

“WALKING WITH THE MIRNING PEOPLE”

November 23

The Mirning People are the traditional Owners of the proposed WGEH project area and have deep spiritual connections to the land. Our understanding of this and our respect for Mirning culture is fundamental to the project’s development.

Inclusion of Mirning Traditional Owners and their knowledge into all project undertakings is essential. Culturally appropriate project communications and deep consultation are crucial for mutual understanding and on-going consent.

The Mirning People, through Mirning Green Energy Limited (MGEL), a commercial entity of the Mirning Traditional Lands Aboriginal Corporation (MTLAC), negotiated a significant minority shareholding of 10%, with no financial contribution required until the project is approved. Upon approval, MGEL can choose to contribute to the project costs in order to retain its shares.

MGEL has a permanent seat on the WGEH Pty Ltd Board and will have the option of buying majority ownership of the WGEH shares 50 years post the final investment decision.

This shareholder partnership precedes, and is standalone from, the negotiation of the necessary Indigenous Land Use Agreement between the Mirning People and WGEH.

Mirning Traditional Owners are working with WGEH to identify the significant cultural heritage values and sites. This has informed the establishment of an exclusion zone 15km north of the escarpment line, as well as the future planning and layout of infrastructure and facilities.

As early-stage project planning progresses, WGEH is exploring opportunities for initiatives driven by Mirning culture and values, such as returning to Country following historic dispossession, intergenerational opportunities for skills training and jobs, and on – Country land management.

Schedule extract attachment: WAD48/2019 (WC2001/001), Attachment B1, Map of application area, Page 1 of 1, A4, 28/04/2016

