

Western Region Community Reference Group

Mt Piper Power Station

Notes from the meeting held Wednesday 24 November 2010

Attendees: Ron Bidwell, Julie Flavell, Alex Preema, Barbara Milne, Boris Hunt, Greg Everett, Luke Welfare, Ray Madden, Jamie Giokaris,

Apologies: Sue Graves, Warwick Peckham, Jim Whitty, Steve Saladine

1. Welcome

Ray welcomed attendees noting that there had been a number of changes at Delta. Luke Welfare has been appointed as the General Manager/Western with Steve Saladine now undertaking a more corporate role for Delta. Margaret Miller has accepted a position in Melbourne and left Delta.

Members were introduced to Greg Everett as the newly appointed Chief Executive of Delta Electricity.

2. Notes from the Previous Meetings - accepted.

3. Action Items

Update on Operations

- All Western units are running reliably.
- An 8 week outage was completed at Wallerawang.
- A couple of short outages are planned for Mt Piper in early 2011.
- Wallerawang will operate over the Christmas period.

Update on Rail Unloader Project - Some long term contracts with local coal suppliers are secured. The development of the Cobbora resource by the NSW Government is being as part of Energy Reform Process.

Update on Water Management – Rainfall has meant the Delta storage system is recovering and the Oberon Dam is around 40% of capacity and climbing. State Water recommissioned the Duckmaloi Weir and Delta is currently sourcing sufficient water supplies from that to operate the plant without being as reliant on Oberon Dam.

The Wallerawang reverse osmosis plant is expected to be commissioned in early December 2010 which will reduce salt deposits into the Coxs River from the power station use of Springvale mine water. A second reverse osmosis plant will require a substantial investment as it would require additional brine concentrators at Mount Piper.

Settling ponds at Wallerawang have reduced erosion in the plant from the Springvale water.

Update on Wallerawang Biomass Trial – A presentation on the project is to be provided to the Feb 2011 meeting.

Update on NSW Energy Reform Project – Bids closed on 15 November and are under evaluation.

4. Presentation – Wallerawang Outage and Operations

Significant outage works have occurred at Wallerawang to improve the operational performance of the power station. (see slide presentation)

5. Workplace Safety

Luke spoke on Delta's safety performance noting the industry safety day as an important element of training.

6. Member Feedback

a) Angler Access to Thompson's Creek Dam

Alex expressed concerns about the points of access and curfew hours contemplated under the Agreement.

Action: Luke Welfare to investigate and respond to Alex.

b) Carbon Pricing

Boris requested information on Delta's planning in relation to carbon pricing.

Action: A presentation at the February 2011 meeting to be provided.

c) Emissions

Julie spoke of Council's Ageing Strategy Committee and a recent meeting which discussed emissions and impact on ageing residents.

Luke indicated capital funds have been allocated in 2015 and 2017 for the replacement of electrostatic precipitators with fabric filters at Wallerawang.

Action: Luke to review information and provide to community.

d) Community Research

Ron had been contacted twice for Delta's community survey, once as a Stakeholder and again as a community member, randomly selected.

Action: Presentation on results to the February 2011 meeting.

e) Mount Piper Ash Replacement

Julie expressed:

- her total opposition for the first option in the Environmental assessment for ash placement at Mt Piper.
- Her desire for a better outcome for the environment.
- Information on apprenticeships offered by Delta.
- Delta's renewable energy program.

Next meeting – 23 February 2011 at Mt Piper Power Station at 5:00pm

Action Items

1. Provide presentations to the next meeting on:
 - Wallerawang Biomass Project
 - Community Research
 - Carbon Pricing

2. Provide an update on:
 - Apprenticeships
 - Renewable Energy
 - Angler Access to Thompson's Creek Dam