



Generator Property Management Pty Ltd Statement

May 3, 2024, Munmorah NSW:

Generator Property Management Pty Ltd (GPM), a company owned by the NSW Government, has been working with the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) for some time and welcomes the EPA announcement today that land at the former Lake Munmorah Power Station on the Central Coast will be officially declared as a significantly contaminated site. GPM's role is to clean up the site and this declaration is important progress in ensuring any remediation works satisfies the EPA and meets community and Government expectations.

GPM has been the owner of the former Munmorah Power Station since 2016 and took ownership of an additional parcel of land within the site from Snowy-Hydro on April 11, 2023. This additional land includes the former firefighting training area that is the source of a PFAS (Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances) plume in the surrounding groundwater.

It is important to note that only part of the site is affected by hydrocarbon and PFAS and is the result of the historical operation of the coal-fired power station and past use of firefighting foams. GPM is *not* the originator of these contamination issues; they are a result of long-term power station operation by the Electricity Commission NSW (ECNSW), Pacific Power and Delta Electricity.

GPM has already engaged ecological specialists who have been involved in assessing PFAS environmental impacts nationally. They have undertaken detailed sampling and completed an environmental risk assessment that shows limited species impact close to the source and progressively less through the wider power station land. It is believed that the affected species do not present a likely possibility of upward migration of PFAS through the local fauna food chain.

GPM has also initiated the construction of a water treatment plant to capture and further reduce the already low levels of PFAS being discharged in water running off where the power station once stood and is awaiting Central Coast Council's development consent. Once obtained, GPM will immediately purchase and install this plant with any waste residues to be taken off-site to facilities licensed to receive them.

GPM has engaged an Environmental Auditor and has already agreed to the necessary process of detailed evaluation of the source of the contamination and the extent of any plumes. Works already completed have shown that no plume extends outside the original power station footprint.

GPM also has a remediation action plan that has been agreed upon with the auditor to remediate the hydrocarbon contamination fully. This plan is necessarily waiting until the full extent of any complications from PFAS (which overlaps the hydrocarbon) is understood.



GPM is initiating a process to invite community representation onto a formal Community Consultation Group. Interested individuals and organisations wishing to be involved in GPM's Community Consultative Group are welcome to apply.

It is the intended aim that this Community Consultation Group will:

- Meet at least quarterly at the site (or a suitable nearby location) and
- Have the opportunity to inspect works.
- Receive the results of investigations *and*
- Contribute to the development of appropriate plans to ensure the site is left in a suitable, safe, long-term condition.

Details regarding the establishment of the Community Consultative Group and other information can be obtained from GPM's website www.gpmco.com.au. GPM also has a contact phone line at 1800 817 711 or email inquiries can be sent to GPMCC@gpmco.com.au.

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