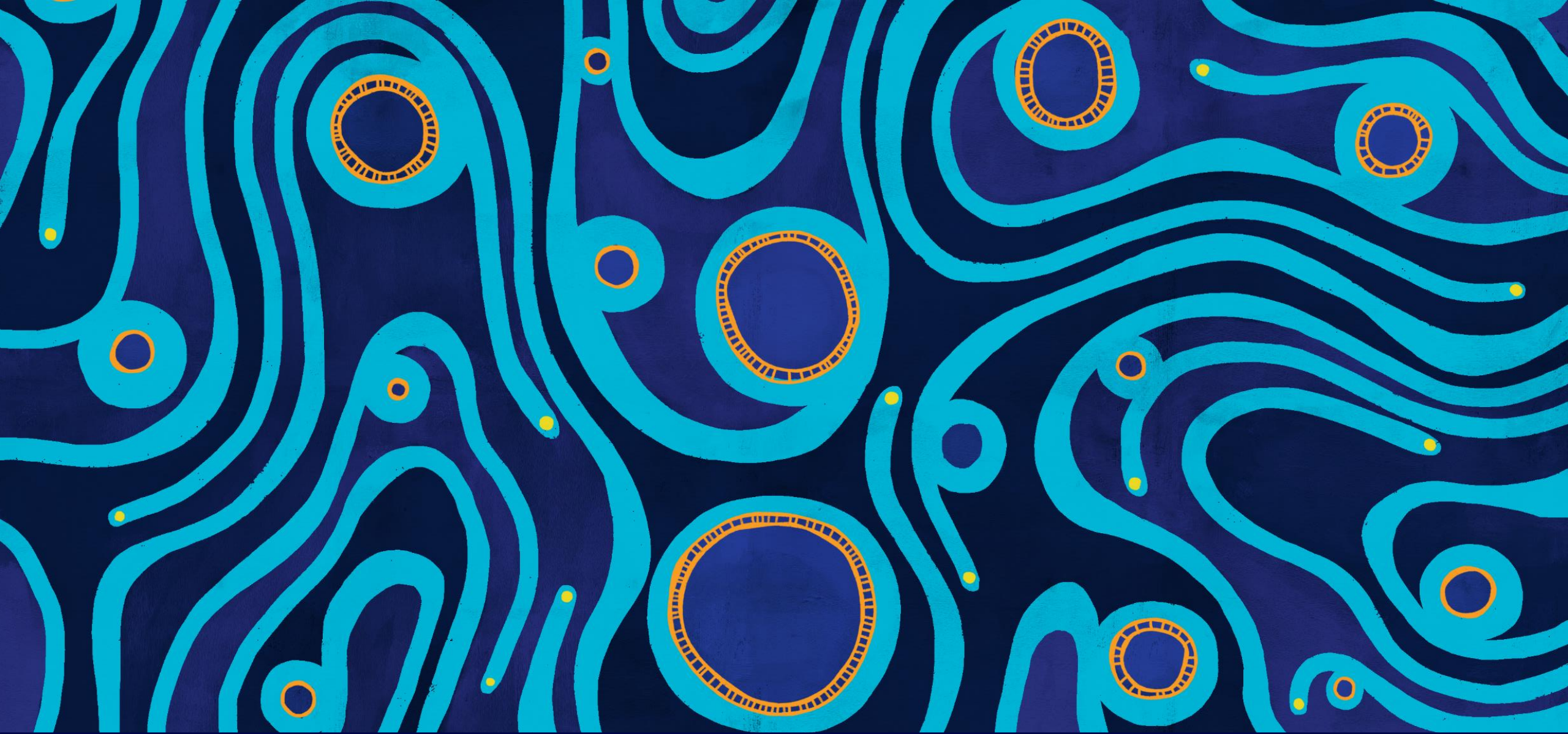


# Newcastle Community Dialogue Group

Thursday, 30 May 2024





We are meeting today in the Hunter Region of New South Wales on the lands of the Worimi People.

We acknowledge the Worimi People as the original Custodians of this land and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

# Agenda

- 1 Open and welcome, apologies, declarations, previous minutes, business arising and correspondence
- 2 Newcastle Gas Storage Facility latest news
- 3 AGL Update

- 4 Tomago Battery Project Update
- 5 General business, next meeting and close

# NGSF Update

- No major incident, MTIs or LTIs
- Send-out maintenance activities completed in May
- No major issues found
- Tank is 95% full – 1,400 TJ
- Ready for Send-out
- Liquefaction maintenance activities planned from June to August 2024
- Environmental activities and update in the following slides



# Environment update (John M) - priorities

- Bushfire preparedness
- Wetlands
- Weeds
- Water monitoring
- Emergency drill

# Environment update (John M)

- Bushfire preparedness has commenced
  - Asset protection zones assessed
  - Perimeter tracks assessed
  - Preliminary fuel load assessments in surrounding area
  - Work orders onsite for: clearing leaves and gutters, checking escape routes.



## Environment update (John M)

- Wetland ponds – vegetation management
  - Reeds trimmed via mechanical methods
  - Confirmed floating oil boom is in contact with water
  - Reviewed work orders for pond maintenance



## Environment update (John M)

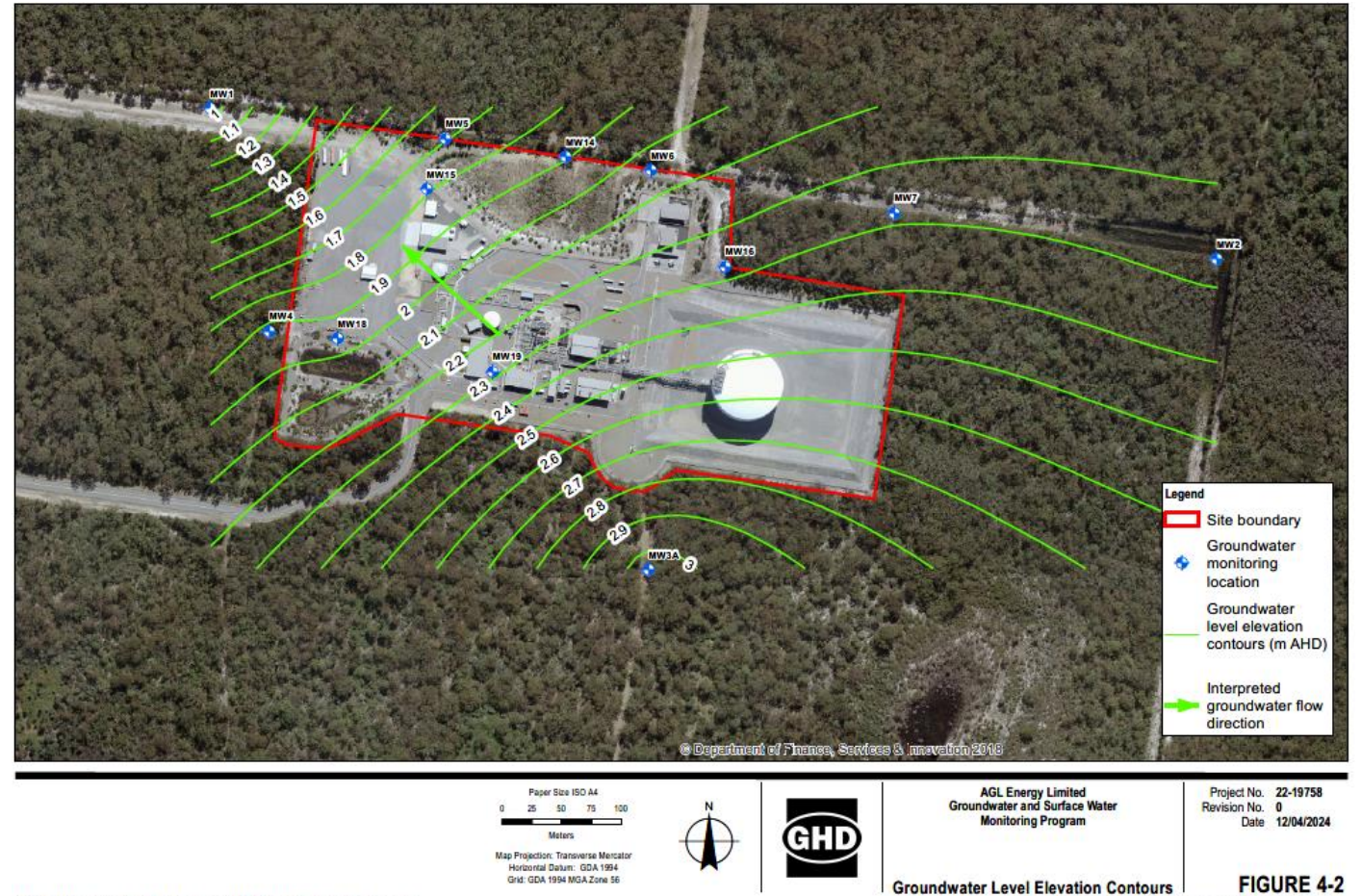
- Pampas grass observed onsite mid March
- Spreads by seed and rhizomes
- Was completely removed and bagged for disposal
- Will monitor the area going forward
- AGL is preparing an Integrated Weed Management Program across its assets





# Environment update (John M)

- Water monitoring conducted in March 2024
- Report will be emailed to
  - Hunter Water (John Simpson)
  - Port Stephens Council (Kate Drinan)
  - Dept of Planning and Env
- Report concludes no significant impacts to ground and surface water, however:
  - Elevated chromium at MW15 (hexavalent is low)
  - Elevated nitrate at MW15 (instead of MW14)
  - Elevated fluoride at MW19 (instead of MW16)
- Next round of sampling in September by GHD



# Environment – emergency drill

Emergency drill carried out in March 2024

- Strong participation onsite
- Scenario involved a large diesel spill from a truck rollover at NGSF's front gate near Old Punt Road with diesel travelling to the wetland area between the site and Hunter River
- Findings:
  - Need ability to block culverts (ordered sandbags, have plywood ready)
  - Be aware that response to spills in Hunter River may not be immediate
  - Updated the Pollution Incident Response Management Plan

# AGL in the Community



# Newcastle Premier League T20



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- Formed from the absence of competitive cricket opportunities in the Hunter region during winter.
- 320 players
- 16 teams across the Hunter region



## SUPPORTING SPORTS

Newcastle Hunters Sporting Club passionately advocates for the growth of sports within the Malayali community in Newcastle. By fostering a welcoming environment and providing resources, the club encourages Malayali individuals to participate in various sports and lead active lives. Through culturally inclusive programs, events, and coaching, the club promotes a sense of belonging and unity, enhancing the community's well-being. The Newcastle Hunters Sporting Club is committed to nurturing talent, fostering sportsmanship, and celebrating the rich diversity of the Pan-Indian community in the region.



# Volunteering at Dog Rescue Newcastle Fullerton Cove Shelter



# \$30K supporting our Hunter community

## Hunter Region Botanic Gardens

We are so thankful AGL supports our strategic plan to grow, conserve and promote plants and support the Hunter community through education and wellness in this amazing natural outdoor space. You're funding over the years, much of which has supported the upgrades of theme gardens has highlighted how sustainable our plants can be. I am particularly pleased Marc gave you a tour of the Palm garden as this AGL funded upgrade inspired so many.

Thank you AGL on behalf of the 200 volunteers at Hunter Region Botanic Gardens – *Susie Satorie, Director Business Services at Hunter region Botanic Gardens.*

## Newcastle Fringe Festival – A Big Thank You to Principal Sponsor for 2024

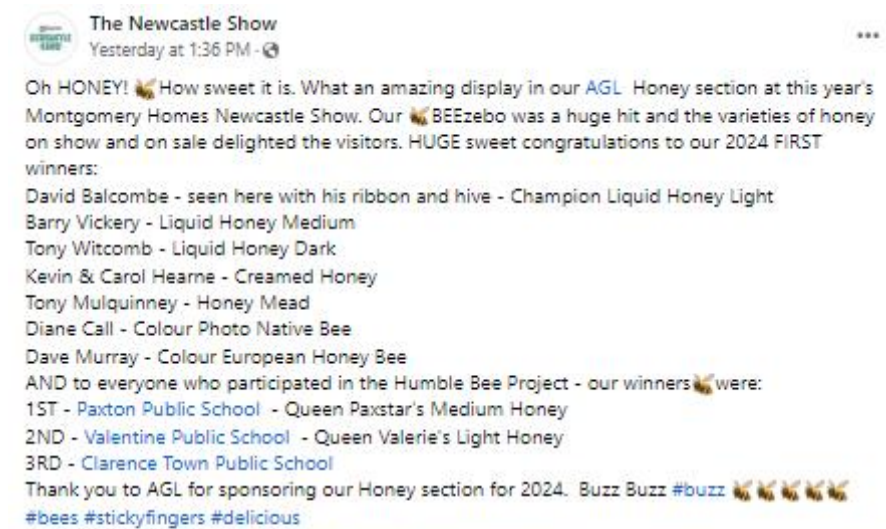
“We are thrilled to announce that AGL has once again come onboard as a principal sponsor for the 2024 Newcastle Fringe Festival! AGL has been a proud sponsor of the Newcastle Fringe Festival for five consecutive years, and their continued support has been instrumental in our growth and success. We are incredibly grateful for their partnership and their belief in our festival's vision.

Thank you, AGL, for your ongoing support and dedication to the Newcastle Fringe Festival. Together, we are making a positive impact on the Hunter arts scene and creating lasting memories for festival-goers.”

## Wahroonga Aboriginal Corporation

## Newcastle 2024 Toy Run

## NPL T20



# AGL Update



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# Happenings Around AGL

- Discussion with NSW Government re NGSF
- Earnings Guidance
- Offshore Wind – Gippsland Skies Consortium
- Pottinger Energy Park
- Australian Energy Market Operator – Electricity Statement of Opportunities 2024 Update
- NSW Government Agreement with Origin Energy on Eraring Power Station



# Tomago Battery Project

30 May 2024

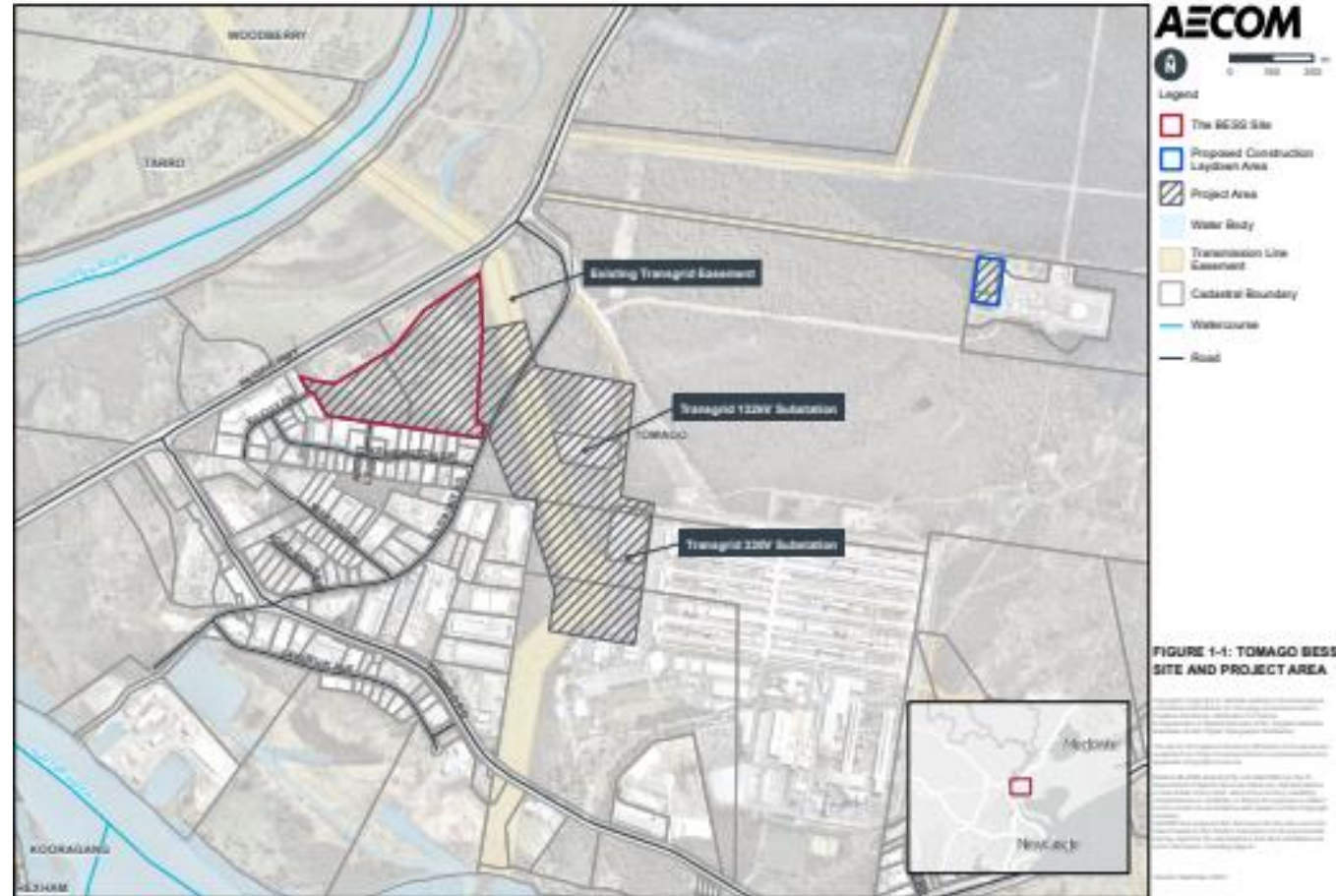


## Key Project Details

- Project Capacity – 500MW / 2000 MWh (4 hours).
- Providing grid stabilising generation and electricity storage.
- Transmission line from the battery project site to either the 132kV Transgrid substation (north) or the 330kV Transgrid substation (south).
- Connection to an existing switchyard, including minor works to connect the Battery to the preferred neighbouring substation.
- AGL Community Grants Program to be initiated by project operation date in 2028.

## AGL New Team members:

- Project Manager – Carina Steinbakk
- Environment Manager – Amelia O’Neill



# Schedule



# Agency Submissions – Resolved May 2024



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- **NSW Rural Fire Service** – FMP to be prepared and commented Tomago BESS be managed as an APZ and that a ‘trafficable defensible space’ be provided around the perimeter of the site, as well as the installation of a 20,000 L water supply (tank). **Noted – these shall form conditions of consent**
- **DPI Fisheries** - Satisfaction the proposed Project conserves fish stocks. **Noted – no further comments are required**
- **DPI Agriculture** - Satisfaction the proposed Project has adequately addressed the LUCRA. **Noted – no further comments are required**
- **Transgrid** – Confirmed the Project is a “customer project”. **Noted – no further comments are required (Transgrid to liaise with AGL directly)**
- **Heritage NSW DPE** – requested further information regarding the proposed transmission corridor, to further understand the location, nature, and extent of impacts within this portion of the project area. **Noted – Draft conditions of consent issued**
- **Heritage Council of NSW** - Confirmed there no known historical archaeological relics on the site nor is it situated in the immediate vicinity of any State Heritage Register (SHR) items and is not listed on the SHR register. **Noted – no further comments are required**
- **MEG** - Confirmed there are no Exploration Licenses within the Project Area. **Noted – no further comments are required**
- **Crown Lands** - Confirmed the Project is not in the vicinity of, and will have no impact on any Crown Lands, roads or waterways. **Noted– no further comments are required**
- **DCCEEW Water** - Enquired about AGL's ability to secure a water supply and sought clarification on the maximum annual volume of groundwater extraction expected during construction. AGL submitted a S50 application to confirm there is adequate supply. **Noted – no further comments are required**

# Agency Submissions – under discussion



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- **FRNSW** – Require a Fire Safety Study (FSS) to be developed to the satisfaction of FRNSW prior to any further submission being made to FRNSW; this includes: an Initial Fire Safety Report (IFSR) and / or Performance-Based Design Brief / Fire Engineering Brief Questionnaire) **MAY 2024 – Discussions with Government are underway to seek a FSS ‘prior to operation’ rather than ‘prior to construction’ to avoid delays with site preparation works.**
- **Port Stephens Council (Planning)** – The following modelling and management reports have been requested: Drainage modelling, wastewater management report and an Operational Environmental Management Plan including a spill response procedure and Water and Soil management plan addressing mitigation strategies to manage **MAY 2024 – AGL will provide modelling and management plans.**
- **BCD** – require species Polygon to capture PCTs, additional survey in western area for flora (Netted bottle brush, Small-flower grevillea, Leafless tongue orchid, White-flowered wax plant, Slaty Red Gum, Singleton mint bush, Pterostylis chaetophora, Heath wrinklewort, and Black-eyed Susan), additional surveys for the pale headed Snake, appropriate surveys for P. chaetophora be conducted, a squirrel glider species polygon is required to capture impacts to the species, updates the BAM-C and BDAR required to reflect the changed credit liability, and BAM-C update for the Netted Bottle Brush species polygon and subsequent updates to the BDAR to reflect the changed credit liability **MAY 2024 – Discussions underway with Biosis to prepare response to BCD to provide additional information on likelihood of species presence and/or establish potential additional survey requirements/timing.**
- **TFNSW** - Potential cumulative impacts with the approved M1 Pacific Motorway extension to Raymond Terrace, and requested confirmation be sought surrounding sufficient vehicle clearance following the proposed Tomago interchange works **MAY 2024 Ongoing consultation to continue throughout all project stages of the M1 extension and the Tomago BESS developments.**

## DPHI ‘Request For Information’ – Received 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2024

- AGL is to enter into a Heads of terms for a Voluntary Planning Agreement with PSC. **MAY 2024 – Discussions are continuing.**

Questions

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