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FUTURGAS COMMUNITY CONSULTATION FORUM CALL FOR NOMINATIONS CLOSING

Nominations from members of the South Eastern community seeking to participate in the FuturGas Community Consultation Group, will close this Friday 12 September.

This is a valuable opportunity to guide major developer, Hybrid Energy Australia, in its FuturGas Project planning activities – with four Community Representative positions available for nomination.

Community members will be required to represent their own and 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 SE.

The Community Consultation Group will allow for the exchange of information and advice between the community and Hybrid Energy Australia, and assist the company to identify local issues and discuss appropriate strategies relating to the project.

Managing Director of Hybrid Energy Australia, Mr Barry Ford, is seeking to establish an open and transparent communication process with the regional community. "I am looking forward to the first meeting of the Group later this year, where we will seek feedback on future project plans," Mr Ford said.

Further information on the FuturGas Project and how to apply as a Community Representative, is available online at the company's website www.hybridenergyaustralia.com.au, and also online and in hard copy from the District Council of Kingston and the Limestone Coast Regional Development Board.

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