



AGL NEWCASTLE GAS STORAGE FACILITY COMMUNITY DIALOGUE GROUP

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT THE HUNTER REGION BOTANIC GARDENS, HEXAM ON TUESDAY 29th MAY 2018 AT 10AM

PRESENT	NAME	ORGANISATION
	Lisa Andrews (LA)	Independent Chairperson
	Geoff Dingle (GD)	Community Representative
	Peter Gesling (PG)	Hunter Region Botanic Gardens Representative
	Marina Draper (MD)	AGL Community Relations Manager
	John Simpson (JS)	Hunter Water Delegate
	Cr Paul Le Mottee (PLM)	Port Stephens Council (alternate delegate)
	Trevor Anderson (TA)	AGL's Operations Manager for NGSF
APOLOGIES	Andrew Smith (AS)	Worimi Aboriginal Land Council
	Mayor Ryan Palmer	Port Stephens Council (delegate)
	Aaron Clifton (AC)	AGL Environment Business Partner
	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

The CDG meeting was opened at 10.12am.

WELCOME	LA welcomed all attendees to the AGL Community Dialogue Group (CDG) and introduced Trevor Anderson AGL's Operations Manager for the Newcastle Gas Storage Facility. Cr Paul Le Mottee was welcomed as PS Council's alternate delegate.	TA provided members with a brief explanation of his background and professional experience. 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%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 10%;">ITEM</th> <th style="width: 50%;">ISSUE</th> <th style="width: 40%;">RESPONSIBILITY</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td>Presentation of Offset Property Management/Location Map</td> <td>AC – next meeting</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> <td>Update on Gas Peaker - included in presentation</td> <td>Ongoing</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	ITEM	ISSUE	RESPONSIBILITY	1	Presentation of Offset Property Management/Location Map	AC – next meeting	2	Update on Gas Peaker - included in presentation	Ongoing	1 – Held over to next meeting as AC is an apology for this meeting. 2 – Ongoing.
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1	Presentation of Offset Property Management/Location Map	AC – next meeting									
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CORRESPONDENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 24/3/18 Draft minutes to members for review 6/4/18 Finalised minutes to members 11/4/18 Email to members with the ad for the 2nd round of funding for the Local Community Investment Program 	Moved: LA Seconded: PG									

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 26/4/18 – Email from AGL advising of its commitment to a new gas-fired power station in NSW. • 15/5/18 – Email to members with the Meeting Notice & Agenda for this meeting. • 17/5/18 – Email to members with the drop box link for the community investment program applications • 21/5/18 Email to members with an additional application for consideration (Newcastle Meals on Wheels) • 26/5/18 – Email to members with a reminder for this meeting • 29/5/18 – Emails from Carmel Northwood (PSK) with apology for today's meeting & providing comments on the grant funding assessment, as well as expressing concerns with potential clearing of land for the power station development. 	<p>CN's comments regarding the applications was read to members, following the presentations.</p> <p>TA informed the CDG that it is too early to identify any necessary clearing as AGL is yet to allocate a site. A fauna & flora study would form part of any proposal with relevant consultation with stakeholder groups.</p>
BACKGROUND	TA provided PLM with some background, in relation to Liddell & Bayswater Power Stations and AGL's future plans.	
LOCAL COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM	<p>MD provided a briefing on the AGL's participation in the in Hunter Life Education's World's Biggest Car Boot Sale on 19th May 2018.</p> <p>AGL's contribution went towards set up and construction of the main presentation stage area for the "Preloved Salvaged for Relove" celebrity and local specialist presentations. AGL also had a stall at the event and spoke to visitors about energy savings.</p> <p>MD informed the CDG that Round 2 of the LCIP was advertised with five applications being received. All organisations were invited to present their requests for community funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Len Lollback from the Seaside Singers Community Choir of Port Stephens • Patricia Shearston The Hunter Region Botanic Gardens • Wendy Elworthy and Denise Tyler from Marine Lemon Tree Passage • Fran Corner from the Tilligerry Community Association • Damien Isaacs from Newcastle Meals on Wheels. 	<p>MD advised that the organisations were invited to present at 11am.</p>
MODIFICATION 3	<p>The Department of Planning and Environment (DP&E) approved the Newcastle Gas Storage Facility MOD 3 on 27/2/18.</p> <p>The modification includes constructing and operating a low pressure pipeline between the gas storage facility and the adjoining Tomago Aluminium Company (TAC) smelter facility.</p> <p>The link to the official determination is: http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au/index.pl?action=view_job&job_id=8840</p> <p>Next steps:</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit a variation application to the EPA for the Environment Protection Licence • Update the Environmental Management Plan and submit to the DP&E – completed on 15 May 2018 <p>AGL has drafted the following timeframe for construction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jemena construction period: June through to November 2018 • NGSF construction period: June to start of December 2018 • Commissioning period: October to start of December 2018 (to be completed at the same time as construction completion) 	<p>JS advised that Hunter Water has written to Jemena in relation to its planning process. Raising concerns with the water catchment and managing impacts on groundwater.</p> <p>TA provided an explanation of the Jemena network.</p>
ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE	<p>MD provided a presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offset Property annual monitoring and weed management • 6 monthly groundwater and surface water monitoring • Air emissions monitoring on H101. 	
NSW GENERATION PLAN	<p>MD provided an update on AGL's announcement on 26 April 2018, on its commitment to build a 250MW gas fired electricity generation power station near Newcastle/Tomago that will form part of the electricity market's response when old coal fired power stations are withdrawn from the market. This station will play an increasingly important role by providing capacity to firm intermittent renewable generation.</p> <p>AGL are considering the best technology for the plant, this could be reciprocating engines or gas turbines.</p> <p>AGL is still assessing sites near Tomago that will be most appropriate. It is expected that the site will be on the northern side of the Hunter River and near AGL's Newcastle Gas Storage Facility (NGSF).</p> <p>The location must meet the key criteria which includes accommodating the proposed 250MW Power Station and ancillary equipment, proximity to major roads, existing transmission lines for connection, high pressure gas pipeline for tie in, in addition accessibility during construction and ongoing operations.</p> <p>Next steps include (over the next 6 – 12 months):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feasibility studies to help determine site • Community and stakeholder engagement and Community Dialogue Group • Prepare planning submission. 	<p>MD proposed that the existing CDG act as a Community Consultative Committee for the new power station.</p> <p>All members present were agreeable.</p>
LCIP PRESENTATIONS	<p>Presentations were received from members of the following organisations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seaside Singers Community Choir of Port Stephens (funding for purchase of sheet music) • The Hunter Region Botanic Gardens (funding for rain forest upgrade)* 	<p>Following the presentations, CDG members discussed all applications with the following allocations made:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marine Lemon Tree Passage (funding for equipment) • Tilligerry Community Association (funding for storage) • Newcastle Meals on Wheels (general funds) <p><i>*Note: PG did not vote on the HRBG application.</i></p> <p>Motion: To increase the funding to all approved applications to assist with their projects and ensure that Round 2 allocations are expended.</p> <p>All agreed.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Seaside Singers - \$5,000 2. HRBG - \$5,000 3. Marine Lemon Tree Passage - \$5,000 4. Tilligerry Community Association - \$5,000 (subject to confirmation that PS Council will permit the shipping container and shelving to be installed at the Mallaboola Hall) 5. Newcastle Meals on Wheels (not supported on this occasion, however, it was acknowledged the excellent service they provide to the elderly and disadvantaged, especially those experiencing isolation. It was resolved to invite the organisation to submit an application at a future round, towards a specific project, event or outing for the benefit of their clients).
GENERAL BUSINESS	MD to meet with PSC to discuss AGL's proposed gas fired power station.	PLM provided MD with his contact details.
NEXT MEETING	The next meeting was set down for Tuesday 17th July 2018, however, it was changed to Thursday 19th July prior to the finalisation of the minutes. Venue - Hunter Region Botanic Gardens, commencing at 10am.	

Meeting closed at 12.40pm with LA thanking members for their attendance and contribution.

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1	AGL to meet with Port Stephens Council to brief them on the proposed gas-fired power station	MD