

media release

James Oliver is new Stanwell Power Station site manager

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James Oliver, who began his power industry career at Stanwell Power Station (SPS) in 2003, was recently announced as Site Manager of the highly automated power station, 22 kilometres west of Rockhampton.

Mr Oliver, a mechanical engineer with a Master of Business Administration, faces a busy time with more than \$220 million in upgrades to the world-class, coal-fired generator being done in the next four years.

This includes a multi-million-dollar overhaul of the Unit 2 generator from June to September this year.

“My priority is to deliver all these projects, which will set SPS up to deliver power for Central Queensland for many years to come,” Mr Oliver said.

“SPS still provides a global benchmark for automation and this work program will ensure it continues to be a highly efficient generator of power,” he said.

“There is an outstanding team of highly skilled people at the power station and I am very privileged to be supported by them, it is great to work with them.”

Mr Oliver previously worked at Queensland Magnesia at Parkhurst and also did voluntary work for 12 months in Africa. He is married with three children and is a very keen cyclist.

He has previously held a number of senior positions at SPS, including the Production and Engineering Manager positions and has previously acted as the Site Manager on a number of occasions.

SPS is Australia’s most efficient conventional coal-fired power station.

It holds a world record of 1088 days for the continuous running of a generation unit, which attests to the world-class engineering, operations and maintenance at SPS. This record, set in July last year, is expected to be listed in the Book of *Guinness World Records* in the near future.

With a workforce of 150 people, SPS is a very good local employer and has supported local community organisations.

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The upcoming work at SPS will provide multi-million-dollar economic spinoffs for the local community in things such as accommodation for contractors, catering and transport.

Mr Oliver said the safety and wellbeing of people at Stanwell Power Station would continue to be a top priority. This includes ensuring that people are fit to work each day and are making the choice to attend work free from the effects of alcohol and drugs.

“Stanwell Corporation has a Zero Harm Today Safety policy. It believes all workplace injuries can be prevented,” Mr Oliver said.

“We want to ensure that all Stanwell Power Station employees return Safely to their loved ones at the end of each working day,” he said.

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Background

Stanwell Corporation Limited (Stanwell) is a diverse energy company. We own coal, gas and water assets which we use to generate electricity for the National Electricity Market (the NEM); we sell electricity directly to major customers; and we trade gas and coal.

With a generating capacity of more than 4200 megawatts, Stanwell is also the largest electricity generator in Queensland. The business has the capacity to supply more than 45 per cent of the State’s average electricity needs through coal, gas and hydro generation at seven geographically dispersed sites.

Stanwell is the owner and operator of:

- 1460 MW Stanwell Power Station (coal) near Rockhampton
- 1400 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
- 218 MW Mica Creek Power Station (gas) near Mount Isa (not connected to the NEM)
- 88 MW Kareeya Power Station (hydro) in Far North Queensland
- 66 MW Barron Gorge Power Station (hydro) in Far North Queensland
- 34 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 owns Meandu Mine, which has the capacity to supply up to seven million tonnes of coal a year to the adjacent Tarong power stations.