



AGL NEWCASTLE GAS STORAGE FACILITY COMMUNITY DIALOGUE GROUP

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT THE HUNTER REGION BOTANIC GARDENS, HEXAM ON TUESDAY 5TH FEBRUARY 2019 AT 10AM

PRESENT	NAME	ORGANISATION
	Lisa Andrews (LA)	Independent Chairperson
	Marina Draper (MD)	AGL Community Relations Manager
	Cr Sarah Smith (SS)	Deputy Mayor - Port Stephens Council (alternate delegate)
	John Simpson (JS)	Hunter Water Delegate
	Neil Cooke (NC)	AGL – Newcastle Power, Project Manager
	Nicola Gardner (NG)	AGL – Environment Business Partner
	Ken Page (KP)	Hunter Region Botanic Gardens (Chairman)
	Robyn Parker (RP)	Tomago Aluminium
	Audrey Koosmen (AK)	Hunter Wildlife Rescue (NATF)
	Ron Land (RL)	Port Stephens Koalas (alternate delegate)
APOLOGIES	Andrew Smith	Worimi Aboriginal Land Council
	Aaron Clifton	AGL Environment Business Partner
	Peter Gesling	Hunter Region Botanic Gardens Representative & Hunter Business Chamber Representative
	Dianne Ball	Wahroonga Aboriginal Corporation
	Geoff Dingle	Community Representative
	Jill Dean	Hunter Wildlife Rescue (NATF)
	Carmel Northwood	Port Stephens Koalas
	Trevor Anderson (TA)	AGL's Operations Manager for NGSF
	Mayor Ryan Palmer (RP)	Port Stephens Council (delegate)

The CDG meeting was opened at 10.08am.

WELCOME	LA welcomed all attendees to the AGL Community Dialogue Group (CDG) and introduced the Deputy Mayor, Cr Sarah Smith, Neil Cooke (taking over from Andrew Carman) & Nicola Gardner from AGL, Ron Land from PSK & Robyn Parker from Tomago Aluminium (new member to the CDG).	All attendees were invited to complete the attendance sheet.						
APOLOGIES	As above. (Aaron Clifton has advised that now the focus has moved to the proposed power station he is stepping back from this CDG, however, is available for any enquiries.)	Accepted.						
DECLARATIONS	LA advised that she is an Independent Chairperson, approved by the Department of Planning & Environment (DP&E) and engaged by AGL to chair this CDG.	LA asked those present if there were any changes to their previous declarations. No changes.						
BUSINESS ARISING	<table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <thead> <tr> <th>ITEM</th> <th>ISSUE</th> <th>WHO</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td>MD to provide LA with a copy of the advertising, nomination form and guidelines for disbursement to CCC members. (Complete – sent 22/11/19)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">MD & LA</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	ITEM	ISSUE	WHO	1	MD to provide LA with a copy of the advertising, nomination form and guidelines for disbursement to CCC members. (Complete – sent 22/11/19)	MD & LA	No other business arising.
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	2	Write to stakeholder groups seeking representatives to join the CDG. (Complete, I tried to track down some more stakeholder groups. I wrote to Raymond Terrace Lions Club & the Hunter Business Chamber). The business chamber came back nominating Peter Gesling as he is a member of their organisation and already attends.	LA		
CORRESPONDENCE		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 22/11/18 - Draft minutes to members for review, as well as the advertising information for the community funding opportunities. • 22/11/18 – Email from Carmel Northwood, requesting further information on the Koala survey. • 26/11/18 – Email to CN advising that PSC undertook the survey. • 30/11/18 – Email to members with the finalised minutes to members with presentation and Community Investment Program Ad. • 10/1/18 – Email to members with the lodgement information on the Newcastle Power Station. • 10/1/18 – Email from Hunter Business Chamber seeking clarification on providing a representative on this CDG. Response provided on the same day. • 18/1/19 – Email to Neil Roser & Robyn Parker (Tomago Aluminium) inviting them to this CDG meeting. • 21/1/19 – Email from Hunter Business Chamber with nomination for Peter Gesling as its delegate. • 22/1/19 – Email to members with the Meeting Notice for this meeting. • 30/1/19 – Email to members with the agenda for this meeting. • 30/1/19 – Email from Audrey Kooseman (Hunter Wildlife Rescue) advising that their organisation will be nominating another delegate to this CDG. • 5/2/19 – Email from PSK providing photographs of their security system installed as a result of the funding application. 			As provided in meeting notice with three additional items.
LOCAL COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM		MD advised that there were five community groups presenting to the CDG today from 11am, in support of their funding applications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hunter Region Botanic Gardens ○ Irrawang Public School ○ Newcastle Men’s Shed ○ Tomaree Neighbourhood Centre; and ○ Port Stephens Koalas. 			
NEWCASTLE POWER STATION PROJECT		MD provided attendees with a refresher of the Newcastle Power Station Project (see attached presentation): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Proposed location* - Move to renewable energy - Peaking gas power - Targeting to be operational by end of 2022 - Approximately 2-3 years to obtain necessary approvals and construct. <p>*RL stated that PSK’s position is that they don’t want to see any trees cut down. Whilst understanding that development</p>			More information can be found at: www.agl.com.au/newcastle-power-project

	<p>will occur, they are keen to ensure tree planting and corridors for the protection of koala habitat.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AK commented that when the NGSF was developed, it was a requirement that AGL consult with PSK & HWR. This was successful and it is hoped that there would be a similar arrangement for the power station development. - MD agreed that AGL were keen to consult with the local groups who have local knowledge of the area. - NC advised that fauna surveys have been undertaken with further surveys to be carried out to ensure seasonal, migratory, state and federal requirements are met. - JS commented that the site chosen is a previously developed site that has already been disturbed. - Discussions on horizontal directional drilling to ensure minimal disturbance on top of the ground. - NC advised that RMS are looking at a bypass through the site and are currently preparing an EIS. 	<p>Action: How far along can drilling occur before coming up?</p>
	<p>Critical State Significant Infrastructure (CSSI) The NSW Minister for Planning has declared the project as CSSI, due to projects ability to provide fast-start generation of power when needed during peak demand.</p>	
	<p>AGL prepared a Preliminary Environmental Assessment (PEA), which provides an overview of the project. This was submitted to the Department of Planning and Environment (DP&E) on 10th January 2019. View the Preliminary Environmental Assessment by visiting http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au/index.pl?action=view_job&job_id=9837</p>	
	<p>Next Steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Submit a referral under the Environment Protection Biodiversity and Conservation (EPBC) Act ▪ Pre-referral meeting with the Department of Energy and Environment ▪ Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) ▪ Preparation of Environmental Impact Statement 	
<p>NEWCASTLE GAS STORAGE FACILITY</p>	<p>Environmental Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Vegetation management including weed control and asset protection zone at facility ➢ Web page updated, removing outdated construction information ➢ Spring property inspection and weed control at Medowie offset properties and ➢ Monitoring environmental performance of Tail Gas Project work (no environmental incidents) <p>Modification 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Pipeline installation complete at NGSF and along Pacific Highway ➢ Pipeline fully commissioned, and successful pressure testing of full length of pipe ➢ Tie in to NGSF site completed and tested ➢ Site construction work completed successfully with no Incidents or LTI ➢ Final commissioning of the Modified Tail Gas completed successfully and safely by week of 3 December 2018 ➢ Plant 'Return to Service' completed successfully and safely by 10 December 2018 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ongoing Safety monitoring with no incidents or issues ➤ Ongoing Environmental monitoring and management, with no incidents, and full restoration of pipe construction path. 	
	Meeting break at 10.52am to enable presenters to enter the room	Meeting reconvened at 11am
LOCAL COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM ROUNDS 1 -2019	<p>PRESENTATIONS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hunter Region Botanic Gardens – Speaker, Kevin Stokes. Request for \$5,000 to landscape the front garden at the entry to the Visitors Centre to demonstrate what plants grow in the hunter region. 2. Irrawang Public School – Principal/P&C President & Deputy President. Request for \$10,000 towards a shade shelter structure over the existing playground. The presenters provided the background of the school’s diversity, to users of the facility and a video in support of the application. 3. Men’s Shed – request for \$5,000 for equipment. The presenters provided an overview of the Men’s Shed organization throughout Australia and its benefits for members. 4. Port Stephens Koalas – speaker, Ron Land. Request for \$5,000 for the installation of a security system/cameras/alarms, etc. 5. Tomaree Neighbourhood Centre – request for \$2,400 for an early intervention program, African drumming therapy. <p><i>All invited guests left following the five presentations.</i></p>	<p>Following the presentations, the committee discussed all the projects, with all in agreement of their worthiness of support.</p> <p>It was agreed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. That \$2,400 be granted to the Tomaree Neighbourhood Centre (5) with the following groups (1-4) being granted \$4,750 towards their projects. b. That the Tomaree Neighbourhood Centre be invited to apply for further funding in Round 2 of the 2019 allocations.
LOCAL COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM ROUND 2 - 2019	<p>Local Community Investment Program will be advertised during the week of 25 March in the following publications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raymond Terrace News of the Area • Bay News of the Area • Port Stephens Examiner 	
GENERAL BUSINESS	<p><i>RP left at 12.50pm</i></p> <p>JS advised that a Stakeholder Review was held in December 2018, run by the Ethics Centre for AGL to canvas stakeholder views. All attendees echoed that AGL has been consultative with the community and stakeholders.</p>	
NEXT MEETING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday 29th May 2019 Hunter Region Botanic Gardens, commencing at 10am. 	

Meeting closed at 12.20pm with LA thanking members for their attendance and contribution in the assessment of the community funding presentations.

ACTION ITEM

ITEM	ISSUE	RESPONSIBILITY
1	Advise the CDG how far drilling can occur underground before coming on top of the land.	NC