



PUBLICATION GUIDE

Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009

Introduction

On 1 July 2010, the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (NSW) (GIPA Act) replaced the Freedom of Information Act 1989 (NSW).

The new law creates new rights to information that are designed to meet community expectations of an open and transparent government. The Law encourages government departments, agencies and Corporations to proactively release government information.

More information about new ways to access NSW government information is available on the Office of the Information Commissioner (OIC) website

www.oic.nsw.gov.au.

About Macquarie Generation

Mission Statement

Macquarie Generation seeks to become Australia's preferred provider of electrical energy and related products by adding value for its shareholders, customers and the community through the operation of a successful commercial business that supplies reliable and safe products at a competitive cost and in an environmentally sensitive manner.

Values

- Strong customer relationships
- Highly reliable production and services
- People with meaningful and rewarding jobs
- Safe workplaces
- Environmentally responsible operations
- Good corporate citizenship

Macquarie Generation is a State Owned Corporation formed in 1996. The Corporation's core business is the production, marketing and sales of electricity into the wholesale segment of the National Electricity Market.

Macquarie Generation owns and operates Liddell and Bayswater Power Stations, two of Australia's largest capacity thermal power stations.

Macquarie Generation operates under the *Energy Services Corporations Act 1995* and the *State Owned Corporations Act 1989*.

Macquarie Generation is registered as a generator in the National Electricity Market, and therefore must abide by the National Electricity Laws and National Electricity Rules which govern the operation of the National Electricity Market, as administered by the Australian Electricity Regulator (AER) which is part of the Australian Consumer and Competition Commission. (ACCC)

The production and sale of electricity is conducted in a competitive market and most of the information held by Macquarie Generation relates to these processes.

Whilst some contract details relating to the operation of the power stations are available on the Corporation's website (www.macgen.com.au), a large number of the contract details for the supply of goods and services to Macquarie Generation will not be made available and the confidentiality of this information is protected under Section 39 of the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009, which states:-

"This division does not require a State owned corporation...to include any information about or a copy of a government contract in its contract register if the contract relates to activities engaged in by the corporation.... in a market in which it is in competition with any other person."

Macquarie Generation does not hold a retail electricity license and as a result does not have any retail clients. All of the production of electricity is sold into the National Electricity Market as required by the laws.

Liddell and Bayswater Power Stations are located in the Upper Hunter Valley of New South Wales between the towns of Singleton and Muswellbrook. The power stations' combined generating capacity is 4,640 MW.

Within the power stations' precinct, approximately 10,000 hectares, Macquarie Generation also owns and operates two 25 MW oil-fired gas turbines and a 0.85 MW mini-hydroelectric generator.

The principal fuel for the power stations is black coal, most of which is delivered by overland conveyors and rail in conjunction with export operations at Hunter Valley mines and NSW western coalfield operations.

Macquarie Generation's corporate governance is vested in an independent Board of Directors, appointed by the Shareholders, the Treasurer of New South Wales and the Minister for Finance.

An executive team led by the Chief Executive and Managing Director is responsible for the Corporation's day-to-day business activities.

Community Consultation

Macquarie Generation is proud of the role it plays as a major economic contributor, large employer and community partner.

Consultation with and support of the local community is an important part of our operations, and is evident through participation in the Macquarie Generation Community Consultative Committee.

The Committee includes representatives from Singleton, Muswellbrook and Upper Hunter Shire Councils and also community representatives.

The Committee meets quarterly to discuss Macquarie Generation activities and operations, and provides representatives to raise issues on behalf of their local communities.

Macquarie Generation also consults with local communities and Councils during the assessment process for Major Projects and other significant activities.

For further information or to contribute to the Community Consultative Committee contact the Macquarie Generation Communications Manager;

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Documents Held by Macquarie Generation

Macquarie Generation holds many documents, manuals and files concerning its operations and activities.

The GIPA Act provides four ways in which information can be accessed:

- Mandatory release of certain information (open access)
- Proactive release
- Informal request by member of the public
- Formal access application (to be used as a last resort)

Open Access Information

Many of these documents are publically available from the Corporation's website www.macgen.com.au, including Annual Reports and Statements of Corporate Intent.

Policies and Standards to be published on the website cover topics such as:-

- Privacy
- Harassment Free Workplace
- OH&S Policy
- Drug and Alcohol free workplaces
- Code of Conduct
- Employment equity and diversity
- Fraud Risk Management Policy
- OHS Induction and Training
- Fatigue Risk Management
- Harassment Free workplace
- Recruitment, selection and appointment
- No Smoking Policy

Proactive Release of Information

Some information is updated on a regular basis including details of current and awarded Tenders.

Other information updated on a regular basis includes details relating to Water supply, Lake Liddell Algal Updates and any relevant press releases. Annual reports are also published once they have been tabled in Parliament.

Informal Release of Information and Formal Access applications

Many older documents and files are now stored offsite by Macquarie Generation's records management contractor.

Both Informal and Formal requests for information may be made.

Any application to obtain further information may be made and the decision regarding those requests will be made on a case by case basis.

A retrieval fee may be charged for accessing material stored offsite.

Contact Us

Macquarie Generation's Right to Information Officer can be contacted as follows;

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