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Construction starts on new power station in Carnarvon

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Energy Minister Peter Collier today visited Carnarvon to mark the start of construction of the \$73million Mungullah Power Station.

Built at Brown Range, a 5.4ha site on North West Coastal Highway, it will be owned and operated by Horizon Power.

With a generation capacity of 18MW, Mungullah Power Station has been designed to meet the needs of the growing Carnarvon community and has the potential to increase capacity in the future, if needed.

Security of power supplies will also be ensured as the facility has been designed to incorporate dual-fuel technology, using both gas and diesel fuel sources to generate electricity.

Mr Collier said the project would not only provide many advantages for the local community, but would also have long-term benefits for the State.

"Mungullah Power Station will be more efficient, more environmentally friendly and significantly quieter than the existing power station," he said.

"It has also been designed to allow for the addition of renewable energy expansion in the future.

"As energy security also underpins development, I am confident this new state-of-the-art power station will give industry looking to expand in the Gascoyne region the confidence that Horizon Power is ready and able to support them."

The first power supply is scheduled to be produced in early 2012 and a gradual transition to the new power station will then begin.

Mungullah is the Aboriginal name in the Inggarda language for the hill on which the new power station will be located.

The name was given as part of an agreement with the traditional owners and custodians of the area, the Gnulli people.

Horizon Power has been working with representatives from the Inggarda people, one of the five groups who form the Gnulli people, throughout the project to carry out heritage surveys of the power station site.

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