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Project	Newcastle Gas Storage Facility	From	Sue Hogan
Subject	Community Consultative Committee		
Date/Time	Wednesday 5 November 2014		
Venue	Hunter Region Botanic Gardens 11:00am – 12:30pm		
Copies to	All attendees and apologies		
Attendees	Barbara Campany – Facilitator (GHD)	Apologies	
	Chris Holmes – AGL Principal Geologist		Kevin Stokes - Hunter Region Botanic Gardens
	Gino Bortolotto – Worley Parsons		
	Jacqui Ashby – Port Stephens Council		David Hough – Newcastle City Council
	Jill Dean - Native Animal Trust Fund		Clr Geoff Dingle – Port Stephens Council
	Kirby Morrison – Hunter Water		Rhys Blackmore – Hunter Water
	Matthew Callanan – AGL Operations Manager		Declan Clausen - Hunter Water
	Megan Hewson – AGL NGSF Site Administrator		Brett Hayward – AGL Environment Manager
	Mick Cook – Hunter Region Botanic Gardens		Peter Rains – Tomago Van Park
	Naomi Rowe – AGL Community Relations Manager		
	Sue Hogan – AGL Project Administrator		
	Robyn Parker - Tomago Aluminium Company		
	Tim Knill – AGL Project Manager		
	Warren Brooks – Community Representative		



Topic	Action
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**1. Welcome and acceptance of previous meeting minutes**

***Accepted minutes to be placed on AGL website***

- ▶ BC acknowledged traditional owners and welcomed all members and visitors.
- ▶ Minutes from the previous meeting were accepted.
- ▶ Welcomed Megan Hewson, NSGF Site Administrator.

**2. Meeting Agenda**

- ▶ Welcome by facilitator, acceptance of the previous meeting minutes.
- ▶ Actions from the previous meeting
- ▶ Project update including timeline and 3 month forecast of activities
  - Introduce Megan Hewson, NSGF Site Administrator
- ▶ MHF Update
- ▶ CSG Overview
- ▶ Q & As
- ▶ General business
- ▶ Confirmation of 2015 meeting dates.
- ▶ Close of formal proceedings.

**3. Action items from the last meeting**

- ▶ BC reviewed the actions from last meeting. The response to each action is listed in the table below.

Item	Details	Complete	Notes
1.	GD previously asked if Port Stephens Council could come and see the re-vegetation works? TK has suggested to move out the visit till March/April 2015 when works are nearly complete.		
	<i>NR to organise tour in March/April 2015</i>	No	Invite to be sent to all councilors.
2.	<i>SH to send Kleinfelder Nest Box Monitoring report to all CCC members.</i>	Yes	
3.	<i>SH: Economic Benefit Assessment to be distributed to the CCC when released</i>	No	Not available at this time.



4	<i>TK to invite a special guest speaker to speak on CSG</i>	Yes	SH: to allow an extra 15 mins at the next meeting.	
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#### 4. Project update including 12 month forecast

- ▶ TK provided an update on the project via a powerpoint presentation and a brief overview of the project
  - refer to Tim's presentation.

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#### 5. Environment Update

- ▶ TK provided an update on environment on behalf of Brett Hayward via a powerpoint presentation
  - refer to Tim's presentation.

##### **CCC: KM queried about the use of pesticides in the bushland areas.**

TK advised approval was given to use products on weeds including pampas grass and lantana in the bushland area.

##### **CCC: JD asked how many nest boxes were installed and what were the results of the audit?**

TK advised 100 nest boxes were installed and inspected during the audit. There was evidence of use in almost every nest box.

The seven burnt out nest boxes were replaced and a number of boxes were retro fitted. The boxes will continue to be monitored on a regular basis.

**SH: to resend Nest Box Monitoring report Kleinfelder to all CCC members.**

##### **CCC: WB queried about the water disposal system used for the disposal of the Hydro testing.**

TK advised the permanent solution was used. Holding ponds have been tested and ready.

Permanent power to site is yet to be completed.

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#### 6. MHF update

- ▶ MC provided an update on the project via a powerpoint presentation and a brief overview of the MHF activities.
    - refer to Matthew's presentation.
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**CCC: WB asked if any of the response groups mentioned the role of the council.**

MC advised there is an emergency response co-ordinator within WorkCover but the council isn't part of the group.

**CCC: WB advised there is another local group but it's not part of the WorkCover group that should be advised.**

**CCC: KM advised the group is called DisPlan, there is one for each local area. Stands for Disaster Planning.**

MC to contact the local DisPlan group. There might be a lot of cross over of information amongst the groups.

***MC to contact local DisPlan group.***

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**7. CSG Overview**

Chris Holmes presentation.

**BC asked if the presentation had addressed the questions of the group.**

MC: the presentation and in particular the visual graphics have helped understand coal seam gas much more clearly.

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**8. Community update**

NR updated the group on the Economic Benefits Assessment report written by local company EPS (Environmental Property Services).

***SH: Report to be distributed to the CCC on publication.***

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**9. Q & A**

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**10. General business**

NR advised the transition of the CCC from construction to Operations will occur between now and May 2015. It will involve a review of the current terms of reference, a review of the current community engagement plan and analysis of the consultation requirements of the facility as a Major Hazard Facility.

At the first CCC meeting 2015, we will be seeking input and feedback on the transition from the CCC members.

GHD has been engaged to ensure all government requirements are met.

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NR advised the cycle of the grants programme is released at the start of the year. If the cycle isn't timely to group's requirements we can deal with it on a case by case basis.

**CCC:** MC advised there is still 59 plants in the nursery being maintained.

***TK: discuss with Brett Hayward and get them removed from the bench nursery areas***

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### **11. Next meeting**

Close of formal proceedings. 12:30pm.

Next meeting to be held on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2015 from 11am at the Hunter Region Botanic Gardens.

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### **12. Confirmed dates for 2015:**

The same frequency will happen during construction then move to half yearly when operational.

4<sup>th</sup> February

6<sup>th</sup> May

4<sup>th</sup> November

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