

## *Information regarding possible gas-fired power station at Williamsdale*

### **Update 1**

The residents of Williamsdale, Burra and the surrounding region would be aware of ActewAGL's public announcement regarding the commencement of a pre-feasibility study into the location of a gas-fired power station in Williamsdale.

This update informs residents of the current status of that project.

### **Existing ActewAGL activity in Williamsdale - second point of electricity supply**

For some time, TransGrid has been negotiating with a private landholder for the purchase of a property in Williamsdale. These sale negotiations are now in advanced stages. The property in question is located at Williamsdale (Block 1653, District of Tuggeranong).

This property purchase was undertaken by TransGrid to construct a 330,000/132,000V substation to provide a second point of electricity supply into the ACT to supplement the existing major electricity supply point in northern Canberra. The additional service capacity is required to alleviate concerns over the security of supply into the ACT. ActewAGL will construct 132,000V transmission lines from this new substation some 16km through to Theodore. ActewAGL has been negotiating with leaseholders along the transmission line route to acquire an easement for the line.

### **Existing ACTEW activity in Williamsdale – Water Security program**

ACTEW Corporation is currently undertaking a number of environmental studies in the area for the proposed Murrumbidgee to Googong water transfer project, which will affect a number of properties within the Williamsdale area. ACTEW has been liaising with affected residents and will continue this liaison throughout the project.

### **What is proposed by ActewAGL in relation to the gas-fired power station**

ActewAGL's statement last week referred to the commencement of a pre-feasibility study for a gas-fired power station - a project that is quite separate from the two ongoing projects noted above.

The announcement stated ActewAGL's intention to look at the Williamsdale property (identified through the second point of supply) as a potential site for the location of a gas-fired power station.

ActewAGL will be undertaking a preliminary study over the next few months to

determine whether the proposal has merit and, in doing so, will consider previous reports, undertake initial planning assessments and test various commercial assumptions. It is anticipated that the pre-feasibility study will be undertaken over the next three to four months.

This pre-feasibility report will be considered by the ActewAGL Board who will determine whether the study should progress to a full feasibility study. If this is the case, detailed business planning will be undertaken, including analysis of the site and power station design. All local residents would be engaged throughout this feasibility process.

*It is important to note that if the project progresses to the feasibility stage it will undergo all of the relevant planning approval processes including an Environmental Impact Study and full community consultation. It is expected that the feasibility and planning processes will take approximately 18 to 24 months to complete.*

Should you have any further enquiries in relation to the announcement at this stage, please email [communityenquiry@actewagl.com.au](mailto:communityenquiry@actewagl.com.au)