



AGL NEWCASTLE GAS STORAGE FACILITY COMMUNITY DIALOGUE GROUP

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT THE HUNTER REGION BOTANIC GARDENS, HEXAM ON MONDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2017 AT 10AM

PRESENT	NAME	ORGANISATION
	Lisa Andrews (LA)	Independent Chairperson
	Carmel Northwood (CN)	Port Stephens Koalas
	Dianne Ball (DB)	Wahroonga Aboriginal Corporation
	Geoff Dingle (GD)	Community Representative
	Aaron Clifton (AC)	AGL Environment Business Partner
	Alex Fitzpatrick (AF)	AGL Community Relations Manager
	Alex Shepherd (AS)	AGL – Engineer (Applications/Modification) <i>left at 10.55am</i>
	John Simpson (JS)	Hunter Water Delegate (<i>arrived at 10.45am</i>)
APOLOGIES	Andrew Smith (AS)	Worimi Aboriginal Land Council
	Michael Vintila (MV)	AGL Operations Manager (Newcastle)
	Robert Beutement (RB)	Hunter Region Botanic Gardens (HRBG)
	Audrey Koosmen (AK)	Hunter Wildlife Rescue (NATF)
	Jill Dean (JD)	Hunter Wildlife Rescue (NATF)
	Ty Donaldson	Tomago Van Village

The CCC meeting was opened at 10.15am.

WELCOME	<p>LA welcomed all attendees to the AGL Community Dialogue Group (CDG). LA introduced Carmel Northwood from Port Stephens Koalas as a new member to the CDG and advised that Ty Donaldson from Tomago Van Village and John Simpson – Hunter Water’s delegate where also new members. LA enquired as to GD’s result in the Local Government election on Saturday 9/9/17. GD advised that he was unsuccessful in being elected as a Councillor.</p>	<p>All attendees were invited to complete the attendance sheet.</p> <p>GD was invited to remain on the CDG as a community representative & LA would write to Port Stephens Council requesting a new delegate. Agreed.</p>												
APOLOGIES	As above	Accepted.												
DECLARATIONS	LA advised that she is an Independent Chairperson, approved by the Department of Planning & Environment 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>RES.</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>Electronic version of presentation to be provided to members</td> <td>LA/AF</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>Flora and Fauna reports to be provided to members</td> <td>LA/AF</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3</td> <td>Send link for Community Engagement Policy to</td> <td>LA/DK</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	ITEM	ISSUE	RES.	1	Electronic version of presentation to be provided to members	LA/AF	2	Flora and Fauna reports to be provided to members	LA/AF	3	Send link for Community Engagement Policy to	LA/DK	<p>Provided</p> <p>Provided</p> <p>Now available: https://www.agl.com.au/about-agl/what-we-stand-</p>
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		CDG members when available		for/corporate-citizenship/community-engagement For discussion at this meeting Provided
	4	AGL to prepare a Fact Sheet for HRBG volunteers	AF	
	5	Nesting Box Monitoring Reports to be provided to CDG members	AF	
CORRESPONDENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 26/6/17 – Email to members with the draft minutes from the meeting held on Wednesday 21st June 2017. ○ 5/7/17 – Email to members with the Finalised Minutes. ○ 14/7/17 - Letter to Hunter Water inviting them to provide a delegate on the CDG ○ 14/7/17 – Letter to Newcastle City Council inviting them to provide a delegate on the CDG ○ 27/7/17 – Email to Tomago Van Village inviting them to join the CDG ○ 27/7/17 – Email to Port Stephens Koalas advising of their successful application to join the CDG ○ 27/7/17 – Letter from Hunter Water nominating John Simpson, Water Quality Scientist onto the CDG ○ 23/8/17 – Email to members proposing a change in date with two agenda items for discussion ○ 6/9/17 – Email to members with a reminder for this meeting. 			Moved: LA Seconded: CN
PRESENTATION ON PROJECT	<p>AF commenced the presentation with the background explanation of the proposed pipeline into the Jemima Network (gas distribution network).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AS provided further information advising that AGL require a pipeline to tap into the nearby Jemima network. This will enable AGL to provide gas to the correct quality for distribution to its customers. • Currently the tail gas is at a low pressure, which is being sent to Tomago Aluminium. AGL need to provide gas into the Jemima network as a higher pressure. • GD asked how the waste was dealt with. • AS advised that the by-product (oil) is recycled with an appropriate company. • AS further stated that AGL need to supply as much gas into the market as possible to meet demand. • AC provided the CDG with an update on the Environment Assessment associated with the proposed modification. AC advised that Jemima will also undertake their own environment assessment as part of the proposed pipeline extension. However, the model undertaken by AGL shows that there will be minimal environmental impact as it is unlikely there will be clearing and loss of habitat. 			A hard copy of the presentation was provided to all present. Questions were asked and answers provided throughout the presentation. Electronic version available with minutes on website.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Department of Planning & Environment has informed AGL that it will likely place the modification on public exhibition for 14 days • Discussions continued whether there would be any visual impact from the flare – no (only by air). • AGL’s Emergency Response Plan is updated annually. This Plan includes pollution responses, fire, etc and relevant notification processes. • The CDG provided feedback on the proposed engagement schedule for the modification, and suggested that the Bay News of The Area (NOTA) be a newspaper that AGL advertises the modification in. The CDG confirmed that the proposed approach was appropriate for the scale of the modification. <p>Workshopping</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AF presented the AGL Community Complaints & Feedback Process document and requested input from the CDG. • AF presented the “Fact Sheet: Newcastle Gas Storage Facility”. • AF presented “AGL’s Local Community Investment Program” (LCIP) which was sent to members with the meeting notice. The CDG members provided positive and constructive feedback and comments, which AF will incorporate into the draft document. 	<p>GD to provide AF with contact at NOTA.</p> <p>Feedback provided, however, members are still encouraged to review the document and provide any comments back to AF.</p> <p>Fact Sheet: It was suggested to include information about the proposed modification.</p> <p>It was agreed that AF would re-distribute the LCIP document for further review, following inclusion of the comments from this meeting.</p>
GENERAL BUSINESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GD took the opportunity to ask JS about the alleged spread of contamination from the Williamstown Airbase. • AC advised that new environmental reports have been and will continue to be updated on the project website, including groundwater and surface water, air monitoring, noise monitoring and nesting boxes updates. 	<p>JS provided information to GD regarding the Tomago Aquifer, Campvale Canal and Grahamstown Dam.</p>
NEXT MEETING	<p>It was agreed that the next meeting of the CDG would be held in October with Wednesday 11 2017 being muted; commencing at 10am at the Hunter Region Botanic Gardens, Hexham.</p> <p><u>Alteration to proposed meeting date:</u> Now proposed for Thursday 12 October 2017 at 10am, same venue.</p>	<p>This may be an opportunity to further consult regarding the proposed modification (pipeline extension). And will allow the CDG to finalise the LCIP.</p>

Meeting closed at 11.50pm with LA thanking members for their attendance and constructive input into the workshopping of AGL’s proposed policies/documents.

ACTION ITEMS

ITEM	ISSUE	RESPONSIBILITY
1	Electronic version of presentation to be provided to members	LA/AF
2	Send revised Local Community Investment Program Application Guidelines to CDG members for further review	AF
3	Send link for Community Engagement Policy to CDG members when available	LA/DK
4	Write to Port Stephens Council seeking a new delegate	LA

Item 3:

Link to Community Engagement Policy:

<https://www.agl.com.au/about-agl/what-we-stand-for/corporate-citizenship/community-engagement>