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BOBBY BACKS £28 MILLION ARDNACRUSHA FACELIFT

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ARDNACRUSHA IS to get a £28 million upgrade - the first in 65 years.

The grand old lady of Irish electricity is already well past her life expectancy, but is still working away — even though spare parts are long since unobtainable.

Now the Minister for Energy, Bobby Molloy, along with the industry minister, Des O'Malley, have come to the rescue.

It's a massive £28 million facelift – far more that the station cost day one.

According to Bobby Molloy, the work will increase the capacity of the station by 24 megawatts to 110 MW. Operation and maintenance costs will fall,

and the shot-in-the-arm will take the station up to about the year 2025.

The plan is to be environmentally friendly, and will be financed from within the ESB's own assumes, and will be con-

pleted in a phased way ove six years.

When they built Ardnacrusha in the 1920s, they said that it was far too big for the country. Now it produces only a few per cont of the national energy demand.

Car bisected, two escape

TWO CASTLETROY youths had a miraculous escape from serious injury on Sunday evening when their car was sliced in two in a crash near Daly's cross.

John McNamara (19) of 13 Castlecourt, Castletroy and Garry Cregan, (19) Killonan, Castletroy, and the driver of the other car involved in the accident, a 30 year old bank official from Castlemaine, Joseph Shannon, were taken to hospital, but only one was detained and was said to be in a stable condition this Tuesday at the Regional hospital.

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