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Energy Minister Peter Collier marks start of construction of new power station in Carnarvon

Energy Minister Peter Collier today visited Carnarvon to mark the start of construction of the \$73 million Mungullah Power Station.

The new power station will be owned and operated by Horizon Power and is being built at Brown Range, a 5.4 hectare site located on North West Coastal Highway, away from the growing town centre.

With a generation capacity of 18 megawatts, Mungullah Power Station has been designed to meet the needs of the growing Carnarvon community and has the potential to increase capacity in the future if required.

Security of power supplies will also be ensured as the new power station has been designed to incorporate dual-fuel technology, using both gas and diesel fuel sources to generate electricity.

During the visit, Minister Collier spoke about the advantages of the project for the local community and the long-term benefits for the State.

“Not only will Mungullah Power Station be more efficient, more environmentally friendly and significantly quieter than the existing power station, it has also been designed to allow for the addition of renewable energy expansion in the future,” he said.

“As energy security also underpins development, I am confident this new state of the art power station will give industry looking to expand in the Gascoyne region the confidence that Horizon Power is ready and able to support them.”

The first power is scheduled to be produced in early 2012 and a gradual transition to the new power station will then begin.

The power station received the name ‘Mungullah’ as part of an agreement with the traditional owners and custodians of the area, the Yinggarda People. Horizon Power has been working with representatives from the Yinggarda People, one of the five groups who form the Gnulli People throughout the project to carry out heritage surveys of the power station site. Mungullah is the Aboriginal name in the Yinggarda language for the hill on which the new power station will be located.