



MEDIA STATEMENT

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Colongra Power Station lifts Delta Electricity to Australia's largest

Delta Electricity became the largest capacity electricity generator in the country this morning when Colongra Power Station was opened by NSW Minister for Energy, The Honourable John Robertson MLC.

The \$500 million, 667 MW gas-fired Power Station is a low emission facility that can be turned on in minutes to meet demand spikes for electricity by householders, industry or community facilities.

Delta Electricity is an early mover in the development and adoption of new technologies in the electricity generation industry.

"With the completion of this major energy infrastructure project we have lifted Delta's total generation capacity to more than 5000MW," explained Mr Greg Everett, Delta Electricity Acting Chief Executive. "This milestone will only intensify our efforts in leadership for the industry in Australia.

"As an industry leader, we have improved the performance of our portfolio of power stations to operate at, or better than, standards which have been set for plant of its age and type.

"We built and now operate, with the CSIRO, a pilot carbon capture facility at Munmorah Power Station, one of four projects in the Asia Pacific partnership program.

"We achieved Development Consent for the installation of gas plants at Bamarang near Nowra and Marulan near Goulburn. Delta also owns 50% of Australia's largest baseload renewable energy power stations in the northern NSW sugar mills.

"Each new project has been designed to minimise our environmental impact whilst still meeting the increasing demand for electricity from our community," continued Mr Everett.

"The Delta team is immensely proud of the work we have done during the past ten years to develop and build power stations that are either renewable or which have a much lower greenhouse impact.

"Today is a day of celebration for Delta and all of the contractors who helped to build this power station. Alstom and Jemena contributed over 900,000 man hours to build Colongra Power Station with an exceptional safety record," concluded Mr Everett.

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