

## Media Release

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### **Stanwell asks for feedback from neighbours and community leaders**

Starting this week, Stanwell Power Station will ask the Rockhampton community for feedback on how it's doing its job as one of the region's major industrial assets.

Stanwell Power Station Acting Site Manager, James Oliver, said a research company would hold focus groups in Stanwell, Kalapa and Rockhampton and conduct telephone surveys of 250 randomly selected households.

Researchers will ask people about issues such as environmental management, communication from the power station and Stanwell's community funding programs.

"We have a long and proud history of engagement with our neighbours and in Rockhampton itself at the corporate level," Mr Oliver said.

"While we are confident in these relationships, we don't take them for granted and this research is about checking in and getting a truly independent view.

"We want the community to tell us what they expect of us and, if people think we can do things better or help the community more, we want to know."

The researchers from Deborah Wilson Consulting Services will also conduct personal interviews with a selection of neighbours and community leaders.

Items for discussion include:

- Stanwell Power Station's performance, for example, on environmental management and corporate citizenship
- current communication materials from Stanwell Power Station
- Stanwell's current community funding program and priorities for future funding
- issues facing the region
- what sort of information people want to receive.

"If you are approached to take part, I encourage you to give your views fully and frankly because your feedback will be welcomed," Mr Oliver said.

"The feedback that Stanwell has gathered from similar exercises in the past has directly led to improvements in our approach and the findings from this study will be likewise implemented."

For more information about the community perception research, contact Natalie Bain on 3228 4134.

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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 will sell 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 (AEMO) to ensure the secure and reliable supply of electricity throughout Queensland.

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