Feedback sought on concept plan for mixed use development of Tallawarra site

The public is being invited to comment on a proposal for mixed use development on the Tallawarra lands, south of Wollongong, which is being public exhibited by the NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure.

The proponent, TRUenergy Pty Ltd, is seeking concept plan approval to allow residential, commercial, industrial and retail development, as well as environmental conservation, for the site at Yallah, in the Illawarra.

The proposal includes:
- Land for approximately 1010 residential lots and 200 retirement dwellings;
- Commercial/retail development covering around 16 hectares;
- Approximately 40 hectares of industrial land;
- Public open space and recreational facilities; and
- Preservation of approximately 360 hectares (67 per cent of the site) for environmental management and conservation areas, riparian corridors and foreshore areas.

The environmental assessment is on public exhibition for almost seven weeks from Thursday, 22 September until Monday, 7 November 2011. Interested members of the public are encouraged to lodge a submission providing feedback during this time.

Submissions received during the public exhibition period, along with the proponent’s response to submissions document, will be made available on the Department’s website. The submissions and proponent’s response will be carefully considered as part of the Department’s assessment of the project.

The Department required the proponent’s environmental assessment to specifically address issues including impacts on flora, fauna and riparian corridors, traffic and access, flooding, soil contamination, climate change, economic impact and heritage. The proponent was also required to give regard to the operation of the nearby Illawarra Regional Airport.

The environmental assessment for the project can be viewed during business hours at:
- **Department ofPlanning and Infrastructure** – Information Centre, 23-33 Bridge Street, Sydney;
- **Department ofPlanning and Infrastructure** – Southern Region Office, 84 Crown Street, Wollongong;
- **Wollongong City Council** – Administration building, 41 Burelli Street, Wollongong;
- **Shellharbour City Council** – Administration centre, Lamerton House, Lamerton Crescent, Shellharbour City Centre.
All relevant project documents are also publicly available on the Department’s website, and can be accessed by visiting http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au and following the links to the ‘On Exhibition’ page.

Submissions can be:
- Lodged online at http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au (then search for the project);
- Emailed to plan_comment@planning.nsw.gov.au;
- Faxed to (02) 9228 6455; or
- Posted to Major Projects Assessment, Department of Planning and Infrastructure, GPO Box 39, SYDNEY NSW 2001;

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NOTE: The Department of Planning and Infrastructure is issuing this media release to encourage the community to take part in the planning process. However, it is the role of the proponent (either through its documents published on our website or otherwise) to provide further specific details about the proposal.