



AGL NEWCASTLE COMMUNITY DIALOGUE GROUP

MINUTES OF MEETING No.19 HELD AT HUNTER REGIONAL BOTANIC GARDENS AND VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS VIDEO-CONFERENCING ON WEDNESDAY 5 OCTOBER 2022 AT 10am


PRESENT	NAME	ORGANISATION
	Lisa Andrews (LA)	Independent Chairperson
	Ken Page (KP)	Hunter Region Botanic Gardens <i>(attended at beginning – left to assist with bus tour)</i>
	Kourosch Maleklou (KM)	AGL - Asset Manager for NGSF
	Kevin Taylor (KT)	AGL – Head of Generation (Gas & Renewables) <i>[via video-conference]</i>
	John Simpson (JS)	Hunter Water Delegate
	Joanne Ferguson (JF)	AGL – Community Relations Coordinator
	John McCormack (JM)	AGL – Head of Government <i>[via video-conference]</i>
APOLOGIES	Mayor, Cr Ryan Palmer (RP)	Port Stephens Council
	Robyn Parker (RoP)	Tomago Aluminium
ABSENT	Dianne Ball	Wahroonga Aboriginal Corporation
	Peter Gesling (PG)	Hunter Business Chamber Representative
	Representative	Port Stephens Koalas
	Audrey Koosmen (AK)	Hunter Wildlife Rescue (NATF)

The CDG meeting was opened at 10.06am.

Acknowledgement of Country - "AGL recognises the Traditional Owners of the lands on which they work and they pay their respect to their Elders past, present and emerging."

WELCOME	LA welcomed all attendees to the AGL Newcastle Gas Storage Facility Community Dialogue Group (CDG). LA acknowledged those members joining the meeting via video-conferencing.										
APOLOGIES	As listed above.										
DECLARATIONS	LA advised that she is an Independent Chairperson, approved by the Department of Planning engaged by AGL to chair this CDG.	No changes to members' previous declarations.									
BUSINESS ARISING	<p>The minutes from the previous meeting on 23/6/22 were finalised and emailed to member on 16/7/22. There were two action items from that meeting:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <thead> <tr> <th>ITEM</th> <th>ISSUE</th> <th>BY WHOM</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>Keep CDG informed of the sale of NGSF (ongoing)</td> <td>KT</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>Keep CDG informed about the highway upgrade (ongoing)</td> <td>KM</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>No other business arising from members.</p>	ITEM	ISSUE	BY WHOM	1	Keep CDG informed of the sale of NGSF (ongoing)	KT	2	Keep CDG informed about the highway upgrade (ongoing)	KM	Moved to presentation.
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CORRESPONDENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15/3/22 – Email to members with the draft minutes for review. • 16/7/22 - Email to members with the final version of the June minutes and presentation. • 27/6/22 - Email to members with the Round 1 information for the Community Grants and advice on the change of meeting date. • 26/9/22 - Email to members with the Meeting Notice, Agenda & Correspondence Report for this meeting. 	As provided with meeting notice – emailed 26/9/22.
NEWCASTLE GAS STORAGE FACILITY – GENERAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No major incidents or safety/environment issues • No Lost Time Injuries (LTI) or medical treatment issues (MTI) • Short period of injection completed • Remained in holding mode • Liquefaction shutdown complete – no send out. • Short fill of liquefaction to fill the tanks up • Major maintenance activities completed as planned • Every 5 years, have to submit new safety case to get a licence renewal, which has now been issued unconditionally by SafeWork NSW • The regulators for EPA have been to site (1 senior & 1 junior officer) to gain familiarisation with the site and investigate 2 self-reported incidents regarding air quality. There has been an amendment to the licence which will reduce any future risk and reoccurrence. • KM confirmed that the 2 incidents were in relation to a missed window for stack testing of the 3 burners due to the plant not running, therefore testing could not be carried out. • KM advised that other companies were unable to conduct monitoring either. EPA accepted this. 	See attached presentation. Slide 6
NGSF COMMUNITY	<p>JF provided an updated on the Round 1 – FY23 Local Community Investment Program, which opened on Tuesday 23 August 2022 and will close on Friday 21 October 2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications have come in for Newcastle Fringe Festival and Newcastle Show. • Sponsorship of Jenny’s Place – Women’s Domestic Violence and Homelessness Support. • Gold Sponsorship for Simpson Desert Trek. 22 days, 440km, 1100 sand dunes to raise funds and awareness for Jenny’s Place. \$115,000 was raised which will enable them to continue crucial services. <p>JS commented that this was an excellent effort by the participants.</p>	Slide 7
AGL UPDATE	<p>KT provided members with a comprehensive presentation of AGL’s “Review of Strategic Direction”, which provided an overview of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leadership transition (provided names and backgrounds of the new appointments) • Strategic framework set 	Slide 10

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review undertaken of AGL's decarbonisation objectives, its optimal energy mix, capital structure and review of existing strategies. Outcomes (proposed early closure of Loy Yang A by end of FY35 and ambition to add ~12 GW of new renewable and firming capacity before 2036. <p>Next Steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decarbonisation Objectives Optimal Energy Mix Capital Structure Review of existing strategies. <p>KT advised that AGL hasn't proceeded with the sale of the NGSF. There has been an EOI from a third party to use some of the facilities storage capacity. The NSW & Federal government has held discussions regarding using the facility as a strategic reserve to provide security in future energy supply.</p>	Slides 11-18
PROPOSED NEWCASTLE GAS FIRED POWER STATION	JS enquired on the future of the NGFPS and whether it would go ahead if the Kurri Peaking Station proceeded. KT stated that it wouldn't and that the project remained on hold.	
GENERAL BUSINESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> KM advised on Transport for NSW's highway upgrade, stating that the relocation of the pipeline on the Old Punt Road will proceed as soon as possible. Tenders are currently out and should be awarded by December 2022, with the hope to start in early January 2023. JS commented that Hunter Water assets (water and sewer) will also need to be relocated. JS asked about Mr Cannon-Brookes and his potential influence at the AGL's AGM. KT advised that Grok Ventures are one of many shareholders and that AGL will listen to all. JS advised that all Hunter Water dams/reservoirs are at 100% capacity. 	
NEXT MEETING DATES	<p> Thursday 8 December 2022, at the AGL Newcastle Gas Storage Facility, 5 Old Punt Rd, Tomago and will include a tour of the site - commencing at 10am. KM to send through map and induction details.</p>	

Meeting closed at 10.50am with LA thanking members for their attendance and participation.

ACTION ITEMS

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