

## Western Region Community Reference Group

1 June 2011

**Attendees:** Julie Flavell, Jamie Giokaris, Jim Whitty, Rob Baigent, Alex Preema; Greg Everett, CE Delta Electricity; Luke Welfare, GM Western Delta Electricity, Julia Harvey, Delta Electricity.

**Apologies:** None recorded.

### 1. Welcome

Luke welcomed attendees and introduced Greg Everett, Chief Executive, Delta Electricity.

### 2. Notes from previous meeting

Accepted.

### 3. Action items:

Fly Ash pH

Discussion and information was presented on the pH of fly ash at various locations. The difference in PH levels at various locations is due to the differences in carbon content as that coal is milled and then burns differently. Some further questions were made on figures from Wallerawang.

**Action:** Luke Welfare will follow up on these levels at Wallerawang for August meeting.

Water Releases.

With dam levels of up to 80% the release is 5mL per day. Over 80% the releases change. The controlled releases are dependent on inflows to keep the levels stable. The Delta website dam levels page is currently being upgraded to better communicate the information, particularly when the releases are variable.

Fridge magnet

This is currently being developed. It will be distributed to Lidsdale, Portland, Wallerawang and Blackmans's Flat residents, businesses and community groups.

### 4. Presentation

4a) Mt Piper - Unit 1 outage has been done in record time. All units are running well.  
Wallerawang - Outage completed, Unit 7, Unit 8 outage will take place in August.

4b) Rail Unloader

No further action here. This is now up to TRUenergy to undertake. The land is currently under agistment in the meantime.

- 4c) Water Management  
52.7% Oberon Dam. Most water out of Duckmaloi. Levels are at 75% overall.  
The Reverse Osmosis Plant has been commissioned and the pipeline to Mt Piper has been completed.  
Questions were asked relating to the flow (6mL in the plant, 10 – 12mL in pipeline) effectively 6mL at Mt Piper.  
The process involves the reuse of some of the filtered water; the water is then moved along the pipeline to Mt Piper brine concentrator where it is further processed with the final remaining waste being mixed with ash.
- 4d) Gentrader  
The Gentrader contract and relationships with TRUenergy have been positive to date. There is currently a judicial inquiry by the NSW government. The website link with the Terms of Reference can be found at [www.lawlink.nsw.gov.au/lawlink/Special\\_Projects/ll\\_splprojects.nsf/pages/sciet\\_index](http://www.lawlink.nsw.gov.au/lawlink/Special_Projects/ll_splprojects.nsf/pages/sciet_index). The submissions are closing 16 June 2011.
- 4e) Access Thompsons Creek Dam – Willow Vale Lane.  
We are currently waiting for the sign off on the document relating to access via Willow Vale Lane.  
Action: Greg Everett will follow up on the progress with the Director of State Fisheries.
5. Member Feedback
6. **General Business**
- 6a) Website  
Request that the Delta web page for CRG can be linked. This was agreed.
- 6b) Mobile Mill Recovery DA Lithgow Council  
Community request is that Delta object to this on the basis that the location is not good, but that they approve of the idea. Julie F expressed concern about how the application would be assessed, as council is an interested party. Suggestion was that other locations be looked at such as Lamberts.  
Action: Luke Welfare will discuss with Lithgow Council the DA and truck impacts.
- 6c) Transgrid Substation  
Transgrid have commenced work on the substation. The removal of a portion of the pine plantation by Forests NSW has also commenced. Transgrid with assistance from Delta have produced a flyer for residents outlining the program and providing contacts for community information.  
  
The revegetation of the pine plantation area was discussed and the WCRG advised that the area will be revegetated, a plan will be developed and the community consulted. The WCRG

expressed the preference that there was a variety of vegetation not the monoculture of the plantation.

6d) Hazard Reduction Burn

The WRCRG was advised of a hazard reduction burn at Wallerawang which would take place late June/ early July (depending on weather conditions). Residents will be advised prior.

**Meeting Dates 2011/2012**

31 August 2011

30 November 2011

29 February 2012

6 June 2012