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ENGIE Loy Yang B briefs community on turbine project

Members of the ENGIE Loy Yang B management team have provided Latrobe Valley community members with an update on the power station Turbine Retrofit Project at a community consultation session held in Traralgon on Wednesday 5 October.

Loy Yang B Asset Manager, Mr Tony Hicks, said the session was a valuable forum to not only explain the project, but was also an opportunity to provide an overview of the environmental assessments that have been undertaken as part of the regulator's Works Approval Application.

"This is a significant project; in fact one of the most significant proposed to be undertaken since the plant started operating in 1993," Mr Hicks said. "Meeting with members of the community to present an update on the project and provide them with an opportunity to hear and ask questions of a senior atmospheric scientist, who presented independent air modeling assessments, is a valuable sharing exercise.

"By engaging with local residents, we can ensure the community is aware of the project which will see the retrofit of the existing turbines with a higher efficiency design planned for 2019 and 2020.

"Importantly, it provides our business with an opportunity to receive feedback from our neighbours, the community, providing a platform for us to hear their thoughts and share any concerns they may have."

"We have been working closely with the regulator, the EPA, for over 12 months on advancing our application, and have provided supporting documentation and research which has modelled the impact of the additional coal usage and emissions to air on the region's air quality," Mr Hicks said.

A Works Approval Application has been lodged with the regulator, the Environment Protection Authority for the project. It is expected that advice from the regulator on the project's approval will be received later this year.

