



AGL NEWCASTLE GAS STORAGE FACILITY COMMUNITY DIALOGUE GROUP

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT THE HUNTER REGION BOTANIC GARDENS, HEXAM ON MONDAY 30th JULY AT 2PM

PRESENT	NAME	ORGANISATION
	Lisa Andrews (LA)	Independent Chairperson
	Trevor Anderson (TA)	AGL's Operations Manager for NGSF
	Mayor Ryan Palmer (RP)	Port Stephens Council (delegate)
	Marina Draper (MD)	AGL Community Relations Manager
	John Simpson (JS)	Hunter Water Delegate (<i>arrived at 2.18pm</i>)
	Aaron Clifton (AC)	AGL Environment Business Partner
	Carmel Northwood (CN)	Port Stephens Koalas
	Andrew Carman (ACr)	AGL – Project Manager
APOLOGIES	Andrew Smith (AS)	Worimi Aboriginal Land Council
	Cr Paul Le Mottee (PLM)	Port Stephens Council (alternate delegate)
	Peter Gesling (PG)	Hunter Region Botanic Gardens Representative
	Dianne Ball (DB)	Wahroonga Aboriginal Corporation
	Geoff Dingle (GD)	Community Representative
	Audrey Koosmen (AK)	Hunter Wildlife Rescue (NATF)
	Jill Dean (JD)	Hunter Wildlife Rescue (NATF)

The CDG meeting was opened at 2.10pm.

WELCOME	LA welcomed all attendees to the AGL Community Dialogue Group (CDG) and introduced Andrew Carman, AGL's new Project Manager.	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	Business Arising from the previous minutes: <table border="1" style="width: 100%; margin-top: 5px;"> <thead> <tr> <th>ITEM</th> <th>ISSUE</th> <th>RESPONSIBILITY</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td>AGL to meet with Port Stephens Council to brief them on the proposed gas-fired power station</td> <td style="text-align: center;">MD</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	ITEM	ISSUE	RESPONSIBILITY	1	AGL to meet with Port Stephens Council to brief them on the proposed gas-fired power station	MD	Briefing occurred on Tuesday 10th July 2018.
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CORRESPONDENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7/6/18 - Draft minutes to members • 15/6/18 - Finalised minutes to members • 12/7/18 - Email to members with a proposed change in date. Response emails from members regarding their availability. • 17/7/18 – Email to meeting confirming the new dated and including the Agenda for this meeting. 	Moved: LA Seconded: CN LA advised the CDG that she proposes to send the correspondence report with the Meeting Notice for the next meeting – moving forward.						

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 26/7/18 – Email to members with a reminder for this meeting. • 27/7/18 – Email from Audrey Kooseman advising that she may be an apology due to commitments at the Centre. • 30/7/18 – Email from Dianne Ball with an apology for this meeting. 	No objections raised.
LOCAL COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM	<p>MD provided an update on the Local Community Investment Program recipients of funding from the last round of grants; Hunter Region Botanic Gardens, Marine Rescue (Lemon Tree Passage), Seaside Singers and Tilli News.</p> <p>A further update will be provided at the next meeting on the expenditure of the funds.</p>	MD advised that future funding opportunities will be available in 2019.
MODIFICATION 3	<p>TA presented on the progress of Modification 3:</p> <p>AGL Pipe Easement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All pipe strung out and welded with about 1.34 km in ground • HP crossing expected to start around the second week of August • Tie in to NGSF targeted for around the second week of September • Hydrostatic testing date to be confirmed. Water disposal after hydro test to be trucked out. • Ongoing safety surveillances with no safety issues • Ongoing monitoring with no environmental issues • water samples taken at trench levels sent to Hunter Water. Hunter Water agreed with results and the proposed water management. • Pre-pump and post pump water test carried out to confirm no contaminates added if pumping to ground. All tests have been cleared and approved. <p>Pacific Highway</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 260 metres of pipe in the ground • Case bore (under highway) to start around the second week of August on the west side of the highway. 	The old pipes will remain in the ground and filled with nitrogen gas. The pipes will be blanked off at each end to prevent any escape.
ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE	<p>AC provided an update on environmental works occurring on site at NGSF:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Nest Box monitoring and reporting • Medowie Offset Property weed management • Annual air emissions monitoring on three boilers • Environmental Management Plan reviewed and updated • Preparation of Annual Returns for EPA (in progress) • Preparation of National Pollutant Inventory Report for EPA (in progress) • PSC Koala Surveys (scheduled 01 August 2018) • Annual Monitoring Reports for CAs to OEH and PSC 	<p>Committee to be kept informed about the koala survey being conducted by Biolink (PSC consultants).</p> <p>CN to contact Les Seddon at PSC to obtain details on the methodology to be used for the survey.</p>

	<p>Conservation Agreements Background:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NGSF Environmental Assessment Ecological Assessment completed in May 2011: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The EPBC Approval (Commonwealth) and Project Approval (State) required AGL to commit to Biodiversity Offsets to offset the impact to flora and fauna. • Offsets Strategy developed in consultation with the Office of Environment and Heritage (State) and Department of Sustainability, Water, Environment, Population and Community (Commonwealth) <p>MEDOWIE PROPERTIES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two adjoining lots purchased by AGL around 2012 • Off Old Swan Bay Road and Medowie Road, Medowie • Combined offset area of approximately 113ha • Two Exclusion areas, 2ha each • Internal fire trails • Unoccupied, heavily vegetated, minimal weeds • Adjoin other land under conservation (State Forest and State Conservation Area) • High ecological value <p>CONSERVATION AGREEMENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signed by AGL and OEH in 2016 • Attached to the title of the land, no expiry date • Residential dwelling permitted in each of the Exclusion Areas • Restricted land use in conservation areas (e.g. no grazing, land clearing, limited vehicle use) • Ongoing maintenance, monitoring and reporting obligations • Works completed to date: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weed control • Track maintenance • Pest management • Fire management (uncontrolled) • Fencing and signage • General rubbish removal • Asbestos removal • Annual Monitoring and Reporting for 2016-17 and 2017-18. 	<p>JS suggested a strategy plan be developed in consultation with adjoining property owners for feral animal control.</p> <p>JS sought clarification on bio-banking vs conservation agreement. AC advised that the conservation agreement was OEH's suggestion; who also recommended that 2 hectares on each allotment be identified as an exclusion area to assist future land use/management.</p>
NSW GENERATION PLAN	MD reconfirmed AGL's commitment to its NSW Generation Plan.	

<p>NEWCASTLE GAS POWER STATION PROJECT</p>	<p>ACr (new project member) provided members with a presentation on AGL's green energy plan and its focus on early engagement with residents and stakeholders.</p> <p>Generation Overview</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ~250MW new-build power station • Reciprocating engines or gas turbines • Fast start 'peaker' with primary role of providing firming capacity • Dual fuel – natural gas + diesel • Gas pipeline connection & diesel storage • Targeting construction completion in 2022 <p>Location</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northern side of the Hunter River (north channel) in the vicinity of AGL's existing LNG storage facility in Tomago • Preferred site remains to be determined • Key electricity tie-in point is an existing switch yard (shown above) • Easements for gas pipelines and electricity transmission will be required 	<p>LA to seek advice regarding the possible changeover of the CDG to a formal Community Consultative Committee under the Department of Planning & Environment's guidelines for State Significant Development for the gas power station project.</p> <p>It would be desirable to have additional community representatives (ie neighbours / local residents) on the committee moving forward.</p> <p>JS sought clarification on the NGSF's location and the proposed power station. TA explained the AEMO Gas Services Bulletin Board (link to be provided to CDG) explaining that the power station needed to be located where there was access to both the electricity transmission network and major gas pipelines. While not reliant on the NGSF, its proximity as well as existing land ownership was advantageous.</p> <p>Concerns were raised about the impact on the aquifers with AC advising that all safeguards would be put in place to ensure the protection of ground water in the Hunter Water catchment.</p> <p>JS offered to meet with AGL to further discuss this matter.</p>
<p>GENERAL BUSINESS</p>	<p>Nil.</p>	
<p>NEXT MEETING</p>	<p>The next meeting was set down for Friday 21st September 2018 at the Hunter Region Botanic Gardens, commencing at 10am.</p>	

Meeting closed at 3.30pm with LA thanking members for their attendance and contribution.

JS held discussions with TA & ACr following the meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

ITEM	ISSUE	RESPONSIBILITY
1	Consider converting CDG to CCC under Department's guidelines	LA
2	Provide link to AEMO Natural Gas Services Bulletin Board	LA

ITEM 2: Link to AEMO Natural Gas Services Map <http://gbb.aemo.com.au/>