



AGL NEWCASTLE GAS STORAGE FACILITY COMMUNITY DIALOGUE GROUP

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT THE HUNTER REGION BOTANIC GARDENS, HEXAM ON THURSDAY 18th JANUARY 2018 AT 10AM

PRESENT	NAME	ORGANISATION
	Lisa Andrews (LA)	Independent Chairperson
	Geoff Dingle (GD)	Community Representative
	Peter Gesling (PG)	Hunter Region Botanic Gardens (HRBG) <i>Alternate Delegate</i>
	Alex Fitzpatrick (AF)	AGL Community Relations Manager
	Marina Draper (MD)	AGL Community Relations Manager
	John Simpson (JS)	Hunter Water Delegate
	Aaron Clifton (AC)	AGL Environment Business Partner
	Audrey Koosmen (AK)	Hunter Wildlife Rescue (NATF) <i>left at 11.05am</i>
	Jill Dean (JD)	Hunter Wildlife Rescue (NATF)
	Dianne Ball (DB)	Wahroonga Aboriginal Corporation <i>(arrived at 10.25am)</i>
APOLOGIES	Andrew Smith (AS)	Worimi Aboriginal Land Council
	Mayor Ryan Palmer	Port Stephens Council (delegate)
	Michael Vintila (MV)	AGL Operations Manager (Newcastle)
	Carmel Northwood (CN)	Port Stephens Koalas
	Robert Beautement (RB)	Hunter Region Botanic Gardens (HRBG)
	Kevin Stokes (KS)	Hunter Region Botanic Gardens (HRBG)
ABSENT	Ty Donaldson (TD)	Tomago Van Village
OBSERVER	Kate Randopf	Hunter Wildlife Rescue (NATF) <i>left at 11.05am</i>
INVITED GUESTS	Margaret White	Tanilba Bay & District Senior Citizens
	Susan McDonnell	Tanilba Bay & District Senior Citizens <i>(arrived at 10.16am)</i>
	Susi Stewart	Hunter Life Education
	Mick Cook	Hunter Region Botanic Gardens <i>(arrived at 11.30am)</i>
	Pat Shearston	Hunter Region Botanic Gardens <i>(arrived at 11.30am)</i>

The CDG meeting was opened at 10.06am.

WELCOME	<p>LA welcomed all attendees to the AGL Community Dialogue Group (CDG) and introduced Marina Draper, AGL new Community Relations Manager for the Newcastle Gas Storage Facility.</p> <p>LA also welcomed the presenters from the relevant community groups that had progressed to the next stage of AGL's Local Community Investment Program:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jill Dean from the Native Animal Trust Fund 2. Susi Stewart from Hunter Life Education 3. Mrs White from Tanilba Bay & District Senior Citizens 4. Mick Cook from Hunter Region Botanic Gardens would be presenting after the HRBG's board meeting (around 11.30am). 	All attendees were invited to complete the attendance sheet.
APOLOGIES	As above.	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	<p>Business Arising from the previous minutes: Action Items</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="467 322 962 680"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>ISSUE</th> <th>WHO</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>Send link for Community Engagement Policy to CDG members when available</td> <td>LA/AF</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>Send out amended Local Community Investment Program Guidelines and Application forms for final sign-off by CDG members</td> <td>LA/AF</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3</td> <td>Send out AGL's Home Energy Efficiency Guide</td> <td>LA/AF</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>No other business arising.</p>		ISSUE	WHO	1	Send link for Community Engagement Policy to CDG members when available	LA/AF	2	Send out amended Local Community Investment Program Guidelines and Application forms for final sign-off by CDG members	LA/AF	3	Send out AGL's Home Energy Efficiency Guide	LA/AF	<p>Complete</p> <p>Complete</p> <p>Complete</p>
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CORRESPONDENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14/10/17 – Email to CDG members with the Local Community Investment Program Guidelines and Application Form documents for sign-off • 21/10/17 - Email to CDG members with the draft minutes from 12th October 2017 for review • 26/10/17 – Correspondence from Port Stephens Council advising that the Mayor, Cr Ryan Palmer is its delegate on this CDG • 27/10/17 – Email to Members with the finalised minutes.30/10/17 – Email from Alex Fitzpatrick advising the funding for the Local Community Investment Program was now open for applications • 30/10/17 – Email to members advising of this and forwarding through the application form and guidelines for distribution to interested community groups. • 2/11/17 – Email to members advising that AGL's modification had been lodged with DP&E (2 emails due to the size of the documents) • 1/12/17 – Email from Alex with the Dropbox information for access to this round of Local Community Investment Program applications. This information forwarded on to all CDG members, inviting them to join a teleconference on Friday 8th December 2017. • 9/12/17 – Email from Alex with the media release for the future plans for Liddell Power Station. This information was forwarded on to CDG members. • 18/12/17 – Email from Carmel Northwood of Port Stephens Koalas, with her recommendations on the grant funding applications. • 21/12/17 – Email to members with the list of applicants and invitations for this meeting 													

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6/1/18 – Email to members with the meeting notice and agenda for this meeting 15/1/18 – Email to members with a reminder for this meeting 16/1/18 – Email from Port Stephens Council advising of Mayor Palmer’s apology. 	<p>Moved: LA Seconded: GD</p>
PRESENTATION BY COMMUNITY GROUPS	<p>Following the advertising of AGL’s Local Community Investment Program, four groups were chosen to present at this meeting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Native Animal Trust Fund (Jill Dean) <i>commenced presentation at 10.10am and finished at 10.28am</i> 2. Hunter Life Education (Susi Stewart) <i>commenced presentation at 10.2am9 & finished at 10.44am</i> 3. Tanilba Bay & District Senior Citizens (Mrs White & Mrs O’Donnell) <i>commenced presentation at 10.45 & finished at 11am</i> 4. Hunter Region Botanic Gardens (Mick Cook & Pat Shearston) <i>commenced at 11.30am and finished at 11.53am.</i> 	<p>Questions were asked and answered throughout the presentation.</p>
VOTING	<p>The four community projects were voted on by CDG members. The committee approved all applications unanimously.</p>	<p>JD refrained from voting on Project No. 1 PG refrained from voting on the project No. 4 It was suggested by GD that the funds provided to the Botanic Gardens be increased to include covering plumbing costs (approximately \$500). Agreed by AGL & CDG.</p>
PRESENTATION ON PROJECT	<p>A hard copy of AGL’s presentation was provided to all members: AF commenced by introducing Marina Draper, AGL’s new Community Relations Manager. MD provided the CDG with information on her background.</p> <p>Modification 3 Comments have been received from Crown Lands and Water Division, Hunter Water Corporation and the Environment Protection Authority. Objection to the modification were submitted by Tomago Aluminium Company.</p> <p>Next Steps NSW DP&E assessing AGL’s response to submissions and will determine modification.</p> <p>NSW GENERATION PLAN AF explained AGL’s NSW Generation Plan, including its preferred option for Liddell Power Station and feasibility of a gas peaker located at the NGSF or another suitable location in NSW.</p>	<p>Electronic copy attached.</p>
GENERAL BUSINESS	<p>AF sought feedback from members on the process surrounding the Local Community Investment Program. All commented that the advertising, assessment and consideration of the applications had worked well. AF advised that the next round of Local Community Investment Program applications would open in April 2018 for a May assessment).</p>	<p>Committee members were encouraged to advise the broader community of the next found of grant funding.</p>

	Funds should be expended by the end of June 2018.	
NEXT MEETING	PG requested that the meetings not be held on the HRG meeting days, being the .third Thursday of the month. It was agreed that the next meeting of the CDG would be held on Wednesday 14 March 2018; commencing at 10am at the Hunter Region Botanic Gardens, Hexham.	

Meeting closed at 12.13pm with LA thanking members for their attendance and contribution.