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NEWS RELEASE

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FUTURGAS COMMUNITY CONSULTATION GROUP COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES APPOINTED

Hybrid Energy Australia is very pleased with the interest shown from the regional community in relation to the FuturGas Community Consultation Group (CCG).

A shortlist of nominations for the four positions was reviewed by the independent facilitator QED Pty Ltd and Hybrid Energy Australia to ensure a diverse range of experience and interests could be brought to the Group.

Managing Director Barry Ford said “We are delighted to advise the South Eastern community of the names of their Community Representatives, who will now join the Chair, Grant King of the Limestone Coast Regional Development Board, on the FuturGas Community Consultation Group.”

The four selected applicants are:

Peter Andrews – a local grazier, irrigator and vigneron with a good understanding of local hydrogeology, who has previous experience as a Councillor, and is currently an active member of several SE regional associations including the Mid SE Irrigators’ Association and the Mount Benson Vignerons’ Association.

Darren Trotter – a local owner/operator of a building company in Kingston, with experience in planning and development issues, as well as a keen interest in community and economic development. Darren is an active member of several sporting clubs across the SE region.

Peter Carslake – has previously served as a long-term Councillor, member on the Kingston School Council, and Chair of a local parks management committee. Peter is currently an active local member of the Mid SE Irrigators’ Association and the SE Confined Aquifer Wells Rehabilitation Scheme.

Keith McBride – is a local landowner with previous experience as a Councillor. He is a member of the SA Farmers’ Federation and is well-known as an active community member in Kingston.

In addition, the Kingston District Council has nominated Councillor Alan Olley as the Local Government Representative on the Group.

“Together, these Community Representatives will provide advice and opinion, drawn from their respective experience and knowledge, to identify local issues and allow for the discussion of appropriate strategies relating to the FuturGas Project,” said Mr Ford.

Community Representatives will represent not only their own, but also the wider community’s views on the company’s proposed coal-to-liquids gasification plant which will produce diesel fuel and electricity locally, based on the development of a lignite (coal) resource near Kingston.

The first meeting of the FuturGas Community Consultation Group will be held on Wednesday evening 26 November in Kingston, and the Minutes of the meeting will be available online from the company’s website shortly thereafter.

Further information on the FuturGas Project and the FuturGas CCG is available online at www.hybridenergyaustralia.com.au.

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