

## **Kurnell Progress & Precinct Residents' Association (KPPRA) Minutes**

**INC 9875207**

**Date:** Wednesday, 30 April 2025

**Time:** 7:30pm

**Location:** Kurnell Community Sports & Recreation Club – 160 Captain Cook Drive, Kurnell, NSW

**Chair:** Robert Stanley-Jones

**Minutes Recorded By:** Allison Casey – Full transcript available upon request & subsequent approval from KPPRA committee.

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### **1. Welcome & Introductions**

- The Chair welcomed attendees to the Extraordinary Meeting, noting it was convened to prepare for AMPOL's upcoming public information session on the proposed Battery Energy Storage System (BESS). Purpose: to inform residents, develop questions, and discuss community strategy. Acknowledgment of new attendees was made.
  - Meeting was recorded for accurate minute-taking.
  - Digital/manual attendance was discussed to ensure all contact details were collected.
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### **2. Apologies**

Apologies were received from:

- Paul and Leigh Stringer,
  - Noel and Gay Berry,
  - Robert Russell Bryce (Gamay Rangers),
  - Jessica Fox.
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### **3. BESS Proposal Overview**

**Presenter:** Lyn Atkin

Key points raised:

- Concerns over safety, environmental, and regulatory clarity surrounding the proposed BESS.
  - Reference to the Moss Landing Fire (California, 2024) with fires, toxic gas release, and long-term health/environmental impact.
  - Lack of information from AMPOL, particularly regarding:
    - Battery chemistry,
    - Emergency response planning,
    - Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) status.
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#### 4. Community Concerns

Concerns included:

- **Location Risk:** BESS adjacent to existing fuel storage facilities.
  - **Environmental Impact:** Toxic runoff, threat to marine/birdlife, soil contamination, fire risk.
  - **Health & Safety:** Evacuation limitations, chemical exposure, long-term health effects.
  - **Process & Transparency:** Lack of thorough community consultation and unclear planning processes.
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#### 5. Questions Compiled for AMPOL

More than 30 technical and community-focused questions were prepared for submission, including:

- Battery technology used,
- Fire safety systems,
- Risk of thermal runaway,
- Contamination mitigation,
- Impact on property values,
- Connection to offshore wind projects,
- Evacuation protocols,
- National security concerns.

**Attendees encouraged to email through their questions via the Save Kurnell Action Group email: [savekurnell@gmail.com](mailto:savekurnell@gmail.com). Full list of questions available upon request.**

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#### 6. Motion

##### **Motion Passed:**

“KPPRA opposes the proposed BESS development in its current form, based on the information provided to date.”

Motion carried **unanimously**, without objections.

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#### 7. Next Steps & Actions

Residents urged to attend AMPOL’s Community Drop-in Session:

- **Date:** Wednesday, 7 May 2025
- **Time:** 3:30 PM – 7:00 PM

- **Location:** Marton Community Hall

Other actions:

- Encouraged attendees to
    - Sign up for NSW Planning Portal alerts,
    - Prepare formal submissions during EIS public exhibition,
    - Share information with neighbouring suburbs (Greenhills, Woollooware Bay)
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## **8. Communications & Media**

Plans discussed to:

- Engage with Sky News and Andrew Bolt.
  - Use signage, petitions, letterbox campaigns to increase awareness.
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## **9. Close**

Chair reiterated importance of unified advocacy and a comprehensive response strategy across environmental, legal, safety, and economic issues.

**Meeting closed at approx. 8:45pm.**