

29 May 2006

Dear resident,

This letter is to inform you of the progress of works to reduce noise from the Titan generator at the Ron Goodin Power Station (RGPS).

Initially we had anticipated completion of the baffles installation by mid-2006, however this is now expected to take place later in 2006, most likely by October. We acknowledge that our original timeframe will not be met and we will continue to communicate any changes to you.

We apologise for this delay which is due to an extended design process of the baffles to ensure we have the best engineering solution in place.

In the meantime the Titan will remain on curfew and will not operate between 8pm and 6am, unless an emergency occurs.

Sound blankets and baffles

Earlier this month sound blankets were installed on the Titan. These blankets work to reduce noise levels and have made some improvements to sound levels. The baffles specification for the Titan is being prepared with design, manufacturing and site delivery to follow. Installation and commissioning should be completed by October 2006. This process requires consultation between a number of parties, including sound experts, the generator manufacturer, the exhaust system specialist and Power and Water.

Sound surveys

Since the installation of the sound blankets, sound monitoring experts Hayes MacKenzie have returned to site and conducted further testing of noise levels to assess their effectiveness. These test results are expected in June, and we will let you know the outcome in our next letter. The test results will also be posted on our web site www.powerwater.com.au

Hayes MacKenzie will also conduct a detailed sound survey to determine noise levels once the baffles have been installed. These results will also be made available.

Information for the community

We have received feedback from residents who would like more frequent updates on the progress of the noise mitigation project. If you would like to receive a monthly update from Power and Water, please contact Nicole on 8951 7271 and provide her with your e-mail or mailing address.

Upgrading power generation in Alice Springs

Power and Water's strategic plans to meet future electricity requirements in Alice Springs includes a combination of installing new, more efficient equipment and retiring old, inefficient plant commencing in 2008. These new units will not increase noise levels from RGPS. The replacement of older generators at RGPS will also see a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions.

The \$7.5 million of funding recently announced in the NT Budget papers is the first stage of this project.

There are no plans at this stage to relocate RGPS.

Further information

To find out more about the noise mitigation project, or to see previous communications and information, visit www.powerwater.com.au and click on the Hotlink 'Alice Springs Power Station'.

The next resident letter will be delivered in July. For further information on the noise mitigation project please call me on 1800 245 092.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jean-Luc Revel', with a large, stylized flourish extending to the left.

Jean-Luc Revel
Manager Generation South