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Researchers seek community views of Tarong Energy

An independent market research company will seek community feedback about Tarong Energy in late May and June 2009.

Deborah Wilson Consulting Services will compile the market research by conducting focus groups with businesses and community stakeholders, personal interviews with key stakeholders, and telephone surveys of a randomly selected sample from the broader community.

The research will be undertaken in the South Burnett, Dalby, Chinchilla and Wivenhoe communities.

All feedback provided by research participants will remain confidential and only summarised information will be provided to Tarong Energy.

CEO Helen Gluer said the community feedback would help Tarong Energy to better understand the views and priorities of the communities in which it operates.

“We invest significant resources to create lasting benefits for the community,” Ms Gluer said.

“This research will help to gauge stakeholders’ views of how effectively we contribute to their community and ways we can add further value in the future.”

Deborah Wilson Consulting Services conducted benchmark research about Tarong Energy in the South Burnett, Chinchilla and Oakey communities in 2006. This latest research will track Tarong Energy’s performance in and significance to the communities in which it operates.

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Background

Tarong Energy is one of Queensland’s most significant power generators, with the capacity to deliver up to 25 per cent of the State’s power needs.

Established in July 1997 and owned by the Queensland Government, Tarong Energy is the owner and operator of Tarong Power Station (coal fired), Tarong North Power Station (coal-fired) and Wivenhoe Power Station. The Corporation also owns Meandu Mine which supplies up to seven million tonnes of coal a year to the adjacent Tarong power stations.



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The Corporation is an active competitor in the National Electricity Market (NEM). The Corporation sells electricity into the NEM spot market pool and provides ancillary services to the National Electricity Market Management Company (NEMMCO) through Tarong and Wivenhoe Power Stations to ensure the secure and reliable supply of electricity throughout Queensland.

Tarong Energy employs more than 400 people at its generating sites at Nanango and Wivenhoe Dam and in its Brisbane office.