create 450 construction jobs and 25-30 ongoing positions.

For details on employment or contracting opportunities with TRUenergy or Alstom please go to the TRUenergy Tallawarra web site.

PLANNING FOR TALLAWARRA LANDS

Now the power station is underway, TRUenergy, in partnership with Wollongong City Council with input from Department of Planning and Premier's Department, is preparing a study that will ensure appropriate planning for the remainder of the Tallawarra Lands.

Key features of the site include:

- 20 hectares set aside for the power station
- Significant environmental lands, including migratory bird habitat and Duck Creek
- Publicly accessible foreshore land owned and managed by the Lake Illawarra Authority.

The planning process entails a comprehensive Local Environmental Study (LES) that will inform the preparation of a Local Environment Plan (LEP). The LES is being undertaken by Willana Associates and the LEP will be prepared by Wollongong City Council. At this point it is expected that the LES will be complete by September 2006 with a draft LEP to be exhibited in February 2007.

THE TALLAWARRA COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP

For the last three years, TRUenergy has been working closely with the Illawarra based community organisations through the Tallawarra Community Liaison Group (CLG). The CLG has guided the project team in developing a vision for the site.

The CLG meets every two months to assist TRUenergy in matters around future planning for the power station and Tallawarra Lands as well as having input into ongoing site maintenance. The CLG has been an invaluable source of local knowledge for TRUenergy and we are very grateful for the group's ongoing contribution and commitment to the project.

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COMMUNITY INFORMATION & FEEDBACK SESSION

In addition to working with the community through the CLG we are very keen to provide the broader community with opportunities to have input into planning for the future of the Tallawarra Lands.

We are holding our first community session at:

Time 12.00 - 2.00 pm
Date Saturday 22 July
Venue Kurrajong Hall,
Ribbonwood Centre
93-109 Princes Hwy
Dapto

If you have any questions you would like to ask the project team about the new power station, the Tallawarra Lands planning process or you have information about the site; it would be great to see you at the session. We look forward to meeting with you.

CONTACT US

More information about the project is available at:

www.truenergy.com.au click on the Production tab and follow the links to Tallawarra

Information on the site includes the Draft Vision for the Tallawarra Lands, this column, records of CLG meetings and a range of site maps and background information.

If you have any questions you would like to ask about the consultation process please contact Brendan Blakeley at Elton Consulting on 9387 2600 or via email: Brendan@elton.com.au

