

# Decision Taken on Future of Kurri Kurri Smelter

Since placing the Kurri Kurri aluminium smelter into 'care and maintenance' mode in October 2012, Hydro has been deliberating about the future of the plant and conducting environmental investigations and other assessments in order to make informed decisions.

In May this year, Hydro decided to formally close the aluminium facility and preliminary plans are being made for the future of the site. It is important to note that this project will take considerable planning and the involvement of various government agencies and other organisations. It will take at least two years before any significant changes occur on the site.

#### Plans for the future

The site's size and location, its previous use and existing infrastructure mean that it is well suited for a variety of future uses. After considerable research, environmental and other investigations, and considering the demand for various land uses in the Lower Hunter, Hydro is proposing that some parcels of land could be redeveloped to facilitate employment and some areas could be developed for residential purposes. It is anticipated that much of the Hydro owned land would be maintained for rural use or for the creation of conservation land in most of the native habitat areas.

### **Keeping the Community Informed**

Hydro understands that the smelter has been a significant part of the history of the local area, and that the future of the site, will be important to the future of the local community and others. For these reasons Hydro will be keeping the community up to date about activity and developments on the site over time. To find out more or register to receive more information please use the contact details below.

## **Community Reference Group**

Hydro is calling for expressions of interest from community representatives to form a Community Reference Group (CRG). The CRG will meet regularly and discuss planned activity around the site, and provide a link to the wider community.

To find out more or register your interest please call or email using the contact details below.

#### **Contact details**

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