



# Coal Ash Public Meeting

## Coal ash clean-up & re-use

*This meeting is held on the unceded land of the Darkinjung and Awabakal people. We pay our respect to elders past, present and future and to any First Nations people attending here today.*



**1:00**      **Welcome to Country - Theresa Dargin**

**Welcome - Greg Piper MP**

**1:15**      ***ENVIRONMENT PANEL***

**Paul Winn - HCEC**

**Dr Ian Wright - Western Sydney University**

**Questions**

**2:00**      ***INDUSTRY PANEL***

**Mark Ramsey - Vecor**

**Nick Willis - Wilco Group**

**Dr Ingrid Schraner - Lilli Pilli Consulting**

**Questions**

**2:50**      **Group photo with declaration banner**

**Afternoon Tea**

**3:10**      ***COMMUNITY PANEL***

**Bruce Derkenne - Coal-Ash Community Alliance**

**Janet White - Wangi resident, environmental advocate**

**Jane Aiken - Lithgow resident, soil scientist**

**Julie Favell - Lithgow Environment Group**

**Questions**

**Wrap up and declaration**



## **Mr Greg Piper MP**

*Greg Piper has been an independent voice for the people of Lake Macquarie for more than 20 years, as a Member of Parliament, Mayor and councillor. He was elected to Lake Macquarie council in 1991, served as Mayor from 2004 until 2012 and has been the State MP for Lake Macquarie since 2007.*

## **Paul Winn**

*Paul Winn is Senior Researcher at the Hunter Community Environment Centre and lead author of *Out of the Ashes II: water pollution and NSW aging coal-fired power stations*. For the past 27 years, Paul has worked to reduce the environmental impacts of resource exploitation and energy production in Australia and Asia. His research has covered impacts on surface and groundwater resources, aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems, and community health.*

## **Ian Wright**

*Ian Wright teaches and conducts research at Western Sydney University in water science and environmental management. Ian has worked as a scientist with the water industry for more than 25 years, and still consults for industry. His research interests include freshwater ecology, water chemistry and water pollution (science and management). Ian also has a long-standing interest in the impact of urban development and coal mine wastes on water quality and ecology of streams and rivers*

## **Mark Ramsey**

*Mark Ramsey is a lawyer, investment banker, funds manager and developer. He worked as a commercial lawyer and litigator until 1997. From 1997 until his retirement from investment banking in 2018 he worked for Macquarie Group. Since leaving Macquarie, Mark has provided strategic advice to various organizations and, since July 2020, has been Managing Director of Vecor Technologies, an Australian corporation developing ceramics and other advanced materials for manufacturing and resource re-use.*

## **Nick Willis**

*Nick Willis has managed businesses in both General Management and Operational capacities with major international companies such as Ramset Building Products and Laminex Industries. This provided a unique combination of experiences in manufacturing, industrial marketing and business development. Underlying his career is a Bachelor of Applied Science from RMIT University, majoring in Industrial Chemistry. In recent years, Nick has been actively engaged in two start-up companies. One involving geopolymer science and the other, navigation systems for autonomous-guided robots.*

## **Ingrid Schraner**

*Ingrid Schraner is an economist with a wide-ranging background in consulting, in academia and in local and overseas community development, as well as in social and economic development co-operation for NGOs and the United Nations. After two decades as an economics and finance academic she established Lilli Pilli Consulting in 2013 to be able to focus on interdisciplinary economic analyses of complex social situations. Ingrid holds a PhD in Economics from Macquarie University.*



## **Bruce Derkenne**

*Bruce has lived by Lake Macquarie most of his life. His early interest in exploring the local bush and lake led to his environmental appreciation through bushwalking, backpacking and kayaking. Bruce's environmental advocacy work included keeping the Gloucester and Manning Valley Coal Seam Gas free, as a committee member of the Manning Valley Clean Water Action Group, and an active member of Groundswell Gloucester. Moving to Wangi Wangi 3 years ago coincided with the Hunter Community Environment Centre's coal-ash public meetings where he joined the newly formed Coal-Ash Community Alliance.*

## **Janet White**

*Janet has lived in the west Lake Macquarie area (Eraring and currently Wangi Wangi) for nigh on 30 years. Janet's activities are many years as a volunteer in local environmental programmes, both terrestrial and marine. She is a community representative on various committees and participates in citizen science programmes. These include: Lake Macquarie Landcare, Lake Macquarie City Council's Coastal Zone Management Committee (CZMC), Eraring Power Station Community Forum (formerly), Australian Native Plants Society (APS) Newcastle branch and Ocean and Coastal Care Initiatives Inc. (OCCI) executive.*

## **Jane Aiken**

*Dr Jane Aiken is a soil science consultant with a PhD in enviro studies. She is a member of the Australasian Land & Groundwater Association, the Environment Institute Australia & New Zealand (EIANZ), the Australian Society for Soil Science (Soil Science Australia), the Ash Development Association of Australia. Jane works as an environmental soil scientist; She is a Lithgow resident advocating for coal ash's economic development.*

## **Lithgow Environment Group**

*The Lithgow Environment Group (LEG) is a group of enthusiastic, resourceful, pro-active residents who are involved in environmental and conservation issues affecting the local area. LEG seeks to preserve the balance of nature in its region. This is especially important given the impacts of the area's industrial heritage. Julie Favell was a founding member and continues to be a very active member of LEG.*

## **PUBLIC DECLARATION**

***We call on NSW power station operators and the NSW Government to immediately enact plans and policies to comprehensively remediate ecosystems impacted by coal-ash waste pollution, including the removal and safe reuse of all waste in coal-ash dumps in Lake Macquarie, the Central Coast, Singleton, Muswellbrook and Lithgow.***