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EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST OPEN FOR JERRARA POWER COMMUNITY REFERENCE GROUP

Expressions of interest are now open for six community representatives for the Jerrara Power Community Reference Group (CRG).

The purpose of the CRG is to provide a forum for ongoing communication and consultation between Jerrara Power and stakeholder representatives during the design and environmental assessment of the Jerrara Power energy from waste proposal at 974 Jerrara Road, Bungonia.

The CRG will:

- Enable two-way discussion between stakeholders and Jerrara Power on issues of shared importance and interest related to the design and environmental assessment of the proposal
- Build a greater awareness of community, government and non-government issues with Jerrara Power
- Provide guidance to Jerrara Power on its approaches and priorities for engagement with stakeholders
- Provide updates on the progress of the design and environmental assessment of the Proposal
- Provide opportunities for stakeholders to provide feedback on the design and environmental assessment of the Proposal
- Enable members to disseminate information to the groups they represent or the communities in which they live or work.

Community membership is open to all residents in the Goulburn Mulwaree Local Government Area (proof of residency may be required).

We are seeking members, of all ages, who:

- are interested in contributing to the design and environmental assessment of the Jerrara Power energy from waste facility to get the best outcome for the community
- can help to represent a broad range of views that reflect the diversity of the community
- are willing to contribute constructively to CRG meetings.

Community representatives should meet one of more of the following criteria:

- involvement in the wider community and strong community networks and linkages
- good knowledge and understanding of the local issues which are relevant to the proposal
- possess a willingness to contribute constructively to meetings in a fair and unbiased manner and look beyond personal interests for the benefit of the broader community.

An overall assessment will be made of the best mix of community representatives to achieve the greatest diversity.

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Invitations for additional CRG members will also be extended to Goulburn Mulwaree Council, Pejar Local Aboriginal Land Council, Bungonia Progress Association and Marulan Region Chamber of Commerce.

A draft Terms of Reference has been prepared and is available to view on Jerrara Power's website. The Terms of Reference will be finalised in consultation with CRG members at the first CRG meeting. It is anticipated the CRG will meet once per month at a day and time to be agreed with members.

The CRG will be independently facilitated by John Bell. Mr Bell was the General Manager of Upper Lachlan Shire Council for 17 years and worked in local government in the region for 44 years. He has extensive experience working with advisory and consultative committees, community groups, district health, tourism, community services and economic development organisations within Goulburn and the region.

Residents can complete an expression of interest form on the Jerrara Power website www.jerrarapower.com.au or contact Jerrara Power on 1800 519 542 or hello@jerrarapower.com.au to obtain a hard copy.

Expressions of interest close at 9am on Monday 16 August 2021.

Background

Jerrara Power Pty Ltd is proposing to build and operate an energy from waste facility to process up to 330,000 tonnes of residual household, commercial and industrial waste each year to generate electricity.

Residual waste, not suitable for recycling, would be sourced locally and from Sydney and transported to the facility at 974 Jerrara Road, Bungonia where the waste would be thermally processed at high temperature using Hitachi Zosen Inova (HZI) grate combustion technology.

The heat from combustion would boil water to create steam. The steam will drive a turbine connected to a generator to produce electricity. This power would be fed into the grid to power homes and businesses.

Once fully operational, the facility would generate an average of 30 megawatts of power. This is enough electricity to supply 43,000 homes (based on an average residential home in NSW using 5,100kWh per year¹).

The proposal also includes a visitor and education centre, car park, administration building, weighbridges, internal roads, stormwater infrastructure, fencing and landscaping, a temporary construction workforce accommodation facility and overhead power lines to a 66kV substation. Some 300 jobs will be created during peak construction and 60 full-time jobs during the facility's 25-year lifespan.

The Jerrara Power proposal is considered a State Significant Development under NSW planning legislation. The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment will assess the proposal and the consent authority will be either the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces or the Independent Planning Commission.

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¹ Monitoring the Electricity Retail Market 2019–2020, Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal