



AGL NEWCASTLE COMMUNITY DIALOGUE GROUP

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT THE HUNTER REGION BOTANIC GARDENS, HEXHAM ON THURSDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2019 AT 10AM

PRESENT	NAME	ORGANISATION
	Lisa Andrews (LA)	Independent Chairperson
	Trevor Anderson (TA)	AGL's Operations Manager for NGSF
	Ernesto Calderon (EC)	AGL – Community Relations Manager
	Arianna Henty (AH)	AGL – Senior Land & Approvals Manager
	Andrew Carman (AC)	AGL – Power Station Project Manager
	Nicola Gardner (NG)	AGL - HSE
	Ken Page (KP)	Hunter Region Botanic Gardens
	Robyn Parker	Tomago Aluminium
	John Simpson	Hunter Water Delegate
GUEST	Carolyn Chenery (CC)	Department of Employment (federal)
APOLOGIES	Andrew Smith	Worimi Aboriginal Land Council
	Geoff Dingle	Community Representative
	Cr Ryan Palmer	Mayor - Port Stephens Council
	Peter Gesling	Hunter Business Chamber Representative
ABSENT	Dianne Ball	Wahroonga Aboriginal Corporation
	Audrey Koosmen	Hunter Wildlife Rescue (NATF)
	Carmel Northwood	Port Stephens Koalas

The CDG meeting was opened at 10.00am.

WELCOME	<p>LA welcomed all attendees to the AGL Community Dialogue Group (CDG) and re-introduced Carolyn Chenery from the Australian Government Department of Employment, Skills, Small and Family Business (Department of Employment) Newcastle Regional Office, who is based in Charlestown.</p> <p>A package of documents was provided to all members from EC, including fact sheets/leaflets regarding the Newcastle Power Station Project (Overview, Air Quality, Flora & Fauna, Noise & Vibration, EIS brochure).</p>	
APOLOGIES	As listed.	
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	No action items from the previous meeting.	
CORRESPONDENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6/9/19 - Draft minutes to members for review. • 23/9/19 – Email to members with the finalised minutes. • 20/11/19 – Email to members with the Meeting Notice, Agenda & Correspondence Report for this meeting, as well as advising that the EIS is on exhibition. • 30/11/19 – Email to members with the agenda for this meeting. • 3/12/19 – Email to members with the invitation to the Property Council of Australia luncheon in Newcastle on 13/12/19. 	As provided in meeting notice.

<p>NEWCASTLE POWER STATION PROJECT</p>	<p>AC commenced the AGL presentation with an overview of the Newcastle Power Station Project Concept.</p> <p>The Project Milestones & EIS process are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval Pathway (complete) • Preliminary Environmental Assessment (Complete) • EIS lodged in November 2019 & on exhibition until 19/12/19 • Construction planned to commence in Q1 2021 to permit generation in Summer 2022/2023. <p>EIS Findings</p> <p>The Newcastle Power Station Project is a Critical State Significant Infrastructure application proposing a \$400M investment in the Hunter Region. The EIS covers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aboriginal Heritage • Traffic & Transport • Visual Impacts • Ground water • Surface water • Socio Economic • Noise & Vibration • Soils • Biodiversity; and • Air Quality. <p>The Community Engagement Plan, indicative construction and local community investment program were explained.</p>	<p>See separate presentation.</p>
<p>NEWCASTLE GAS STORAGE FACILITY</p>	<p>TA provided a presentation on the NGSF commencing with an environmental update including bushfire management audit, vegetation pruning and trial of weed management alternatives to Glyphosate.</p> <p>Works are underway for purging and commissioning the plant for start-up, including the installation of additional isolation valves, testing of the bushfire emergency response including site familiarisation tours with NSW Fire and Rescue. A secondary UPS has been installed and an upgrade to the fire and gas system. Further advising that SafeWork NSW MHF Division have scheduled the annual audit for February 2020.</p>	
<p>LOCAL COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM</p>	<p>EC provided a presentation on the distribution of the previous LCIP grants, which totalled \$20,560.25 to five organisations.</p> <p>The Round 1 program for 2020, will commence advertising in December 2019 in the Port Stephens Examiner, Maitland Mercury, Newcastle Herald and Facebook paid advertising for three LGAs.</p>	
<p>GENERAL BUSINESS</p>	<p>Nil.</p>	
<p>MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2020</p>	<p>It was agreed that the meeting schedule for 2020 continue as quarterly, with the following dates agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 📅 Thursday 5 March 📅 Thursday 4 June 📅 Thursday 3 September 📅 Thursday 3 December, <p>at the Hunter Region Botanic Gardens, commencing at 10am.</p>	

Meeting closed at 11.33am with LA thanking members for their attendance and wishing them a Merry Christmas and happy new year.

ACTION ITEMS - Nil