

media release

Tarong Power Stations to take apprentices again

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The Tarong Power Stations will take on apprentices again next year, with preference given to South Burnett school leavers, after suspending its intake this year.

Site Manager Tarong Dennis Franklin said Tarong Power Stations, which is owned by Stanwell, would take on four new apprentices - two mechanical and two electrical apprentices.

Another four apprentices will be taken on at Stanwell Power Station, at Rockhampton, and an apprentice and a trainee will start at Kareeya Power Station, west of Tully, making a total of 10 new Stanwell apprentices and trainees.

“Stanwell suspended its 2014 apprenticeship intake due to difficult business conditions for power stations, however, we are pleased to restore these opportunities to some extent for 2015,” Dennis Franklin said.

“Preference will be given to candidates from the South Burnett who have recently graduated from high school,” he said.

“Stanwell knows the South Burnett community wants its young people to have access to local apprenticeships and traineeships.

“We recognise that these opportunities are especially important for young people who want to stay living locally.”

The new Tarong apprenticeships will be advertised in August this year, to begin in January/February in 2015.

The 10 new apprentices and trainees will join 33 existing apprentices and trainees at Stanwell power stations throughout Queensland.

Tarong has Stanwell’s largest number of existing apprentices and trainees, at 18.

Stanwell is able to take on the new apprentices due to slightly more favourable conditions in the power generation industry.

However, Stanwell will continue to assess its workforce requirements on an annual basis and requirements for new apprentices and trainees will be a key part of that process.

“Stanwell apprentices get some of the best training in Queensland and Australia, including being trained to the

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highest safety standards,” Dennis Franklin said.

“Stanwell training gives a great start a young person’s career,” he said.

Stanwell will announce in August how young people can apply for the apprenticeships and traineeships.

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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 employs more than 800 people throughout the State.

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
- 302 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.