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| Project | Newcastle Gas Storage Facility | From | Grace Illuzzi |
| Subject | Community Consultative Committee | Tel | 9239 7671 |
| Date/Time | Thursday 4 October 2012 | Ref No | 21/20596 |
| Venue | Hunter Region Botanic Gardens 11:00am – 12:30pm | | |

Copies to All attendees and apologies

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| Attendees | David Hough – Newcastle City Council Marc Fitton – Tomago Aluminium Company Warren Brooks – Tomago Aluminium Company Declan Clausen – Hunter Water Jan Noble – Hunter Region Botanic Gardens Tim Knill – AGL Project Manager Naomi Rowe – AGL Community Relations Manager Gino Bortolotto – Worley Parsons Nicola Fry – AGL, Hydrogeologist, Aaron Clifton – AGL Environment Manager Keith Hughes - CBI Barbara Company – Facilitator (GHD) Grace Illuzzi – GHD | Apologies | Audrey Koosman – Native Animal Trust Fund Peter Rains – Tomago Van Park Clr Geoff Dingle – Port Stephens Council Michael Osborne – Port Stephens Council |
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| Topic | Action |
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| 1. Welcome and acceptance of previous meeting minutes Minutes from the previous meeting were accepted. | <i>Accepted minutes to be placed on AGL website</i> |
| 2. Previous meeting and review of the final draft NR went over actions from last meeting. The response to each action has been listed in the table below. Each item number corresponds with the previous minute number. | <i>Updated Terms of Reference to be placed on the AGL website</i> |



| Item | Details | Complete | Notes |
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| 2. | Project update including timeline and 3 month forecast | | |
| | AGL to commit to consulting with the NATF with regard to the flora and fauna issues | Yes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further meetings held with NATF • Additional measures incorporated • Aaron Clifton to provide further information in presentation to CCC |
| 3. | CCC protocols, Terms of Reference (TOR) and meeting minutes | | |
| | Update TOR | Yes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TOR have been updated to include Newcastle City Council |
| | TOR to state that an open invitation will be placed in the local paper two weeks prior to each CCC meeting | Yes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TOR have been to include this change • Advertising has been placed in Port Stephens Examiner and Newcastle Herald. Copies of the Ad have also been placed on the NGSF website |
| | AGL will email draft minutes to CCC members 2 weeks after each meeting. CCC comments to be completed within 2 weeks of receiving the minutes. Minutes will be confirmed at the next meeting | Yes | |
| 4. | General update on flora and fauna management | | |
| | AGL to investigate if harvested tree hollows can be installed within trees on neighbouring land. | Yes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aaron Clifton to provide further information in presentation to CCC |
| | AGL to report back on actions from flora and fauna meeting | Yes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An update was provided to CCC members by email on 22 August <p><i>"On the issue of habitat creation raised at the last CCC meeting, by tomorrow, we have completed the installation of 100 nest boxes of various sizes on land adjacent to the area to be cleared. A further 275 logs will be installed on the ground to provide further habitat as the material becomes available."</i></p> |



3. Project update including timeline and 3 month forecast

TK provided an update of the project summarised in following presentation. Presentation Attached.

- ▶ DH asked whether the proposed NGSF Community Fund is for both Port Stephens and Newcastle LGAs?

NR explained that during construction, both LGAs would be impacted so both LGAs would be eligible to apply. However, during operation of the NGSF applications would be assessed and those with closer proximity would be prioritised.

NR to provide more information to Councils as work progresses.

TK mentioned a committee may be set up to assess grants. Councils may be invited to be part of the committee.

- ▶ TK suggested a site visit prior to the May meeting. He asked that people email him if they would like to visit the NGSF site prior to May. Interest in a site visit will be confirmed at the next CCC.

4. Guest presentations:
AGL Groundwater Monitoring Plan
Groundwater and Surface Water Sub-plans

NF presented on groundwater monitoring for the project. Presentation attached.

- ▶ KH discussed environmental management on site and provided some examples.
- ▶ Mentioned that the focus is control, contain, clean-up.
- ▶ The biggest environmental risk is spills and fire.
- ▶ First time a lot of these contractors have worked under such strong, environmentally focused conditions.
- ▶ JN asked about fire controls on site.

KH explained there is no hot permit work on site at this stage. There is some fire equipment on site and water carts. KH also explained there is no smoking on site, supervisors are expected to closely monitor their workers, he has a lot of confidence in the team. The site would rely on RFS if there was a bush fire threat. The site supervisor would contact HBG in event of an incident, such as bush fire threat.

WB indicated that whilst TAC has a fire tender onsite, they would not normally take it outside of the smelter fence line. WB mentioned TAC relies on the Rural Fire Service for assistance for any fires outside of the smelter perimeter.

- ▶ WB commented that construction jobs are difficult. He notes the major commitment of the project team to the environmental management of major issues on the

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NGSF project. WB says he is confident in the management systems and acknowledges the strength of the environmental messages being delivered by the team.

5. Q&As

- ▶ No questions

6. Flora and fauna management update

AC provided a flora and fauna update for the project.

Presentation attached.

- ▶ DH asked how tree stockpile will be used.

AC says they will try to use along roads, onsite and on the Ausgrid easement.

Statement of commitment requires that they be reused where possible.

Had investigated resnagging with local CMA but not practical mainly because of the distance to the CMA site.

7. General business

- ▶ JN mentioned she found the meeting very informative.

8. Next meeting - 6 February 2013.

9. Close of formal proceedings. 12:30pm
