

Traditional Owner Consents Secured for HyEnergy™ Project Area

Highlights:

- **Native Title groups provide formal consents for licences to begin broader feasibility studies**
- **Consent for Section 91 licences from Traditional Owners achieves key milestone for green hydrogen project**

The Nganhurra Thanardi Garrbu Aboriginal Corporation (NTGAC) and the Yinggarda Aboriginal Corporation (YAC) have provided formal consent for regulators to issue land licences across the HyEnergy™ project area.

The support provided by the native title groups covers a combined 870 square kilometres of land around Carnarvon in the Gascoyne region of Western Australia.

Consent from relevant native title bodies is a pre-requisite for the Western Australian Government to issue Section 91 licences, which allow project proponents access to land to undertake feasibility studies. The government will also consult with other relevant stakeholders, such as pastoralists.

Province has already secured two Section 91 licences over land near Carnarvon and is working towards securing others.

Support from the Baiyungu (NTGAC) and Yinggarda groups follows significant engagement with the native title parties over the past 12 months. It allows Province to commence discussions on an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) which would cover the construction and operation of the HyEnergy™ Project.

Tracey Tonga – YAC Chair said “we are very happy to be working with Province on this exciting project for the betterment of the future for the Yinggarda people and our Country”.

Paul Baron - NTGAC Chair stated “it is pleasing to take this first step with a company that is committed to working with Traditional owners for a green energy project and we look forward to progressing a longer term mutually beneficial project with them”.

Province Resources Managing Director David Frances said he was pleased with the goodwill the native title groups had shown towards the HyEnergy™ Project and thanks them for their patience and persistence in getting to this very significant milestone.

“We said from the outset that we respected the rights of native title holders and wanted Traditional Owners to welcome us on to their land,” Mr Frances said.

“The HyEnergy™ Project is a significant development for the region with a long life-span, so we want to make sure the local community feels that it has a genuine stake in the project.”

Province is continuing discussions with pastoralists, local government and other stakeholders to finalise tenure for the project.

In March, Province announced the completion of a positive Scoping Study for the HyEnergy™ Project, paving the way for the development to commence pre-feasibility studies.

HyEnergy™ has been recognised by the Western Australian Government as a significant project which is in the State's interest, and has awarded the development lead agency status.

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