

A message from the HTP regional reference group



The HTP community team had a quick chat with regional reference group Chair Bob Pynsent who's been out and about meeting landowners and community members over the last few months.

'Please use us and get in touch,' says Bob Pynsent.

'At our last meeting we invited 6 affected landholders in Singleton and the same is going to happen at the next meeting in Cessnock in a few weeks time. It's important for the community to be heard and that the group understands the project and the ramifications right throughout the 3 local government areas.'

The 3 main local government areas involved in the HTP are Singleton, Cessnock and Lake Macquarie City. The mayors of these councils are members of the regional reference group.

'When we had a meeting in Cessnock a number of weeks ago, 6 landowners were there and it was explained how the line is built. I learnt a lot and now believe that the affected residents have a better understanding of the construction process,' says Bob.

The reference group's role is to facilitate discussions between community members and EnergyCo on crucial aspects of the project. This is especially important now, during the project planning stage.

Bob says he was keen to be involved in the group 'to support the community so that their concerns are heard'.

'I can understand how sensitive this project is to the affected landowners.'

'They (EnergyCo) are still looking at ways to minimise the effects on those landowners. The line has moved. They have been listened to. Feedback has been positive.'

Keeping the communication lines open is the key, he says. 'I think we can help with that.'

Bob's email address is bob.htprg@gmail.com and please [visit our website to read more about the regional reference group](#) including a full list of members and contact details.