

## Media Release

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### **South Burnett Aboriginal man represents Queensland in national apprentice awards**

Cherbourg's Nigel Daisy was the Queensland representative at the 2011 Group Training National Awards event in Melbourne last week.

The MRAEL trainee, who is working at Tarong Power Station in the community relations area, said he was thrilled to compete in the awards and was proud to be the Queensland nominee.

"The quality of the Aboriginal apprentices and trainees was outstanding, and although a man from NSW ultimately took out the national award, it was an honour and a privilege to represent Queensland in the competition," Nigel said.

"For me, the traineeship has been a life-changing experience because it's a completely new career direction compared to what I had been doing, which was scaffolding.

"These awards are a good way to acknowledge not just the apprentices and trainees themselves, but also the group training organisations like MRAEL and the host organisations like Stanwell's Tarong Power Station."

Nigel is about three quarters of the way through his traineeship at Tarong Power Station and has enjoyed discovering the wide variety of work that's available in the community relations field.

"If there's one word that sums it up, it would be 'opportunity'. I can now see that there are so many ways that Indigenous people can access opportunities and engineer a career path or at least a plan for their life," Nigel said.

"I consider that I've had those opportunities and I'm keen to help younger people understand that they can also create possibilities for themselves.

"With the community work at Tarong Power Station, I've needed to develop a raft of professional skills and think carefully every day about judgement and strategy. No two days are the same.

"I'd encourage all Aboriginal people to consider traineeships and apprenticeships if they are just starting out in their careers or, like me, wanting to change their professional direction."

Tarong Site Manager Dennis Franklin said Stanwell was proud to be part of Nigel's journey.

"We value the contribution that apprentices and trainees make to our business," he said.

"Stanwell is committed to schemes such as the Group Training Program which provide people with pathways into new careers and ensure we have a skilled and capable workforce into the future."

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## Image available

Caption: Community relations trainee, Nigel Daisy (centre) represented Queensland at the 2011 Group Training National Awards in Melbourne last week. He was joined by (left to right) MRAEL CEO John Fordyce; host supervisor Darren Schmidt (Stanwell); Chair of the MRAEL Board Christine Dixon; and Manager of Community Relations at Stanwell's Tarong Power Station, John Carey.

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## Background

Stanwell Corporation is Queensland's largest power generator, with the installed capacity to supply more than 45 per cent of the state's peak power needs.

Established on 1 July 2011 and owned by the Queensland Government, Stanwell is the owner and operator of:

- 1446.9 MW Stanwell Power Station (coal) near Rockhampton
- 1415 MW Tarong Power Station (coal) in the South Burnett
- 443 MW Tarong North Power Station (super-critical coal) in the South Burnett
- 385 MW Swanbank E Power Station (gas) near Ipswich
- 125 MW Swanbank B Power Station (coal) near Ipswich
- 325 MW Mica Creek Power Station (gas) near Mount Isa (not connected to the NEM)
- 86.4 MW Kareeya Power Station (hydro) in Far North Queensland
- 63 MW Barron Gorge Power Station (hydro) in Far North Queensland
- 32 MW Mackay Power Station (gas) in Central Queensland
- 7.3 MW Koombooloomba Power Station (hydro) in Far North Queensland
- 4.7 MW Wivenhoe Small (hydro) located at Wivenhoe Dam

Stanwell sells energy from the 195 MW Collinsville Power Station in north Queensland, through a Power Purchase Agreement with its owners Transfield Services Infrastructure Fund. Stanwell owns Meandu Mine, which has the capacity to supply up to seven million tonnes of coal a year to the adjacent Tarong power stations. It has a coal supply agreement with Wesfarmers Resources' Curragh Mine that includes the sharing of revenue from coal exports. Stanwell also has gas interests, including an equity stake in Blue Energy Limited. Stanwell 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 Australian Energy Market Operator to ensure the secure and reliable supply of electricity throughout Queensland. Stanwell employs nearly 1000 people across its various sites.

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