Notice of Independent Hearing and Assessment Panel Vineyard to Rouse Hill Electricity Supply Upgrade Project

The Department of Planning is currently assessing a proposal from Integral Energy to upgrade the Vineyard to Rouse Hill electricity supply. The Minister for Planning, the Hon Frank Sartor MP, is the approval authority for the project under Part 3A of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act).

Independent panel and public submissions

Under section 75G of the EP&A Act, the Minister has directed that a Panel of Experts be constituted to consider, evaluate and advise the Minister on issues raised in public submissions on Integral Energy's Environmental Assessment, taking into account:

- the essential need to augment the electricity supply by December 2007, and
- economic, social and environmental justification for the proponent's preferred option.

All submissions made to the recently exhibited Environmental Assessment will be forwarded to the panel for consideration.

If you would like to make a separate submission to the panel (as relevant to its terms of reference), please write to: IHAP Secretariat, Vineyard to Rouse Hill Panel, GPO Box 3415 Sydney NSW 2001, or send electronically to secretariat@coi.nsw.gov.au

Your submission must reach the IHAP Secretariat by 3 February 2006, and include:

- your name, address, and contact details (phone or email); and
- the matters that you would like to bring to the attention of the panel.

If you do not want your submission to be made publicly available, please state this in your submission.

Further information

The Environmental Assessment for the project is available at:

- Department of Planning, 23-33 Bridge Street, Sydney (1300 305 695)
- Blacktown City Council, 62 Flushcombe Road, Blacktown (9839 6000).

A copy of the Environmental Assessment on CD-ROM is also available on request, free of charge, from the Department (1300 305 695).

Enquiries

Enquiries relating to the environmental impact assessment may be directed to the Department of Planning on 1300 305 695.

Enquiries relating to the project and its implementation may be directed to Integral Energy on 02 9853 6550.