COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE AGL – CAMDEN GAS PROJECT

MEETING NO.32

Held in the RPGP Conference Room, Menangle on 17 May 2012 at 5.30pm

MINUTES

Member / Guest	Attendance Type
Mrs Margaret MacDonald-Hill (MM) Chair	Present
Mr Brad Staggs (BS)	Absent
Mr David Henry (DH)	Absent
Mrs Diane Gordon (DG)	Apology
Cr Fred Anderson (FA)	Absent
Ms Jacqui Kirkby (JK)	Present
Mr Jeff Lawrence (JL)	Absent
Mr Michael Banasik (MB)	Present
Mr Michael Hingley (MH)	Absent
Mr Paul Hourigan (PH)	Absent
Mr Peter Bloem (PB)	Present
Mr Simon Hennings (SH)	Present – Arrived 6.30pm
Mr Troy Platten (TP)	Present – Arrived 6.10pm
Mr Aaron Clifton (AC)	Present
Mr Adam Lollback (AL)	Apology
Ms Naomi Rowe (NR)	Present
Mr John Ross (JR)	Present
Miss Wendy Thompson (WT)	Present

Meeting Opened at: 5.45pm

ITEM	ACTION
1.0 Welcome	
MM sought the approval of those present to commence the meeting in anticipation that remaining members (some had already indicated they would be late) would arrive and a quorum be achieved. This was agreed	
to.	
Welcome and Introductions by Chair – MM. Welcomed Naomi, AGL's Acting Head of Community Relations and John, AGL's Manager Hydrogeology to the meeting.	
Advised an extraordinary meeting will be scheduled to provide the CCC members with an update for the Community and Government section, due to Adam's unforeseen absence.	
Margaret advised committee members that she is engaged by AGL as an independent chair, approved by the Director General of the Department of Planning and Infrastructure. She is also a member of the Mine Subsidence Board and the Ministers' Arbitration Panel.	
2.0 Apologies	
As above.	

3.0 Confirmation of Previous Minutes	
Moved: Jacqui Kirkby Seconded: Peter Bloem	
4.0 Business Arising	
JK – Previous minute amendments. Objected to a post meeting note which was incorrect and was subsequently deleted. Requested that information that was not part of the meeting should not be included in the minutes. Chair advised that both the post meeting note and subsequent deletion was at her direction. <i>Reference: Meeting # 31</i>	
Discussion held by members with regards to ABC online information and accuracy, and source of the information. Chair advised Department reply that some information is factually incorrect and based on opinion, which is beyond its control.	MM – to follow up if informal response can be provided from the DTIRIS
Members agreed that where one member raises questions, and correspondence or responses are sent between meetings, that this information will be copied to all CCC members.	
AC – Referred members to the Annual Environmental Report where the well details can be found at the time of reporting where details on the Camden Project wells are.	AC – To include in Operations report at future meetings
AGL to provide an update at the future CCC meetings to all members to provide the current well information for the Camden Project.	
A glossary of acronyms to be provided with each set of minutes.	WT – to include with minutes distribution
5.0 Correspondence	
<u>IN</u> Nil	
OUT-18/4 email information forwarded to members19/4 email information forwarded to members.	
6.0 Reports	
AC – Operations and HSE Update	
Slide 2 JK – Requested the definition of a reportable incident. PB – EPA has legislation defining reportable incidents.	PB to provide link to WT to distribute with minutes
<i>Slide 3</i> JK – Queried if workover was maintenance. AC – Confirmed this is well maintenance using a workover rig.	minutes

 Slide 5 TP – Queried if AGL is proactive in getting community response, such as through a survey. AC – AGL is adopting proactive approaches such as community events, open days. Also AGL has a Land and Approvals Officer who can be contacted by community members and landowners at any time if they have concerns. JK – Noted that a lot of members of the community were unaware of the Camden Project. AC – Provided the committee with the initiatives that AGL has adopted to provide communications to all community members, and continue to adopt new ways as AGL move into newer areas. NR and JK discussed the level of information available to the community, and the requirement to share as much information to interested parties as possible. TP – Suggested a proactive approach to seeking community understanding 	
of the Camden Project.	
AC – Extended an invitation to all CCC members to the next Camden Open Day on Saturday 26 May. Members to provide names and emails of any parties who may be interested in attending future Open Days.	RSVP's or interested attendees to be emailed to Wendy.
 JR – Groundwater Investigations Update JR – Advised CSIRO report available on AGL website. JK – Queried what the screening process is for produced water taken to Windsor, and what information AGL provides to Windsor. AC – Advised water is tested against EPA licence requirements. JK – Requested a presentation at a future meeting, on what AGL is providing to Windsor for water, including the process involved, any water that has been rejected, and what testing is undertaken. JK – Queried if BTEX has been found in water in Camden Project. AC and JR – Never found in Camden Project produced water. 	AC – to arrange presentation for future meeting
TP – Queried the substance found, what are the risks and ramifications. JR – Advised that these were naturally occurring levels, and they are not at levels that cause harm to environmental conditions. The report shows the baseline of naturally occurring levels from published papers and reports, so future water monitoring can be assessed.	
JK, TP, JR – Discussed the content of the report and the TPH, BTEX and phenol information that was available for NSW. PB – Queried what prompted this to be included in the agenda by Campbelltown Council. JK – Advised the Council has a keen interest in water and had requested a moratorium pending scientific proof. AC – Advised the Council requested John's presentation.	WT to distribute link to CSIRO on the Camden website with minutes
AL – Community and Government Update	
Apology – update to be provided at an extra-ordinary meeting – to be scheduled	
7.0 General Business SH – Advised that he has lived in the Cawdor area since the project commenced. Believes that the current arguments have no basis, and that	

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the gas project can co-exist within the community. Lived 1.5km from	
previous treatment plant without any concerns.	
MB – Added that community areas and community consultation has	
increased in the last 12 years, meaning community expectations have	
changed over the years.	
MB – Wollondilly Council has lobbied the Government to have	
development applications apply to all exploration wells	
Discussion held amongst members in relation to studies.	
JK – Requested information on all well location and their current status,	
including public or private land information, and plugged and abandoned	
wells.	
JK – Queried if the PEL is being renewed.	
NR – Decision is to be made by the Department and no announcements	
will be made until the responses to the SRLUP have been made.	
JK – Is AGL continuing with any exploration in the PEL2 area?	
AC – No exploration work being undertaken at the moment, and no	
immediate plans to undertaken exploration.	
JK – Is any work being done near Cobbity Road and Northern Road.	
AC – AGL is not working in that area.	
JK – Asked about the fraccing moratorium.	
AGL confirmed that we are unaware of the status of the moratorium being	
lifted or extended.	
MM – Advised there is no fraccing occurring across the whole of NSW	
according to Ministerial press realeases.	
PB – Advised members of legislative changes to requirements to notify WT – to distri	hute
pollution incidents, prepare PIRMP and publish monitoring results.	oute
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MM – Tabled the following information/documents	
• Legislative Council – Coal Seam Gas report WT – to distri	bute
• Guidelines for community consultation requirements for the with minutes	
exploration of coal and petroleum, including coal seam gas	
 Draft Code of Practice for Coal Seam Gas Exploration 	
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8.0 Next Meeting Date	
Extraordinary meeting to be arranged	
16 August 2012	
15 November 2012 (proposed)	

Meeting Closed at: 7.43pm

Acronym Index

CCC	Community Consultative Committee
DTIRIS	New South Wales Department of Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services
	(NSW Trade & Investment)
TPH	Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons (C6 to C36 chainlength compounds)
PAH	Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons
CSIRO	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation
EPA	Environment Protection Authority (NSW)
PEL	Petroleum Exploration Licence
PIRMP	Pollution Incident Response Management Plan
SRLUP	Strategic Regional Land Use Plan
BTEX	Benzene, Toluene, Ethylbenzene, Xylenes