



AGL NEWCASTLE GAS STORAGE FACILITY COMMUNITY DIALOGUE GROUP

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT THE HUNTER REGION BOTANIC GARDENS, HEXAM ON WEDNESDAY 14th MARCH 2018 AT 10AM

PRESENT	NAME	ORGANISATION
	Lisa Andrews (LA)	Independent Chairperson
	Geoff Dingle (GD)	Community Representative
	Peter Gesling (PG)	Hunter Region Botanic Gardens (HRBG)
	Marina Draper (MD)	AGL Community Relations Manager
	John Simpson (JS)	Hunter Water Delegate
	Aaron Clifton (AC)	AGL Environment Business Partner
	John McCormack (JM)	AGL's Snr Manager, Governance & Community (<i>Guest</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
	Audrey Koosmen (AK)	Hunter Wildlife Rescue (NATF)
	Jill Dean (JD)	Hunter Wildlife Rescue (NATF)
	Dianne Ball (DB)	Wahroonga Aboriginal Corporation
ABSENT	Ty Donaldson (TD)	Tomago Van Village

The CDG meeting was opened at 10.06am.

WELCOME	LA welcomed all attendees to the AGL Community Dialogue Group (CDG) and introduced John McCormack, AGL's Senior Manager, Governance & Community Relations.	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: No Action Items.</p> <p>MD provided an update regarding the finalisation of funds for disbursement from the Local Community Investment program:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Native Animal Trust Fund - \$5,000 2. Hunter Life Education - \$5,000 3. Tanilba Bay & District Senior Citizens - \$5,000 4. Hunter Region Botanic Gardens - \$5,000 	Next round of funding applications available from 5 April 2018; closing on 3 May 2018.
CORRESPONDENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18/1/18 – Email from Susi Stewart from Hunter Life Education with a copy of her presentation for funding • 3/2/18 – Email to members with the draft minutes for review 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 18/2/18 – Email to members with the finalised minutes 25/2/18 – Email to members with the meeting notice and agenda for this meeting 	Moved: LA Seconded: PG
MODIFICATION 3	Presented and explain by AC. AGL to submit a variation application to EPA for its Environment Protection Licence. The Environmental Management Plan is to be updated and submitted to DP&E.	JS advised that consultation between AGL & Hunter Water went well and issues have been resolved.
ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE	AC provided an update on the two offset properties at Medowie that are under a conservation agreement (signed by the Director, Office of Environment & Heritage and AGL's CEO). The annual monitoring of the sites has occurred, including a physical walk through. Cameras were set up around the site to capture fauna movement. The annual monitoring report has not been finalised, however the 2017 annual monitoring included sightings of deer, a black wild cat and bandicoots. Groundwater monitoring: Consultants will be on site next week to undertake ground water and surface water monitoring. Air emissions monitoring: Completed earlier this year, which concluded that AGL is compliant with its conditions of consent.	Offset presentation and location map to be provided at the next meeting JS commented that there needs to be an integrated approach from agencies in relation to controlling deer populations.
NSW GENERATION PLAN	A presentation was provided by MD on the NSW Generation Plan. AGL are moving forward with early planning for the Gas Peaker. Bayswater Power Station – four new turbines are proposed (one per year/over four years). It is hoped that the approval process is fast tracked. JM advised that the federal government is putting pressure on AGL to retain Liddell Power Station.	AGL will continue to provide information on the gas peaker
GENERAL BUSINESS	Discussions were held about the future of land that provides a buffer adjacent to the Tomago Aluminium Smelter.	
NEXT MEETING	The next meeting is set down for Tuesday 29th May 2018 at the Hunter Region Botanic Gardens, commencing at 10am.	

Meeting closed at 10.56am with LA thanking members for their attendance and contribution.

ITEM	ISSUE	RESPONSIBILITY
1	Presentation of Offset Property Management/Location Map	AC – next meeting
2	Update on Gas Peaker	Ongoing