

MINUTES OF AGL TORRENS ISLAND COMMUNITY DIALOGUE GROUP MEETING
Held on Tuesday 19th November 2024 (11:00 am – 1:00 pm)
Adelaide Business Hub, 6 Todd Street Port Adelaide

1. Opening and acknowledgement

Chair of the meeting Barbara Chappell opened the meeting at 11:05 am and acknowledged we were meeting on the lands of the Kaurna people and pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

Barbara invited everyone to introduce themselves to Carol Jansen (ASC), George Karlis introduced John Moraitis (attending online) who would be taking his place on the group as George has resigned.

2. Attendance

Present: Barbara Chappell (facilitator), Kieran O'Dea (FG), Jo Madin (AGL), Alex Hayter (PRSC), Kevin Taylor (AGL), George Karlis (AGL), Carol Jansen (ASC), Johan Revalk (AdBri), Chad White (AGL), Kevin Andersen (AGL), John Moraitis (AGL), Cr Adrian Wotton.

Apologies: Tony Bazeley (PAREPG), Antony Evans (AGL), JulieAnn Stoll (PAREPG), Cr Steve Vines (SGR).

3. Previous Minutes

Barbara called for any amendments to the minutes. There being no amendments, the motion was put, "That the minutes of the 20th August 2024 be accepted as a true and accurate record".

Moved: Johan Revalk. Seconded: Kieran O'Dea. Motion carried.

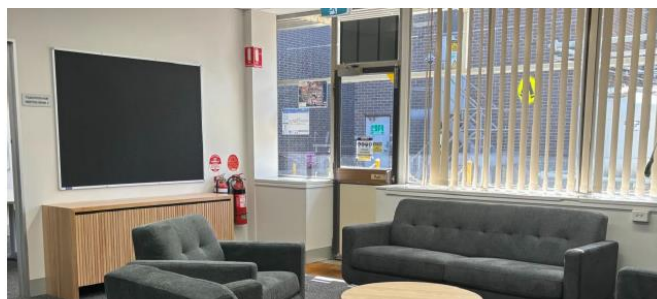
4. Matters Arising

- 4.1 Barbara did a check-in with those present about attendance and how they were finding the meetings. There was general consensus that the meetings were informative and kept everyone up to date with what is happening on site.
- 4.2 Kieran O'Dea expects there will be more interest from the community as the demolition progresses and the stack comes down.
- 4.3 Cr Adrian Wotton talked about the stack being a landmark and how it will be missed when it is removed.
- 4.4 Alex passes on information from the meetings to the sailing club.
- 4.5 Jo Madin appreciates being able to bring developments to the attention of the group as they occur.
- 4.6 George Karlis talked about the uniqueness of the site which sustains biodiversity, industry, transport and recreation.
- 4.7 Jo Madin will act as the liaison with Merle Simpson as the Kaurna representative.

5. Operational Update – Kevin Taylor

**Operational /
Transition
Update**

Kevin Taylor



- **Summer 2023/24 outlook:**
 - Summer preparation
 - Barker Inlet engine repairs
 - B3 major outage preparation
- **Torrens Transition:**
 - Admin building upgrades including Torrens Transition Hub, training room, meeting rooms and auditorium
 - Transition activities in planning for 2025 including Torrens 'expo', involving employment support, financial advice, etc.

5.2 Kevin explained the efforts AGL is putting into transitioning employees to retirement or future employment roles, beyond B Station closure, scheduled for mid-2026.

Barker Inlet Power Station (BIPS), Stage 2

Kevin Andersen



BIPS 2 activity since last Torrens CDG meeting:

- Development Approval Amendment is due to be lodged prior to Christmas. Will include cultural heritage, noise, stack emissions and other environmental studies.
- AGL is working through the options for management of Reverse Osmosis plant and evaporative cooler blowdown water with environmental consultants.
- Cultural Heritage assessment is being conducted in consultation with Kaurna. Cultural Heritage Management Plan will be undertaken for construction.
- Engine Supply Agreement Request For Proposal is due to be issued this week.
- The technology selected could be either reciprocating engines or gas turbines and will support the transition to renewables.
- Engineering consultants have been engaged to carry out early design.
- Final project decision expected towards the end of 2025.

6. Barker Inlet Update – Kevin Anderson

Barker Inlet Power Station (BIPS) 2

Kevin Andersen



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6.1 Alex Hayter asked a question about how long the batteries last. Kevin advised that the Torrens battery has a maximum capacity of 250MW for one hour. Gas turbines can operate for much longer, as long as they have fuel.

7. Environmental Update – George Karlis

HSE Management Update

George Karlis



HSE activity since last Torrens CDG meeting:

- Preparing 1st report against Closure and Post Closure Plan due for Submission to EPA, 30 November 2024.
- PFAS Remediation Options Proposal (ROA) accepted by EPA, actions so far include additional Ground Water Sampling and mangrove ecological assessment.
- Pink Pampas "dead heading" and spraying.
- Feral fox eradication program using conservation dogs.
- PIRSA approved use of biological agent to control Bridal Creeper Weed- Red Fungus (*Puccinia Myrsophylli*) sprayed by Green Adelaide across the island in November 2024.
- Recent A Stack integrity Assessment by Rope Access personnel and external engineering firm.
- AGL developing an Integrated Weed Management Plan aligned to DEW Torrens Island Site Plan.
- Recent survey of Slender Billed Thornbill EPBC endangered bird.

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- 7.1 George reported on the on-going work as part of the drains management plan. Stormwater is being captured separately on site, with any process effluent contained to silt or treated via the wetlands.
- 7.2 He explained the clearing work done in preparation for the fire season with due regard to cultural monitoring.

HSE Management Update



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- 7.3 The environmental monitoring of the site continues with sightings of stumpy lizards and mangrove crabs.

HSE Management Update

Native Fauna



- 7.3 Carol Jansen asked George if there were any further sightings of the bitterbush butterfly on Torrens Island. He said there had not been any sightings of the butterfly, only of the Adriana plant.
- 7.4 Butterfly larvae maybe introduced to the site in coming months subject to Green Adelaide decision, request made for further Adriana plant planting.
- 7.5 Waste is often washed up on the shores of Torrens Island.

HSE Management Update



Pink Pampas Grass Management



Slender Billed Thornbill Survey



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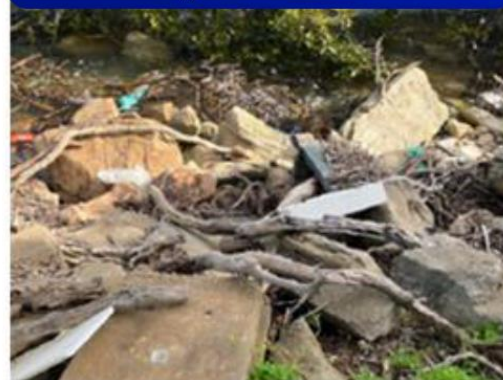
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Invasive plants



Fugitive shore waste



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- 7.6 Work is being done to manage the fox population on site. Conservation Dogs is an organisation that sniff out the fox burrows, this is managed by a mother and daughter team. The dogs detect active fox burrows which are GPS pinned and then fumigated to humanely euthanise the foxes.

HSE Management Update

Fox Management



8. Decommissioning and Demolition – Chad White

Torrens A Station Decommission and Demolition

Chad White



Recent activities on site have included:

- Finalise removal of asbestos containing materials from A3 and A4 boiler external pipework.
- Continued building of scaffolding for the removal of asbestos containing materials from A1 and A2 boilers external pipework.
- A Station Stack inspection.

Current activities on site include:

- Washdown and clearance certification of the asbestos removal enclosures on A3 and A4 boilers.
- Completion of decommissioning activities for the relevant demolition scopes of work.
- Planning for the closure of Torrens B Station.

Upcoming activities on site include:

- Breakdown and removal of asbestos removal enclosure and scaffold for A3 and A4 boilers.
- Commence asbestos removal enclosure build for A1 and A2 boilers.
- Commence removal of asbestos containing material on A1 and A2 boilers external pipework.



8.1 Work is continuing with the contractor to manage the removal of asbestos under the required standards. The waste is disposed of at Southern Waste (ResourceCo) under strict conditions. A waste tracking certificate is issued for every load.

Torrens A Station Decommissioning and Demolition



Enclosure internals



Steam pipe prior to ACM removal



8.2 Chad explained the removal of asbestos materials requires complex scaffolding (as in the pictures above) to contain the negative pressure required when doing pipe insulation asbestos removal.

8.3 Decommissioning of B Station is anticipated to commence in June 2026.

Torrens A Station Decommissioning and Demolition



9. Open Dialogue

6.1 Barbara wished George Karlis well as he takes on his new job and thanked him for all his valuable input during his time on the CDG. George received good wishes from all the members. His input will be missed.

6.2 Barbara thanked everyone for their attendance and participation and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and all the best for the New Year.

10. Next meeting

The proposed date for the next meeting was Tuesday 18th February 2025 commencing at 11:00 am in the Business Hub, 6 Todd Street, Port Adelaide.

8. Meeting closed at 12:25 pm.

Please note: the PowerPoint slide deck is distributed with the minutes as well as being inserted throughout the minutes.