

MINUTES OF AGL TORRENS ISLAND COMMUNITY DIALOGUE GROUP MEETING
Held on Monday 13th November 2023 (11:00 am – 1:30 pm)
Grand Trunkway, Torrens Island

1. Opening and acknowledgement

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

Barbara outlined the purpose of the meeting and her expectations around meeting guidelines and asked that discussions be respectful.

2. Attendance and apologies

Present: Barbara Chappell, Alex Hayter, Stephen Waites, Johan Revalk, Tony Bazeley, Adrian Wotton, Kevin Taylor, David Russell, Antony Evans, George Karlis, Ann Gibbons, Matthew Farmer.

Apologies: Julie Ann Stoll, Steve Vines, Iacovos Digenis, Merle Simpson.

3. Previous Minutes

Barbara called for any amendments to the minutes. There being no amendments required, the motion was put "That the minutes of the 15th August 2023 be accepted as a true and accurate record. Moved: Johan Revalk. Seconded: Adrian Wotton. Motion carried.

4. Matters Arising

Prior to the meeting, the members were provided with information (attached to minutes) on the following topics as requested at the last meeting:

- bitterbush butterfly on the Island
- public access to Torrens Island
- reuse in A Station demolition process
- allowing traffic flow through the causeway after B Station closes
- vermin control/invasive species on Torrens Island

Tony Bazeley asked if a visit to AGL Torrens Island lot 303 to investigate presence of Adrianna plant and bitterbush blue butterfly was possible. Ann Gibbons (PAE Council) would also like to attend. David Russell and George Karlis agreed to facilitate.

There was no other information requested on these topics during the meeting.

5. Terms of Reference

The Terms of Reference (attached to minutes) were discussed at the start up meeting and circulated to the members to review prior to the meeting.

Barbara called for any discussion or amendments to the Terms of Reference. There being none, the motion was put "That the AGL Torrens Island Community Dialogue Group Terms of Reference be endorsed by the group. Moved: Alex Hayter. Seconded: Johan Revalk. Carried.

6. New business: AGL Nickel-hydrogen battery trial on Torrens Island

David Russell provided an overview of AGL's Nickel-hydrogen battery pilot being developed on Torrens Island:

- Small trial (less than 1 MW battery) of emerging Nickel-hydrogen battery chemistry
- Several locations within the boundary being considered
- Approvals being sought – operation expected from 2025.

- Potential benefits include lower CapEx and OpEx, longer life and improved safety versus lithium ion.
- If successful could lead to grid-scale application.
- It was asked how long the trial would run for. AGL confirmed the trial would run for 2 years from 2025.

7. Site Visit

- Kevin Taylor did a safety orientation for the group members prior to the site tour.
- PPE was provided to all to wear.
- Lunch was provided before the site tour.
- The tour commenced at 12:00 pm and concluded at 1.15pm.

8. Next meeting

The proposed date for the next meeting was Tuesday 13th February 2024 commencing at 11:00 am in Port Adelaide.