



AGL NEWCASTLE GAS STORAGE FACILITY COMMUNITY DIALOGUE GROUP

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT THE HUNTER REGION BOTANIC GARDENS, HEXAM ON FRIDAY 16TH NOVEMBER AT 10AM

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
	Andrew Carman (ACr)	AGL – Project Manager
	Ken Page (KP)	Hunter Region Botanic Gardens (Chairman)
APOLOGIES	Andrew Smith	Worimi Aboriginal Land Council
	Aaron Clifton	AGL Environment Business Partner
	Cr Paul Le Mottee	Port Stephens Council (alternate delegate)
	Peter Gesling	Hunter Region Botanic Gardens Representative
	Dianne Ball	Wahroonga Aboriginal Corporation
	Geoff Dingle	Community Representative
	Audrey Koosmen	Hunter Wildlife Rescue (NATF)
	Jill Dean	Hunter Wildlife Rescue (NATF)
	Carmel Northwood	Port Stephens Koalas

The CDG meeting was opened at 10.11am.

WELCOME	LA welcomed all attendees to the AGL Community Dialogue Group (CDG) and introduced the new HRBG delegate, Mr Ken Page (Chairman).	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:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <thead> <tr> <th>ITEM</th> <th>ISSUE</th> <th>RESP.</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>Consider converting CDG to CCC under Department's guidelines.</td> <td>LA</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>Provide link to AEMO Natural Gas Services Bulletin Board</td> <td>LA</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>2 The AEMO website is currently in a state of transition & will be back online in December. Access to historical data is still available. Lower pressure pipeline information and storage facilities will be included together with the existing 'major players' information.</p>	ITEM	ISSUE	RESP.	1	Consider converting CDG to CCC under Department's guidelines.	LA	2	Provide link to AEMO Natural Gas Services Bulletin Board	LA	<p>1 This will be a matter for DPE when they issue the SEARS for the proposed power station.</p> <p>2 Link to AEMO Natural Gas Services Map http://gbb.aemo.com.au/</p>
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CORRESPONDENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3/8/18 - Draft minutes to members for review • 21/8/18 - Finalised minutes to members 	As provided in meeting notice with two additional items.									

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6/9/18 – Email to members postponing the meeting scheduled for Friday 21/9/18 to 15/11/18. • 7/9/18 – Email to members moving proposed 15/11/18 to 16/11/18 due to conflict for HRBG representative (AGM). • 2/11/18 – Email to members with the Meeting Notice, Agenda & Correspondence Report • 4/11/18 – Email from Audrey Kooseman with an apology for this meeting (NPWS meeting in Sydney) • 13/11/18 – Email to members with a reminder for this meeting. • 16/11/18 – Email from Dianne Ball (Wahroongah Aboriginal Corporation) with an apology for this meeting. 	
<p>LOCAL COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM</p>	<p>MD provided a briefing of the proposed Local Community Investment Program – Rounds 1 & 2 for 2019.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Round 1 – call for nominations will commence 19 November 2018 and close on 9 January 2019. This is an extended time frame to allow for the Christmas period. • Applications will be shortlisted and presented to the CDG during the first meeting of 2019 (30/1/19). • Funds to successful organisations will be distributed by 15th February 2019. • Round 2 – call for nominations will commence 25th March 2019 and close on 25th April 2019. • Application will be shortlisted and presented to the CDG at the May meeting (29/5/19). • Advertising will be undertaken in local print media; Newcastle Herald, Raymond Terrace News of the Area, Bay News of the Area and Port Stephens Examiner. • Approximately \$20,000 will be available for each round. • MD advised that she would not be available for the May meeting as she would be on maternity leave. Congratulations were extended from all members. • An update was provided on previous recipients of funding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tilligerry Community (the group is working with PSC to finalise the arrangements) ○ Raymond Terrace RSL (refurbishment and relocation of a giant cannon) and ○ World’s Biggest Car Boot Sale (sponsorship). 	<p>MD to provide LA with a copy of the advertising, nomination form and guidelines for disbursement to CCC members.</p>
<p>MODIFICATION 3</p>	<p>TA provided a briefing on the progress of MOD 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 works near completion. • Entering final commissioning of entire system. • Return to service of site due early December. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing safety monitoring with no incidents of issues. • Ongoing environmental monitoring and management, with no incidents and full restoration of pipe construction path. 	
ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE	<p>TA/MD provide a briefing on environment related work at NGSF:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vegetation management happening, included weed control (on site and at the offset land in Medowie) and asset protection zone (fire break around the outer perimeter). • Annual return report submitted to EPA (no non-compliances) • National Pollutant Inventory Report submitted to EPA (requirement of approval) • PSC Koala Survey (no koalas or evidence of koala population noted) • Annual EPBC Compliance Statement submitted to Commonwealth Dept of Environment. • Six monthly surface water and groundwater monitoring completed and report submitted to HWC and PSC. • Air emissions monitoring on three boilers. • Monitoring environmental performance of Tail Gas Project works (no environmental incidents) 	
250 MW GAS-FIRED POWER STATION	<p>AC provided an update on the proposed 250MG Newcastle Gas Power Station Project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community & Stakeholder engagement – approx. 20 community and government groups, as well as the general public have been engaged. • Site selection – a preferred site has been identified and subject to finalisation commercial terms. • Environmental approval process – the preliminary environmental assessment has been drafted and it is proposed to submit the application in December 2018. • Concept design/engineering – The concept design is well progressed with two technologies considered feasible. More information to follow. • Gas & grid connection design – connection locations and easements routes are being considered. Balancing physical constraints, land use, ownership rights and ecological impact. • Noise surveys are being undertaken soon. • The cultural heritage assessment should commence on 26/11/18. • Diagrams were presented to CDG members, site plan, 3D impressions, etc. • Water will be used for three things; cooling, emissions reduction and improved efficiency of turbines. • Approximately 200 staff/contractors will be employed during the construction phase with 10 permanent staff for operations. 	
GENERAL BUSINESS	<p>MD raised whether additional membership should be sort, given the low attendance rate of the last two meetings. It was agreed that the Chair would write to local stakeholder groups to seeking representations.</p>	<p>LA to write to Lions Club, Rotary Club, Heatherbrae Business Chamber & any other groups as suggested.</p>

	The Chair asked all members to consider potential groups and provide her with suggestions. TA advised that AGL is happy to arrange for tours of the facility, provided enough notice is given.	
MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2019	<p>Following discussions it was agreed that two meetings would be scheduled for the first half of 2019 to align with the Local Community Investment Program (Rounds 1 & 2) considerations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday 30th January 2019 and • Wednesday 29th May 2019 <p>at the Hunter Region Botanic Gardens, commencing at 10am.</p>	

Meeting closed at 12.30pm with LA thanking members for their attendance and contribution as well as wishing them a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

ACTION ITEMS

ITEM	ISSUE	RESPONSIBILITY
1	MD to provide LA with a copy of the advertising, nomination form and guidelines for disbursement to CCC members.	MD & LA
2	Write to stakeholder groups seeking representatives to join the CDG.	LA