

MINUTES OF AGL TORRENS ISLAND COMMUNITY DIALOGUE GROUP MEETING
Held on Tuesday 18th November 2025 (11:00 am – 1:00 pm)
Torrens Island Power Station, Grand Trunkway, Torrens Island

1. Opening and acknowledgement

Chair of the meeting Barbara Chappell opened the meeting at 11:00 am and acknowledged we were meeting on the lands of the Kurna people and pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

Barbara invited everyone to introduce themselves around the table.

2. Attendance

Present: Barbara Chappell (facilitator), Kevin Taylor (AGL), David Russell (AGL), Kevin Andersen (AGL), Cr Adrian Wotton (PAE), Tony Bazeley (PAREPG), Antony Evans (AGL), JulieAnn Stoll (PAREPG), Alex Hayter (PRSC), Zoë Bowen (AGL).

Apologies: Jo Madin (AGL), Kieran O’Dea, Aria Bolkus (APH)

Absent: Johan Revalk

The facilitator raised the non-attendance of State and Kurna Representatives over the year; and outlined her communications with the State rep. David Russell explained the attendance of the Kurna reps at another meeting facilitated by AGL where they are kept up to date with what is happening at the power station and can provide feedback.

Action from this discussion was for David Russell to write to the office of Susan Close to request a new representative to be appointed; and to check in with the Kurna reps to see if they are satisfied to be kept informed about the power station via the other meeting they attend or if they still want to have representation on the TICDG.

3. Previous Minutes

Barbara called for any amendments to the minutes. There being no amendments, the motion was put, “That the minutes of the 19th August 2025 be accepted as a true and accurate record”.

Moved: Cr Adrian Wotton. Seconded: JulieAnn Stoll. Motion carried.

4. Matters Arising

AGL staff confirmed the matters arising were going to be covered in their reports.

- Torrens B: SA Gov requested that AGL extend operations for 2 years. Seeking legally-binding agreement by 30 Sept 2025 for new closure date of 30 June 2028.
- Companies tendering for the demolition work under assessment.
- Options for the removal of PFAS
- Kurna Fire Team availability to be discussed.

5. Safety Induction

Kevin Taylor covered off on safety induction points and indicated where the evacuation points were located.

6. Standard Business

(see PP slides attached to the minutes)

6.1 Operational/Transition Update – Kevin Taylor

6.1.1 Torrens B extension confirmed with SA Government – new closure date of 30 June 2028.

6.1.2 Doing preparation maintenance for the summer season.

6.1.3 B1 will be closing in June 2026.

6.2 Barker Inlet Power Station (BIPS), Stage 2 Update – Kevin Andersen

- 6.2.1 Kevin Andersen provided an update.
- 6.2.2 Alex asked the following questions: Will the station make peak power or baseload? It will make peak power. Are more people putting in generation? Used to be 8 units operating at Torrens, now there are thousands of small power generators around Adelaide, e.g. solar panels. What is the current price for power? It is -\$11.00.
- 6.2.3 Kevin Taylor explained why B Station units are being closed. The units are operating beyond their design life and are not fit-for-purpose for the fluctuations of today's renewables heavy grid.

6.3 Environmental Update – Zoë Bowen

- 6.3.1 Undertaking a feasibility assessment and looking at remediation technologies (passive sorption) to manage PFAS contamination in groundwater.
- 6.3.2 Have undertaken annual fox control activities in conjunction with Green Adelaide. Fox detection dogs and pest control company brought in to find and fumigate active fox dens in September-October. PARAPEG rep asked about fox control device not working on Bird Island. Pest control on Bird Island is managed by DEW, not AGL. This question to be taken to PARAPEG.
- 6.3.3 Questions from PARAPEG: Is AGL monitoring for the algae bloom on site? No. Foam is always generated when the power station is running and AGL have noted that the foam has changed colour since the arrival of the algae bloom. How hot does the cooling water get? There can be up to 8 degrees difference between cooling water and river water, especially in Winter. Would there be more algae if the temperature was warmer? This is a question for the experts as there are lots of complexities to this. Mangroves doing well around the site with the water temperature. Are there any snakes on the island? Yes, occasionally seen but no great numbers.

6.4 Torrens A Station Decommissioning and Demolition Update – Antony Evans

- 6.4.1 An example of the work required to disconnect the stack is: Six cables running from the boilers to the stack with only three currently identified one operational cable identified. This identification process took several months of drawing reviews and verifications. Needs considerable work to detect if there is any voltage running through the cables and if they are energised. Alex asked about decommissioning and running the plant at the same time. There are multiple parts to the operations which need to be dealt with in steps. The work is hazardous and is being managed. Considerable investment and innovation is going into the decommissioning work. How many people working on this? Five staff at this point.
- 6.4.2 Technology being used to plan the demolition work on Station A using drones and software.
- 6.4.3 Tony asked about trials at Torrens of new types of batteries. Slow process due to changes with the supplier and technology.

7. Open Dialogue Session

- 7.1 Data centre question from Tony. Nothing to report on this at the moment.
- 7.2 What is the load for data storage? 50 megawatts up to hundreds of megawatts.

9. Next meeting

- 9.1 The proposed date for the next meeting is Tuesday 17th February 2026 commencing at 11:00 am.
- 9.2 Group to meet at the Torrens Island site.

10. Meeting closed at 12:20 pm.