



AGL NEWCASTLE COMMUNITY DIALOGUE GROUP

MINUTES OF MEETING 15 HELD AT THE HUNTER REGION BOTANIC GARDENS, HEXHAM ON THURSDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2020 AT 10AM

PRESENT	NAME	ORGANISATION
	Lisa Andrews (LA)	Independent Chairperson
	Ernesto Calderon (EC)	AGL – Community Relations Manager
	Arianna Henty (AH)*	AGL – Senior Land & Approvals Manager
	Robyn Parker (RP)*	Tomago Aluminium
	John Simpson (JS)*	Hunter Water Delegate
	Peter Gesling (PG)	Hunter Business Chamber Representative
	Kourosh Maleklou (KM)*	AGL's Operations Manager for NGSF
	John McCormack (JMc)*	Head of Government Relations
	Alison James (AJ)*	Department of Employment (federal)
APOLOGIES	Andrew Smith	Worimi Aboriginal Land Council
	Cr Ryan Palmer	Mayor - Port Stephens Council
	Cr Paul Le Mottee	Port Stephens Council alternate delegate
	Ken Page	Hunter Region Botanic Gardens
	Nicola Gardner	AGL – HSE (<i>on maternity leave</i>)
	Carolyn Chenery (Guest)	Department of Employment (federal)
	David Mudd	Environmental Business Partner – NSW Gas Operations
ABSENT	Carmel Northwood	Port Stephens Koalas
	Audrey Koosmen	Hunter Wildlife Rescue (NATF)
	Dianne Ball	Wahroonga Aboriginal Corporation





*Participated in the meeting via Microsoft Teams (video conferencing).

The CDG meeting was opened at 10.06am.

WELCOME	LA welcomed all attendees to the AGL Community Dialogue Group (CDG) and introduced all attendees joining the meeting via video-conferencing, thanking them for participating in this forum. LA confirmed that the meeting was being held in accordance with COVID-19 guidelines, social distancing, hand sanitiser, health declarations, etc.			
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	ITEM	ISSUE	BY WHOM	1 BFMP and preparedness complete. 2 Complete. 3 KM explained upgrade to Mercy Guard Bed including replacement of filters in accordance
	1	Keep CDG members updated on Hunter Bush Fire Management Plan. <i>Complete.</i>	DM	
	2	AGL to send through information for LCIP FY 2021 – Round 1 for distribution to CDG members <i>(Complete 3/9/20).</i>	EC	

	3	Further information to be provided on the Mercury Guard Bed. Complete.	KM	with standards.
		Update on EPBC process. Complete.	AH	4 AH explained EPBC process.
CORRESPONDENCE		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3/9/20 – Email to members with the community grant information/applications for this financial year. 16/9/20 – Email to members with the draft minutes to members for review. 25/9/20 – Email to members with the finalised minutes. 29/9/20 – Email to members with AGL's facts about the Newcastle Power Station Project in relation to the Federal announcement. 21/10/20 – Email to members with the Round 1 2021 Local Community Investment Fund Program grant applications summary for consideration and response. Responses received. 28/10/20 – Email to EC with recommendations for the LCIFP. 7/11/20 – Email to members with update on allocation of LCIFP. 13/11/20 – Email from Alison James, Australian Government Department of Education, Skills and Employment, requesting she attend the CDG as an observer. Response provided. 18/11/20 – Email to members with AGL's statement on the NSW government's energy roadmap. 19/11/20 – Email to members with the Meeting Notice, Agenda, and Correspondence Report for this meeting. 28/11/20 – Email to members following up attendance. 2/12/20 – Email with reminder to members. 		As provided with meeting notice – emailed 19/11/20 with 1 additional item.
NEWCASTLE POWER STATION PROJECT		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The NSW Government released its Electricity Infrastructure Roadmap, which plans to encourage the building of energy storage such as pumped hydro, and on demand supply like gas and batteries. However, the roadmap has created a level of uncertainty for AGL that increased the level of risk associated to vital elements of the project. In order to better understand the government's new roadmap, its impact on the market and on the Newcastle Power Station Project, AGL is pausing the project over the next months. <p>What's Next</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expecting to get EPA and DPIE approval by the end of the year 2020. Expecting to get Federal approval for CSSI within the first half of 2021. AGL expect to ramp up the project in the new year with FID being targeted for late 2021 or early 2022. 		See separate presentation.
NEWCASTLE GAS STORAGE FACILITY		<p>General</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gas send out (vaporization) to supply NSW started in June. Plant in SENDOUT mode since June. Several plant critical process safety tests, shutdown and routine inspection and maintenance activities completed during SENDOUT phase. 		

	<p>This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mercury Guard Bed replacement. • Cold Box Integrity checks. • Pre-treatment Pipework Recoating. • Regeneration Pipework repair in CO2 Removal unit • Control System Upgrade. • Plant is ready to re-start LIQUEFACTION. This is dependent on gas market. • PL42 and MHF annual reports submitted. • COVID-19 de-escalation plan activated. All personnel returned to site. • Visitors are still required to use temporary buildings in line with NSW government guidelines. Temperature checks still in operation. • New administration building for support staff in planning phase. DA submitted. • This will minimize the number of people in the main control building and further reduces the risk of injuries. <p>Environmental Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FY20 Annual Air Emissions testing was undertaken on Heaters F501A, B and C in July with no exceedance reported. • FY21 Annual Air Emissions testing was undertaken on Heaters F501A, B and C in August with no exceedance reported. • FY21 Annual Air Emissions testing for H101 Heater to be completed in February 2021. • Flora and Fauna monitoring was undertaken at Medowie Offset property in October. • Annual Bushfire Preparedness maintenance is in the process of being completed. • 6 -monthly groundwater and surface water monitoring was completed in October with no exceedances. Next round of monitoring is due to be completed in March. • National Pollution Inventory (NPI) and Sustainability Data was finalised, submitted to all relevant stakeholders and made publicly available. 	
<p>LOCAL COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The AGL NGSF team is supporting initiatives that have struck a balance between being able to socialize in the community and the required HSE measures to keep everyone safe. • The selected community organisations were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caring for Our Port Stephens Youth (COPSY), and the expansion of its Mental Health counselling service • Hunter Region Botanic Gardens, and the refurbishment of its Grevilleas Pavilion • Soldiers Point Tennis Club, and its Family Tennis Day • Tomaree Museum Association Inc, and its Art Contest • Tomaree Neighbourhood Centre, and its Early Intervention Sensory Integration Program for kids with autism. 	<p>See photographs in presentation as well are media articles in Slide 12.</p>

COLLABORATION – AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRY STANDARDS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australian Industry Standards (AIS) is a Skills Service Organisation in the National Training system supporting the Gas Industry Reference Committee. • They are currently developing training products to address the skills needs of gas technicians working in the areas of storage and reinjection of gas. The products would be endorsed by the Skills Ministers and used in the Vocational Education and Training (VET) sector by Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) to train learners wanting to work in the Gas Industry. • AGL is collaborating with AIS providing Subject Matter Experts to a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to review Units of Competency (similar to Subjects contained in a Course) to see if they are fit for industry use. • The courses will be released for public consultation in mid-December. 	
GENERAL BUSINESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JS asked in relation to the Power Station Project and discussions earlier about progressing some of the connections with Hunter Water; does that mean that this is now on hold? AH responded yes, this has been paused until the consent is issued. Hunter Water will be consulted following that. • JS advised that Transport for NSW have been undertaking more consultation in relation to the M1 Raymond Terrace extension. It would appear that the newer proposal may have more impact on the site. AH advised that AGL have been advised of the latest planned works, which have shifted to the north to avoid the power station development. • PG advised that the Newcastle Hunter Business Chamber's focus is on sustainable decision making, so they will monitor the situation. EC advised that he will be meeting with the Chamber President later that day. 	ACTION: AH to forward latest plans/advice to CCC members.
MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2021	<p>It was agreed that the CDG meeting schedule 2021 will be similar to previous years: Quarterly on Thursdays at 10am at the Hunter Region Botanic Gardens:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">  4 March  10 June  2 September &  9 December 2021. 	

Meeting closed at 10.38am with LA thanking members for their attendance and contribution throughout 2020 and also wishing all a merry festive season.

ACTION ITEMS

ITEM	ISSUE	BY WHOM
1	Send latest plan/advice from Transport for New South Wales regarding M1 Raymond Terrace Extension	AH