



## AGL NEWCASTLE GAS STORAGE FACILITY COMMUNITY DIALOGUE GROUP

### MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT THE HUNTER REGION BOTANIC GARDENS, HEXAM ON FRIDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 2019 AT 10AM

PRESENT	NAME	ORGANISATION
	Lisa Andrews (LA)	Independent Chairperson
	Trevor Anderson (TA)	AGL's Operations Manager for NGSF
	Ernesto Calderon (EC)	AGL – Community Relations Manager
	Arianna Henty (AH)	AGL – Senior Land & Approvals Manager
	Andrew Carman (AC)	AGL – Power Station Project Manager
	Ken Page (KP)	Hunter Region Botanic Gardens - <i>alternate delegate</i>
<b>GUEST</b>	Carolyn Chenery (CC)	Department of Employment (federal)
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	Andrew Smith	Worimi Aboriginal Land Council
	Geoff Dingle	Community Representative
	Cr Ryan Palmer	Mayor - Port Stephens Council
	John Simpson	Hunter Water Delegate
	Peter Gesling	Hunter Region Botanic Gardens Representative & Hunter Business Chamber Representative
	Robyn Parker	Tomago Aluminium
	Nicola Gardner	AGL – Environment Business Partner
	Carmel Northwood	Port Stephens Koalas
	John McCormack	AGL – Head of Government
<b>ABSENT</b>	Dianne Ball	Wahroonga Aboriginal Corporation
	Audrey Koosmen	Hunter Wildlife Rescue (NATF)

**The CDG meeting was opened at 10.07am.**

<b>WELCOME</b>	<p>LA welcomed all attendees to the AGL Community Dialogue Group (CDG) and introduced Carolyn Chenery from the Australian Government Department of Employment, Skills, Small and Family Business (Department of Employment) Newcastle Regional Office, who is based in Charlestown.</p> <p>CC was invited to explain her role to the CDG:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keep track of employment opportunities.</li> <li>• Manage employment services, especially for disadvantaged, long term unemployed and those with a disability.</li> <li>• Support sustainable employment, etc.</li> </ul>	<b>TA advised that AGL also has its own policy – Indigenous Engagement Group (IEWG).</b>						
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	As listed.							
<b>DECLARATIONS</b>	LA advised that she is an Independent Chairperson, approved by the Department of Planning engaged by AGL to chair this CDG.	<b>LA asked members if there were any changes to their previous declarations. No changes.</b>						
<b>BUSINESS ARISING</b>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <thead> <tr> <th>ITEM</th> <th>ISSUE</th> <th>RESPONSIBILITY</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td>Advise all applicants for LCIP funding of their success or otherwise from Round 2 considerations.</td> <td style="text-align: center;">EC</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	ITEM	ISSUE	RESPONSIBILITY	1	Advise all applicants for LCIP funding of their success or otherwise from Round 2 considerations.	EC	<b>Complete. EC advised that all applicants were notified. Money has been dispersed and</b>
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		<b>projects are underway, with one even completed.</b>
<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6/6/19 - Draft minutes to members for review.</li> <li>• 14/6/19/19 – Email to members with the finalised minutes.</li> <li>• 26/8/19 – Email to members with the Meeting Notice, Agenda &amp; Correspondence Report for this meeting.</li> </ul>	<b>As provided in meeting notice.</b>
<b>NEWCASTLE POWER STATION PROJECT</b>	<p>AC commenced the AGL presentation with an overview of the Newcastle Power Station Project Concept:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Building a dual fuel (gas/diesel) Peaker power station (to come online during peak times).</li> <li>• Map on Page 6: Explained the location of the plant on the eastern boundary of the green triangle. The existing house is to the west.</li> <li>• Currently considering two technologies – aeroderivative gas turbines and gas engines.</li> <li>• Tender process will run from now through the first half of next year.</li> <li>• Talking with other parties, especially RMS, working together to refine the location and fit in with their proposed plan for the Pacific Highway upgrade.</li> <li>• The blue area is more than what is needed for the pipeline, however, this study area is already disturbed land.</li> <li>• It is planned to drill down 10m and go under the trees.</li> <li>• A photo montage was shown of the proposed Power Station in relation to its elevations on the land, as viewed from the west.</li> <li>• The EIS timeline process was explained (EIS lodgement in October for adequacy review, formal lodgement in November, exhibition period and Response To Submissions [RTS]).</li> <li>• AH advised that EPBC referral from the federal government has been received with conditions, including to be mindful of acid sulphate soils. The project has been deemed a “controlled activity”.</li> <li>• Key dates for broader communication to the community are to be organized, but likely to be the end of November with 2 x community events (1 during the week and 1 on the weekend) for the general public. Possible venues were discussed (HRBG, Tomago House or Tomago Bowling Club).</li> <li>• EC advised that it is proposed to have public displays of the EIS at each Council. As AGL wish to make the displays available to other people, they will be adding additional venues for viewing.</li> <li>• KP offered to hold an evening session at HRBG, due to its central location.</li> <li>• TA suggested the Hexham Bowling Club.</li> </ul>	<b>See separate presentation.</b>
<b>NEWCASTLE GAS STORAGE FACILITY</b>	<p>TA provided attendees with an update on the NGSF</p> <p><b>Environmental Update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The Annual Environmental Management Report has been completed and submitted to DPIE.</li> <li>➤ There was one self-notification due to an administrative issue.</li> <li>➤ It was noted that the facility was fully compliant with EPA requirements (water, air emissions, etc)</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The Pollution Incident Response Plan has been updated.</li> <li>➤ Drills are often carried out, especially in relation to containment of liquid on site.</li> <li>➤ Phone numbers are checked to ensure the information contained in the plan is up to date (Council, EPA, RFS, etc).</li> <li>➤ The Liquefaction System Annual Maintenance Shutdown has been completed.</li> <li>➤ Installation of additional isolation valves.</li> <li>➤ Commissioned standby firewater tank.</li> <li>➤ Commenced site refresher visits with NSW Fire and Rescue (East Maitland, Taree, Newcastle West and Raymond Terrace).</li> <li>➤ An additional firefighting tank to provide an extra half hour of fighting capacity will be installed.</li> <li>➤ The 3 yearly Hazard Audit has been completed.</li> </ul>	
<b>LOCAL COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM</b>	<p>EC provided a breakdown of the organisations that were successful in the Round 2 LCIP for 2019. All money has been dispersed and projects are underway.</p> <p>Round 1 for 2020 will be broadened, to reach other worthwhile projects. The program will be advertised during November:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Port Stephens Examiner</li> <li>• Maitland Mercury</li> <li>• Newcastle Herald; and</li> <li>• Facebook paid advertising for three LGAs (Port Stephens, Newcastle City and Maitland).</li> </ul>	
<b>GENERAL BUSINESS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LA advised that the Department of Planning has changed its name to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.</li> <li>• KP advised that the RMS has indicated that they will come to the gardens next week to discuss its plans.</li> <li>• LA invited CC to attend future meetings as a guest.</li> </ul>	<b>Agreed. Add CC to distribution list.</b>
<b>NEXT MEETING</b>	<p>As per the previous agreement of holding quarterly meetings, the next meeting will be held in December, which should coincide with the exhibition phase of the EIS for the power station.</p> <p>Accordingly, the next meeting will be held on <b>Thursday 5 December 2019</b> at the Hunter Region Botanic Gardens, commencing at <b>10am</b>.</p>	

***Meeting closed at 11.04am with LA thanking members for their attendance.***

**ACTION ITEMS - Nil**