

Western Region Community Reference Group

Mt Piper Power Station

Notes from the meeting held Wednesday 26 May 2010

Attendees: Jim Whitty, Alex Preema, Steve Saladine, Barbara Milne, Julie Favell, Sue Graves, Ray Madden, Peter Reed, Craig Heidrich (part), David Hogg

Apologies: Ron Bidwell, Boris Hunt, Warwick Peckham, Margaret Miller

1. Welcome and introductions

Steve Saladine introduced Craig Heidrich of the Ash Development Association who is providing a presentation to the Group. David Hogg of Delta is a member of the Executive team with responsibilities including fuel.

2. Presentation – Coal Combustion Products use in Construction and Other Applications

Craig Heidrich (CEO of the Ash Development Association and CEO of Slag Association of Australia), gave a presentation on the utilisation, properties and reuse/recycling options for coal combustion products.

A copy of the presentation is available here.

3. Notes from the Previous Meetings

It was confirmed that the reverse osmosis plant is planned to be commissioned in October 2010.

4. Operations Update

- I. Update on Operations
Both Mt Piper and Wallerawang ran reliably over the past three months. Unit 8 at Wallerawang is due for an outage in early July and to be returned to service in August 2010.
- II. Rail Unloader Project
There has been no change in the status of the project since the last meeting. The tenders for the Cobbora Coal Resource have closed and are being considered. It was reported that the ash content of the coal is comparable to the average from coal currently purchased by Delta.

5. Water Use and Management

An update on Oberon Dam water management was provided. It was noted that Oberon Dam was at 9.72% of capacity.

The return of Unit 8 at Wallerawang following its July outage will depend on the winter rains in the Oberon area and the capacity of the Oberon Dam.

The Minister for Water has announced a review of allocation rules from the Fish River. The Water Commissioner will undertake the Review.

Member's feedback

Alex Preema, Acclimatisation Society – raised the issue of angler access to Thompson's Creek Dam. Steve Saladine undertook to report back to the next meeting.

Following an update on the NSW Government's Energy Reform Program it was agreed to provide a presentation to the next meeting.

Julie Favell, Blackman's Flat

- a) Asked about the Mt Piper Extension Project and was advised that this one of several development sites the Government is considering for sale.
- b) Asked about planning for future technology and was advised that Delta's focus was on carbon capture and a demonstration project has just commenced.

Sue Graves

- a) Asked about the opening of Colongra and was advised this occurred in December 2009 and the Power Station had operated successfully in the ensuing months.
- b) Reported on the coverage of the Wallerawang Biomass trail and Delta will provide updates to future meetings.

General Business

It was reported that Greg Everett, Delta's General Manager Strategy has been appointed as the new Chief Executive to replace Jim Henness on 17 July 2010.

The appointment of Greg Everett will result in other changes in Delta including Steve Saladine assuming a corporate role as General Manager/Production and the creation of new position General Manager/Western.

Next meeting – 25 August 2010 at Mt Piper

Action Items

- 1. Update next meeting on angler access to Thompson's Creek Dam
- 2. Provide a presentation to the next meeting on the Government's Energy Reform Program
- 3. Keep the Forum updated on progress of the Wallerawang Biomass Trail.